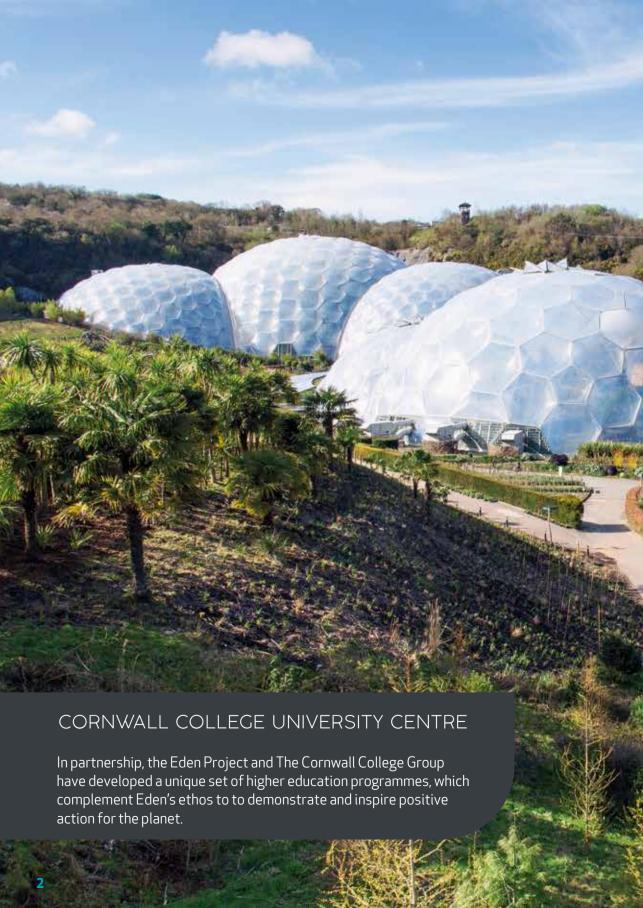


University Course Guide











When it comes to inspiring places to study, there's nowhere quite as captivating as Cornwall. The region's rich history, stunning landscapes, vibrant culture and relaxed pace-of-life, create a perfect backdrop to balance your studies with.

# WHY CORNWALL?

ess than four kilometres away from the Eden Project lies the Georgian harbour town of Charlestown, home to a variety of independent makers and galleries, and the set of several hit shows including Poldark and Hornblower.

Nearby, Hidden Valley Gardens offer the chance to see how good horticultural practice can be applied in the real world, as do the Lost Gardens of Heligan, where a oncethriving garden estate was lost to

nature after the outbreak of the First World War, before being revived with the help of Eden's founding father, Tim Smit.

Other opportunities to explore include long walks on the moors of Bodmin, and exploring the historical sites of Luxulyan Valley, including Treffry Viaduct and Fowey Consuls Mine. Both are key landmarks within the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape, a World Heritage Site.

Just a few kilometres from Eden, Carlyon Bay is an ocean-lover's paradise. Its calm waters are ideal for swimming, SUP-ing or simply relaxing on the sand. Its back-ofthe-beach foodie pop-ups are perfect for grabbing a bite to eat or a drink and during the summer months live music sets the scene as the sun dips beneath the horizon.





Nearby Fowey is especially popular, home to a great selection of pubs, restaurants and local galleries. It also hosts a Christmas market each year that's renowned around Cornwall

On the far side of the river – accessible via the Bodinnick passenger ferry – the ancient mariner and shipbuilding community of Polruan clings to the hillside above the sea.

Beyond that, the coastline meanders its way north-east towards Polperro and Looe, taking in more historic sites such as Catherine's Castle.

Both are popular places to stop and visit, especially if you're passing by on a walk along the South West Coast Path.



## WHAT OUR STUDENTS LOVE:



**THE LANDSCAPE:** Shaped in many ways by the mining industry, with natural beauty to be found all along the coast and in the countryside, this area of Cornwall provides inspiration for anybody interested in the natural world.



**KNIGHTOR WINERY:** Open for visitors to explore and taste the various wines created here. Guests can also enjoy Sunday lunch and learn all about the art of English winemaking.



**HISTORY AND HERITAGE:** The local area is home to various sites of historic interest, including Bodmin Jail, Lanhydrock Estate and Wheal Martyn Clay Works.



**FOWEY:** Located a 15-minute drive from Eden, this town lies on the banks of the river Fowey, with great restaurants, independent galleries and a Christmas market that's renowned around Cornwall.



