



"My semester abroad here helped me choose what I want to study in university as I don't study economics in Italy and picking it here made me understand that I like it."

Rebecca from Italy

State School

The City of Portsmouth College Hampshire, UK

A state sixth-form college offering a wide range of A Levels, BTEC and foundation pathways with strong academic outcomes. Itchen College is best for students seeking high academic performance combined with specialist sports academies, creative arts provision and clear progression to top UK universities.



STATE



SPORTS



ARTS



COASTAL

Quick Facts

Founded: 2021

Ofsted rating: Good

Climate: Cool winters and Warm summers

Family First Accommodation: Yes

One-Year A Levels: Yes

Programme duration: Term, Semester

Accepting students: Age 16-18

Visa information:

- Term/Semester – ETA or Visitor Visa (nationality dependent)
- Academic Year – Student Visa required

English support: Yes

Interview required: Yes

Diploma year offered: No

Academic Excellence

City of Portsmouth College delivers a wide curriculum of academic and vocational study including A Levels, T Levels, BTECs, apprenticeships and higher-education courses. The college demonstrated strong outcomes in recent cycles, reporting a high overall pass rate across courses and a substantial number of subjects achieving full-pass results. Specialist provision includes technical workshops, media and IT suites, science laboratories and a focused sixth-form offer with timetabled study blocks designed to deepen learning. The Portsmouth Scholars partnership with the University of Portsmouth gives students access to university tutors and study support. Course pathways support progression to both Russell Group and regional universities, as well as direct entry into skilled employment.

Student Accomplishments

- 2025 reported overall pass rate of 96% with 50 courses at 100% pass rate.
- Strong subject results in key A Levels and T Levels with many students progressing to first-choice universities.
- Large numbers of vocational and technical completions leading to employment and industry placements.



Recent University Acceptances

- University of Portsmouth
- University of Southampton
- University of Brighton
- University of Warwick
- University of Manchester
- University of Edinburgh
- University of York



Stats

1:18

Teacher : Students Ratio

50

International Students Enrolled

50

Courses with 100% Pass Rate

25

A Level Subjects Offered

1400

Total Students

13

Different Nationalities

40

Apprenticeship Programmes

365

Students with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)

Campus Facilities

The college operates across multiple Portsmouth campuses that host complementary provision: a sixth-form campus for A Levels and T Levels, technical/HE campuses for vocational and higher-education study, and specialist sites for industry training. Facilities include science laboratories, media and film suites, recording studios, high-tech IT suites, architecture and design spaces, rehearsal and performance studios, a gym and outdoor sports pitches. Campus locations are well served by local transport, enabling students to access specialist teaching spaces across the city.

Life with local host families

International students are placed in vetted homestay households arranged through the college's international admissions team. Placements typically include single or shared rooms, meal provision and pastoral oversight. Homestay families provide daily support and local orientation. Travel to campuses is generally by local bus or short rail links, with the college offering welfare and integration support for all host-family placements.

Athletics and Arts

Students can access vocational sports courses, recreational clubs and coached programmes across college facilities, with options to combine study and practical training.

Creative and media provision includes music, drama, film and photography courses supported by recording and film studios and practical workshop spaces.



Lists

Sports: Football, Basketball, Rugby, Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis, Sailing, Athletics, Tennis

Arts: Music, Art & Design, Drama, Photography & Film, Dance, Music Technology

Languages offered:
French, Spanish, German

Subjects offered:

- **A-Level:** 3D Design/Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths, English Language, English Literature, Business, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, History, Politics, Geography, Law, Media Studies, Film Studies, Art & Design, Music, Drama & Theatre, Computing, Photography
- **BTEC / Vocational:** Travel & Tourism, Business, Sport, Health & Social Care, Engineering, Digital Production, Creative Media, Performing Arts
- **T-Level:** Management & Administration, Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing and Heating), Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction, Digital Support & Security, Education & Early Years, Health & Nursing
- **Others:** Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Access to Higher Education, Foundation programmes

Tech and Innovation Courses:
Architecture, Computer Science/IT, Graphic Design, Media Studies

Clubs and Extracurriculars:
Choir, Instrument Tuition, Rock Challenges, Debating, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Student Union, First Aid Training, Young Enterprise

International Student Support:
Homestay placements and pastoral care

Community

Portsmouth is a historic island city with maritime heritage, waterfront attractions and cultural venues. The college is integrated across urban and waterfront areas, providing students with access to museums, theatres, port activities and coastal leisure. Good local transport links connect Portsmouth with Southampton and London, supporting weekend access to regional cultural and employment hubs. The city setting offers practical industry links in maritime, engineering and digital sectors alongside arts and entertainment opportunities for students.

Climate

Mild southern coastal climate with cool winters and warm summers. Average temperatures typically range from around 3 °C in January to 21 °C in July, with moderate rainfall throughout the year.



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Video

Why to choose The City of Portsmouth College

