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to the first edition of our college lifestyle magazine for 2025

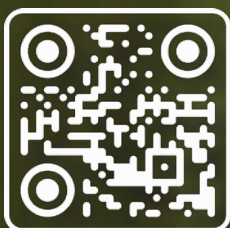
It is a real pleasure to welcome you to this exciting new magazine, which celebrates the vibrant communities and outstanding achievements across Cornwall College Group, including campuses at Camborne and St Austell, Falmouth Marine School, and Plymouth Engineering Skills Centre, along with our land-based campuses at Duchy College and Bicton College. This past year has marked a significant milestone for all of us, as we proudly received an Ofsted Outstanding rating, a remarkable recognition of the dedication, skill and passion of our students, staff, partners and the wider college community. This accreditation reflects our commitment to providing world-class education, innovative training and strong industry connections that directly benefit our region's learners and businesses. Within these pages, you'll discover inspiring student stories, campus developments and the many ways our colleges are helping to shape the future of education in the South West.

Whether you are a student, alum, business partner or community member, we hope you enjoy sharing in our journey. Thank you for being a part of our outstanding success.



Rory Mason

Principal of Cornwall College



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CORNWALL COLLEGE GROUP CELEBRATES HISTORIC OFSTED OUTSTANDING



There's a real buzz across Cornwall and Devon, as Cornwall College Group (CCG) has officially been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted – an incredible achievement that shines a spotlight on the region's education excellence. Following a detailed week-long inspection, Ofsted praised CCG's 'exceptional learning opportunities,' strong partnerships with local employers and learners who are 'highly motivated to learn in aspirational environments.'

Rob Bosworth, Principal and CEO of CCG expressed immense pride in the achievement: "This report belongs to everyone in Cornwall and Devon, not just the College. It shows how deeply embedded we are in our communities and how committed we are to transforming lives and driving economic growth."

Inspectors highlighted the inclusive, caring environment, and the inspiring learning spaces that fuel student motivation and success.

“ THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR CORNWALL COLLEGE, REFLECTING THE RELENTLESS DEDICATION OF OUR STAFF, THE AMBITION OF OUR LEARNERS, AND THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS. ”

ROB BOSWORTH
PRINCIPAL & CEO

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the full report



From coastlines to cutting-edge campuses, CCG's impact is felt far and wide.

In Falmouth, students dive into marine science, boatbuilding and watersports at Falmouth Marine School, learning right on the doorstep of one of the UK's most iconic maritime locations.

Cornwall College Camborne boasts world-class facilities such as the Green Construction Skills Academy, the Cornwall Counselling Institute and top-spec film studios.

The St Austell campus is undergoing a ground-breaking, world-class, multi-million-pound redevelopment – the first one of its kind in the UK – designed to inspire ambition and spark new opportunities for people of St Austell and the wider mid-Cornwall community.

Meanwhile in Devon, the Plymouth Engineering Skills Centre continues to shine with its own Outstanding rating.

CCG includes: Cornwall College Camborne and St Austell, Duchy College Rosewarne and Stoke Climsland, Falmouth Marine School, University Centres at Newquay and the Eden Project, Tournament Golf College (St Mellion and Portugal), Plymouth Engineering Skills Centre and Bicton College.



NEW MENTAL HEALTH HUB

AT THE CORNWALL COUNSELLING INSTITUTE, CAMBORNE

The Cornwall Counselling Institute (CCI) has launched its new state-of-the-art counselling centre at Tamar Tower, Cornwall College Camborne. The rebranded CCI Counselling Service offers affordable sessions at £10 for the public and £5 for students, addressing long NHS wait times and rising demand for support. Opened by broadcaster and mental health advocate Laurence Reed, the facility

features eight counselling rooms, along with expanded training spaces.

Head of CCI, Deborah Williams, highlighted its dual mission: "To train future counsellors and provide vital mental health care in Cornwall, Devon and beyond, with face-to-face or phone services available."

Service Manager Lucy Johnson praised the collaboration with the NHS and local agencies to strengthen support networks.

With rising course applications, and a new Foundation Degree in Counselling Psychology with Criminology, the Institute is rapidly growing and reshaping mental health education and care in the South West.



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MULTI-MILLION INVESTMENT

STUNNING PLANS FOR ST AUSTELL AND CAMBORNE

Cornwall College St Austell has officially launched its ambitious, multi-million-pound campus transformation, a landmark redevelopment set to redefine education across mid-Cornwall.