**TRAVEL LINKS:** St Austell is connected to the mainline railway, making national rail travel easy. It's also less than half an hour from Cornwall Airport Newquay, providing quick and convenient travel around the UK and even abroad.

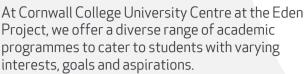


**THE COAST:** The coast is our playground. St Austell Bay has several stunning beaches which are all a short drive from Eden.



#### **MUSIC AND THEATRE:**

Treat yourself to the nearby Keay Theatre and of course the Eden Sessions, a series of live summer concerts that see world renowned music acts grace the site's open-air stage.



Our commitment to education spans from the undergraduate to postgraduate levels, so whatever academic and professional journey you're working towards, we have a programme for you.

Discover the various academic levels we offer:



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#### ▼ CHOOSE A COURSE THAT WORKS FOR YOU ▼

#### Level 4 - HNC or Higher Apprenticeship (One Year)

Our Higher National Certificate (HNC) programme and Higher Apprenticeship pathway offer a one-year intensive educational experience, designed to provide you with a solid foundation in your chosen field. This level is perfect for those who wish to gain specialised skills, advance their career prospects, or explore a new area of study.



### Level 5 - HND or Foundation Degrees (Two Years)

Our Higher National Diploma (HND) and Foundation Degree programmes span two years, allowing you to delve deeper into your chosen field of study. These programmes offer a well-rounded education, blending theory and practice to prepare you for a successful career.







#### Level 6 - Bachelor's Degree (Three Years)

Our Bachelor's Degree programmes provide a rich academic experience over three years. These programmes aim to foster critical thinking, research skills and in-depth subject knowledge, ensuring you are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities of your chosen profession.

## Level 6 – 3rd Year Top-Up Honours Degree (One Year)

For students who have already completed a Foundation Degree or HND, our one-year Top-Up Honours Degree programme allows you to convert your existing qualifications into a full Bachelor's Honours Degree, opening up advanced career opportunities.

#### Level 7 - Master's Degree (One Year)

Our Level 7 postgraduate programmes are designed for individuals seeking to expand their knowledge and expertise in a specialised field. These one-year programmes provide advanced academic and professional development opportunities.

#### Level 7 - Postgraduate Level Apprenticeship (Two and a Half Years)

Our Level 7 Apprenticeship with integrated Masters degree, is designed to provide an accessible work-based learning route as an alternative to a traditional university model, for employers to recruit and develop ecologists in their organisation.



For more information on how to apply: cornwall.ac.uk/university/how-to-apply





# OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNER



From its foundations as a College of Navigation in the 19th century, the university has built a unique breadth of disciplinary interests in matters relating to marine and maritime environments and societies.

Leading education and research in marine biology (not least in marine microplastics), ocean science and marine engineering is complemented by marine and maritime themes across the university, including in history, English, education, architecture and the built environment, business, law, geography and psychology.

The university is a three times recipient of the Queen's Anniversary prize, two of which were awarded for the university's strengths in marine and maritime research.











Situated at the world famous Eden Project, we provide a range of higher education qualifications in various land-based fields. including horticulture, plant science, soil science, ecology, and garden & landscape design. Taught by expert lecturers, industry practitioners and awarded by the University of Plymouth, our programmes offer a unique opportunity for those wishing to make the world a better place. They aim to address significant global challenges related to climate, food security, soil health, and the acknowledgment that Earth is a shared space, where humans aren't the only inhabitants.









### **BSC (HONS) HORTICULTURE** (Garden & Landscape Design)

This comprehensive programme has been specifically developed to provide industry competent horticulturalists, who have significant design capabilities and a detailed understanding of horticulture science.

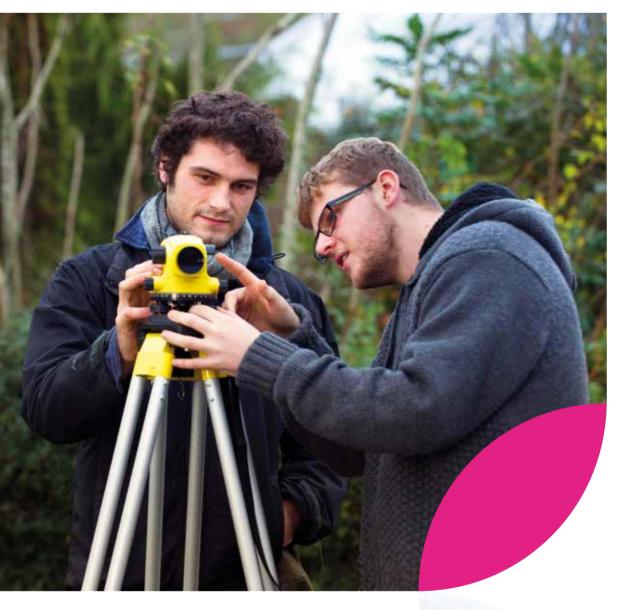
Under the tutelage of a specialist teaching team, innovative and imaginative design practice is encouraged from the beginning on real or 'live' projects.



BSc (Hons) Horticulture Garden & Landscape Design

**UCAS CODE: 4RL6** 













#### **BSC (HONS) HORTICULTURE FDSC HORTICULTURE**

(Plant Science)

Horticulture is a modern, professional vocation that influences our environment, how we eat, how we relax, our health, life expectancy and well-being. Our cutting-edge plant science programmes explore applied science, crop production and sustainability, to provide you with the skills for a rewarding career blending tradition and innovation.

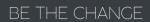
Access to the Eden Project provides unmatched resources, from plant collections and facilities to unique research opportunities to bolster your CV. Where else can you immerse yourself in this vibrant field through hands-on experiences in tropical biomes, gardens, Centre of Excellence labs and commercial enterprises.



BSc (Hons) Horticulture UCAS CODE: 3W21







#### FDSC SOIL SCIENCE

A progressive programme designed to train a new wave of soil practitioners and researchers focused on the ability for soil function and health to bring environmental, social and economic benefits.

Our earth is changing, amid the continuing ecological crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, erosion, air, water and soil pollution, we are also facing a future that demands more provision from less viable land as the world's soils become increasingly depleted. This does not need to be the future we live. Through the application of science and ecological principles we can generate positive change and enhancement of the natural environment.

This programme will develop a complete soil science knowledge base including the cross disciplinary approaches across soil biology, chemistry and physical processes.



FdSc Soil Science UCAS CODE: SOIL

















#### HNC/HND GARDEN & LANDSCAPE **DESIGN**

Explore the world of garden & landscape design to tackle climate change, biodiversity net gain, net zero and the ever-changing demands of urban living. This course covers the use of garden design in a variety of contexts to resolve both historic and contemporary issues in both public and private sectors, as well as domestic and show garden spaces.

Learn from experts in a unique environment, blending art, horticulture and plant science to develop your design skills for a global impact.





HNC/HND Garden & Landscape Design UCAS CODE: T2R5 / 003K







This postgraduate programme aims to develop a holistic understanding of the process of restoring degraded sites and ecosystems. You will learn how to identify restoration priorities, engage stakeholders, plan, implement and monitor programmes of restoration, evaluate the success of activities, and plan aftercare.

The course places a particular emphasis on ecological restoration as 'the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed.' You will develop a thorough understanding of the theoretical framework underpinning practical techniques together with the project management and employability competencies necessary to lead and contribute to restoration activities in the UK and abroad.



MSc Land And Ecological Restoration UCAS CODE:







#### **EDEN PROJECT UNIVERSITY CENTRE - - UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES**

(Please check cornwall.ac.uk/university for the latest HE programmes.)

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2 Years HNC / 3 Years HND	Level 4	eden project UNIVERSITY CENTRE CORNWALL COLLEGE		UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH
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**Julian Payne** MSc Land and Ecological Restoration

he course was offered as an apprenticeship through the Environment Agency, and it provides me with an ideal chance to broaden my environmental conservation skills and knowledge base. Having the chance, time and permission to delve deeply into current ecological restoration thinking has been wonderful.

This has really changed my way of thinking in my current work. The dissertation project is also invaluable, giving me the chance to investigate and expand my understanding of landscape ecology in relation to one of my current work areas.

I have been taking soil profiles deep into river floodplains and ancient channels, and have the chance to analyse samples from these historic environments at the laboratory.



▲ ABOVE & LEFT Julian Payne Geomorphology advisor at The **Environment Agency** 



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Being able to delve into current academic thinking, to be guided to analyse and critique this, and to present my findings in academic style papers, has not only been a challenge but also a thrill. It is a great way to learn.