Backed by the Government's Further Education Capital Transformation Fund, the redevelopment promises world-class facilities and greater opportunities for learners and the local community.

Principal Rob Bosworth described the project as "a game-changer for the community," while Noah Law, MP for St Austell and Newquay, praised the vision at a special

ribbon-cutting ceremony, calling it "a vital resource for generations to come."

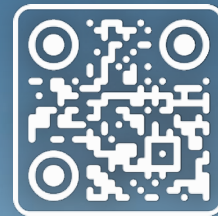
Carefully planned construction work is already underway, with official contractor BAM ensuring minimal disruption to students and staff during the transformation.

Meanwhile at Cornwall College Camborne, the final phase of its £12m transformation has been launched, marking a major step for learners, businesses and communities.

The iconic Tamar Tower has been fully modernised with bespoke facilities, upgraded classrooms and offices.

MP Perran Moon praised the local impact of public investment. Other major upgrades include the Green Construction Skills Academy, Cornwall Counselling Institute and high-spec film studios.

Work is also underway to introduce new green and social spaces, further enhancing student wellbeing and environmental sustainability.



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HAPPY GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2024



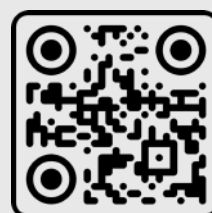
STUDENTS SHINE

AT GRADUATION 2024

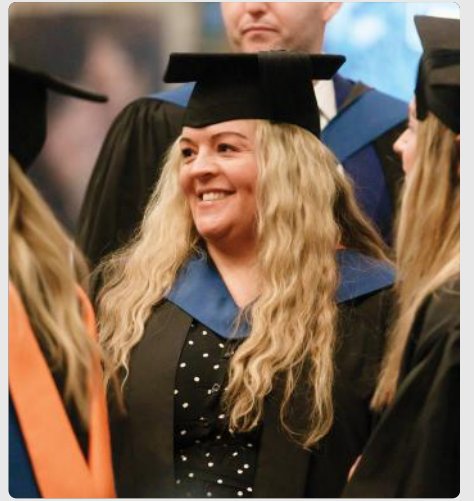
More than 260 students from Cornwall College Group celebrated their academic success in style at the stunning Truro Cathedral during last year's graduation ceremonies. Graduates from Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project, Newquay University Centre Cornwall College, Duchy

College, Bicton College, Falmouth Marine School, The Golf Education Partnership and Cornwall College University Centre, came together to mark their achievements.

Proud family members and friends were in attendance to honour the students' hard work and dedication to learning.



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PROGRESS HIGHER

ASPIRING SCIENTISTS

AT THE EDEN PROJECT

Cornwall College University Centre has launched the Centre for Excellence in Research and Knowledge Transfer – cutting-edge laboratories at the Eden Project – aimed at revolutionising sustainable agriculture, soil science and horticulture in Cornwall.

The facilities are part of the geothermally heated Growing Point nursery and reflect a deep commitment to environmental research and education.

Eden Project CEO, Andy Jasper, praised the collaboration: “The labs will empower students and local communities through hands-on learning in soil science, biodiversity restoration and regenerative horticulture.”



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SUPERYACHT ENGINEERING

BECOME A PROFESSIONAL AT FMS

Falmouth Marine School, in partnership with the University of Plymouth, is training the next generation of superyacht engineers with its new three-year HNC/FdSc Professional Superyacht Engineer programme.

It offers aspiring maritime professionals hands-on training, academic study and engineering workshop skills. Supported by Turn to Starboard – the Forces’ sailing charity – the course prepares students for the Maritime Coastguard Agency’s Engineer Officer of the Watch certification.



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BORNEO TRIP

LEARNING BEYOND BOARDERS

Zoology and Ecology students from Newquay University Centre have recently returned from our annual field trip to Borneo. During this amazing experience students explored some of the oldest rainforest in the world, visited the world-famous Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre and went to the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Here, the group were lucky enough to spot three orangutan mothers with their babies!



MATILDA

AT THE HEART OF ENTERTAINMENT IN ST AUSTELL

Performing Arts students from Cornwall College St Austell once again wowed audiences with their vibrant two-night production of Matilda the Musical Jr at The Keay Theatre. Performed by learners from the Creative Digital Academy, the show featured dynamic performances, witty one-liners and impressive choreography. Iconic characters like Matilda, Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull

were brought to life with energy and professionalism, earning high praise from spectators. Following previous acclaimed shows such as Chicago and The Addams Family, the cast once again received outstanding feedback, solidifying the Academy's reputation for excellence in performing arts. for inspiring young minds and preparing them for future careers in these vital sectors.