Studying in Cornwall has given me the opportunity to access high quality academic teachings and experience right on my doorstep.

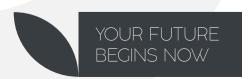
I currently work with the Environment Agency as an area geomorphologist, having been in the role for over ten years. I know this course will totally change how I work. In fact, it already has and it feels like doors to new career paths may well open. So one way or another this course is fundamentally changing how I work and my future work.

I would say to others thinking of studying this course with Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project: "If you have the chance, just do it."



Watch our interview with Julian Payne.









#### **APPLICATIONS THROUGH UCAS:**

Applications for full-time undergraduate programmes with us will need to go through UCAS by visiting ucas.com.

When making your UCAS application please ensure that you meet the entry requirements, if you are unsure you can contact our Admissions Team: applications@cornwall.ac.uk



For more information on how to apply: cornwall.ac.uk/university/how-to-apply







#### **DIRECT APPLICATIONS:**

For part-time undergraduate and all postgraduate programmes, a UCAS application is not necessary. Instead, you can apply directly through our website cornwall.ac.uk/university.

Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an automated acknowledgement. Your application will then be sent to the programme team for consideration.

Upon receipt of an application, we may be in contact to offer you the opportunity to attend an informal interview. This may be a one-to-one session, a group session or as part of a taster day, depending on the degree programme you have applied to.

If you are unable to visit us for this interview, we will endeavour to make contact via Microsoft Teams, email or telephone.







# SUSTAINABLE

It is imperative that Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project treads lightly on the Earth. Our commitment is to embrace a comprehensive array of sustainable methods and principles across our entire campus, thereby reducing our impact on the environment. We are dedicated to minimizing our carbon footprint and attaining NetZero emissions by 2035.





#### RETROFIT

We retrofit buildings to reduce environmental waste and inefficiency.



### **ECO-TOILETS**

We use the Propelaire system which reduces average flush volume by 84% and carbon footprint by 80%.

REDUCTION



#### **GREEN TECH**

We drive investment in green tech by showcasing and tracking innovations within the Green Build Hub.



We carefully selected plant species at our heritage site in order to maximise biodiversity yield and minimise maintenance costs.





#### SUSTAINABILITY

The Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust promotes sustainability and eases financial burdens. All products used at Eden are sustainability sourced and our food is sourced locally where possible.



**GEOTHERMAL** Innovative geothermal heated Eden Project Growing Point Nursery and EPUC laboratories.



#### **ENVIRONMENT**

We set pro-environmental goals and affordability for students.



#### PALM OIL

We have been named 'Sustainable Palm Oil Champions' after committing to using only certified sustainable palm oil.





#### RECYCLING

Our labs use fully recyclable flooring material and we have a full range of recycling bins provided.





Florence Mansbridge

BSc (Hons) Horticulture (Plant Science)

really enjoyed the course at Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project, it really stretched me. In my final project I was able to really focus in depth on biochar. If you are thinking of studying at University Centre, definitely go for it.

In terms of horticulture, there is a wide variety of plants to study and work with. You have the rainforest, mediterranean and temperate plants.

It is an incredibly exciting time to be studying horticulture at Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden project as we also have the new laboratories based at the innovative geothermal heated Eden Project Growing Point Nursery.

We will be able to experiment with growing tropical plants, including edible plants that can then be used in the Eden Project restaurants. I hope to continue my personal development and progress to a nursery manager role in the future.



▲ ABOVE & LEFT Florence Mansbridge Eden Project Growing Point Nursery team leader







## STUDENT SUPPORT

#### SUPPORTING YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

We offer a wide range of support for our university-level learners. All benefit from our open door policy, free access to tutors, personal and pastoral care and academic support, as well as signposting to any financial support that may be available.

#### SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNING

Our Higher Education (HE) Learning Support Team is the first point of call for any support you may need. If you have a query about a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia/dyspraxia or want some information about a medical or mental health issue, please get in touch. We can give you all the information and help if you need to apply for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). We can also arrange full assessments and support tutors for both reasonable adjustments and formal diagnosis or need.









#### SUPPORTING YOU

We have a Student Experience Team if you have any concerns or support needs that your Programme Manager can't help with. This could be academic, your health and welfare or any other personal support and is available to all students.

We can arrange or signpost you to other support available through our wider college network or enable access to outside agencies such as counselling services. We will also arrange visiting speakers and agencies to support positive health and well-being and organise enrichment and personal development activities on campus.

We have lots of other support available too including preparing you for the workplace and special educational needs and disability provision. Our HE students with complex support queries can also talk to our Disability Adviser. Find out more about this at cornwall.ac.uk/supporting-your-learning/



The student experience and student outcomes are typically very high quality.

TEF Silver Report 2023





# LOVE

Where you live while you study is key to the success of your learning experience. You need to ensure you are going to be happy in your surroundings. If you choose to move away from home to support your studies, be assured we can help you every step of the way. Although there are no specific halls of residence at our Cornwall College University Centreat the Eden project, we have worked closely with local landlords for many years to develop an established network of private sector housing to suit all tastes.

#### **Enquiries:**

For all general enquiries, please contact our support team at <a href="mailto:living@cornwall.ac.uk">living@cornwall.ac.uk</a>





For more information on accommodation: cornwall.ac.uk/accommodation/

Higher education is a significant financial commitment and our team is here to guide you through how to pay for course tuition, accommodation fees and living expenses.

#### **Higher Education Bursaries**

These are for undergraduates only and do not include MSc and CERT Ed/ PGCE learners. Please note, this information is correct at time of publication. College Bursaries can vary year-on-year, so please check the website for the latest information and available bursaries.

NAME OF BURSARY	QUALIFYING CRITERIA	WHAT DOES THIS COVER?
HE Accommodation Bursary	<ul> <li>Enrolled as a 1st year HE student with TCCG.</li> <li>In receipt of a full maintenance loan and earning under £30,000 as assessed by Student Finance England (SFE).</li> <li>Student accommodation is different from your home-time address.</li> </ul>	£1000 cash payment, split over 3 terms to assist with accommodation costs (limited number available).
HE Bursary	<ul> <li>Enrolled as an HE student with TCCG.</li> <li>Household income no greater than £30,000 per year.</li> <li>Learners with a disability, from a low area of participation, or a care leaver will be prioritised.</li> </ul>	Cash payment of £700 to support student costs, paid in two instalments (limited number available).
HE Hardship Bursary	Can evidence financial hardship impacting studies.	Cash payment of up to £600, awarded at the college's discretion.



For more information on fees and funding: cornwall.ac.uk/university/university-financial-support



If you are applying for student finance it is important that you do so as early as possible, applications open early in the New Year for the September entry. If you have previously studied at degree level, we strongly advise that you contact Student Finance England (SFE) or equivalent organisation to find out whether or not you are eligible for financial assistance.

#### Additional grants for students with dependants

If you have children or adult dependants, you may be eligible for additional means-tested grants, such as the Childcare Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance and Adult Dependents' Grant. More information can be found at sfengland.slc.co.uk

#### Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)

DSAs are extra help for HE students who have a disability, a mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, ADHD or dyspraxia.

To fill out a DSA form online, visit:

gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/how-to-claim

#### Loan repayments

Tuition fee and maintenance loans are combined to calculate repayments which are then collected through the tax system. Repayment is based on an earnings threshold so that your payments are only ever a small part of your income (gov.uk/student-finance/repayments).







**Mary Derrington** 

BSc (Hons) Horticulture (Garden & Landscape Design)

hat I love about the course is that it's at the Eden Project and the area is very beautiful as you are on the coast, but close to the moors. It is based in industry and you get to mingle with professionals. It's a great location, the tutors are knowledgeable and the class sizes are small.

The briefs are relatable to what I have seen in industry. They are practical with real world issues in landscape and design.

In the future, I would like to do a Masters and work abroad. It's a really good course, the team make you feel very welcome.



▲ ABOVE Mary Derrington





### WORK ALONGSIDE YOUR DEGREE OR UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE CAREER



#### with Concorde Recruitment

Owned by The Cornwall College Group, Concorde Recruitment is not your run-of-the-mill recruitment agency. Our mission is simple: to help you reach your goals and make your career dreams a reality.

With over 27 years of experience under our belt, we're experts in matching your skills, qualifications and career aspirations to exciting opportunities across the vibrant landscapes of Cornwall and Devon. Whether you're passionate about education, construction, IT, engineering, administration, marketing or finance, we've got you covered.

What sets us apart? We cater to your needs, offering a wide range of temporary, permanent and contract roles. No matter your schedule - short or long term, full or part-time - we've got opportunities waiting for you.

Picture this: you're studying part-time, eager to dive into your chosen industry. Why wait? Concorde Recruitment can open doors to your dream career while you're still learning. Many of our part-time learners seize the chance to register and work with us as they complete their courses.

Worried about CVs and interviews? Our friendly and experienced consultants are here to guide you every step of the way. We ensure you're in the loop about the best job roles now and in your future.

Here's the best part: our service is entirely free. Yes, you read that right. So, why wait? Join us, and together, we'll create a bright future tailored just for you.



Contact us on 01872 262033 or crt@cornwall.ac.uk concorde-group.co.uk







Finn Evans & Miles Smith

e both relocated to Cornwall to study at the internationally renowned Eden Project.

The Eden Project is an amazing place to study, there are lots of opportunities and support. We both work part time in the innovative Growing Point Nursery which has been amazing for growing our knowledge and experience.

"In the future I would like to run my own garden and landscape business." Miles Smith

"This course is good for me as I hope to one day run my own plant nursery focusing, on houseplants and tropical fruiting plants." Finn Evans



▲ ABOVE Finn Evans BSc (Hons) Horticulture (Plant Science)



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Miles Smith

Studying BSc (Hons)

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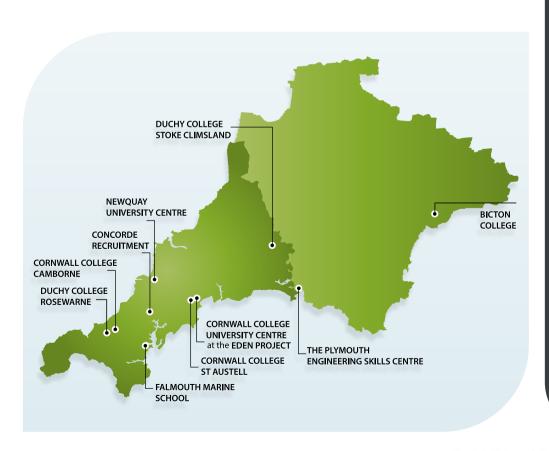


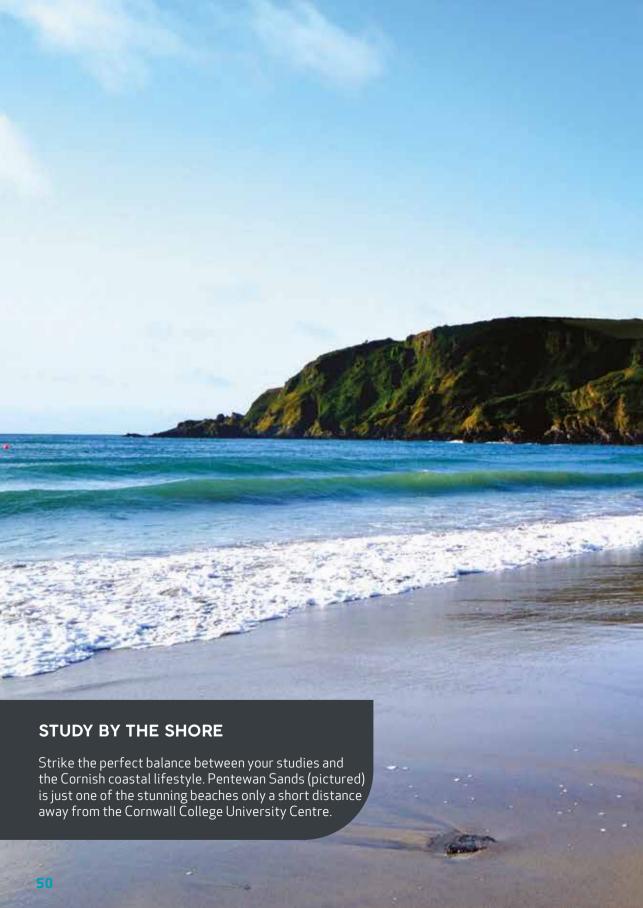


## THERE'S MORE

The Cornwall College Group (TCCG) also offers a unique range of higher education programmes from University Centres in Camborne, Newquay and St Austell.

TCCG also includes Duchy College Rosewarne, Duchy College Stoke Climsland, Bicton College and Falmouth Marine School, a group of specialised land-based and marine partner colleges offering a range of higher education programmes across Devon and Cornwall.

















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