Scan the QR code to see what the Keay Theatre is showing next!





PRE-16

ENGINEERING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED IN FALMOUTH

A pioneering Pre-16 Engineering programme at Falmouth Marine School, launched in partnership with The Crown Estate, is already seeing success after welcoming its first cohort of students from Helston Community College in September. Believed to be one of the first of its kind in the UK, the initiative gives school-aged learners early exposure to engineering and renewable energy.

The course has been praised for inspiring young minds and preparing them for future careers in these vital sectors.

This bespoke opportunity is backed by industry leaders including Celtic Sea Power, Pendennis Shipyard and Falmouth Harbour.



Scan the QR code for more updates from Falmouth Marine School!



STUDENTS TO THE RESCUE

BY MAKING FISH HOSPITAL

Students from Falmouth Marine School have brought joy to the local community – while demonstrating their dedication to marine science – by restoring a much-loved fish tank at Age UK Falmouth. When an issue was detected in the community centre's fish tank, a team of Marine Science students promptly responded to diagnose and resolve the problem.

The students used their expert knowledge to maintain and clean the tank and provide a temporary hospital set up whilst a new tank was sourced, ensuring the health and welfare of the fish, which serve as a source of comfort and enjoyment for the visitors to the centre.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS!



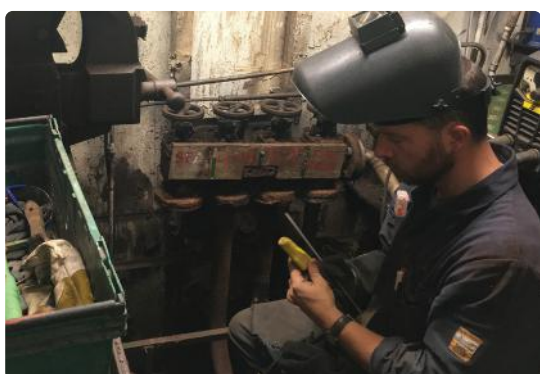
DANIEL

Since qualifying with a Level 2 in Professional Cookery, Daniel McBurnie went on to become an Executive Head Chef at Michelin-starred Restaurant, Lyst, in Denmark. Daniel won his first Michelin star in 2021. His advice: "Stay true to your passion and take opportunities with confidence."



MICHELLE

Michelle Redmore, member of The Owrek Collective, graduated from the BA (Hons) Art & Design Practice course at Cornwall College. She valued its flexibility and creative space, building her own website, winning awards and contributing to Truro's City of Lights parade.



LIAM

After completing the Level 3 Diploma in Marine Engineering at Falmouth Marine School, Liam Power discovered his passion for engineering. Now volunteering with Mercy Ships, he supports medical missions, and aims to qualify further as an MCA Engineer.



NEIL

Neil Harper followed his lifelong passion for boats by completing an Advanced Diploma in Boatbuilding at Falmouth Marine School. With 40+ years of sailing experience, he sought professional repair skills, and really valued the hands-on training and expert instruction the course provided.

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SIMON

After studying at Cornwall College, Simon Blake pursued his passion for psychology at Cardiff University and is now Chief Executive of Mental Health First Aid England. A career highlight was becoming CEO of Brook, a young people's health charity. His advice to students: "Work should be rewarding and impactful."



IZZEY

Izzy Wood, a qualified counsellor, now integrates traditional therapy with ecotherapy and nature immersion. Inspired by her Forest School work and college voluntary work, she supports young people through her practice, Golowhe Therapy.



SAMANTHA

After graduating from Newquay University Centre with a Foundation Degree in Wildlife Education & Media and a BSc in Applied Zoology, Samantha Brisdon now works at the Eden Project in social prescribing and youth development, and volunteers at Cornwall Wildlife Trust.



TEGAN

After training in Bricklaying at Camborne, Tegan became the first female bricklaying apprentice to qualify with Corbey Construction Ltd. Breaking barriers in a male-dominated trade, she's inspiring other women in construction with her skill, determination and passion.

A&P TRIUMPHS

AT THE 2025 APPRENTICESHIP GAMES

Excitement, teamwork and determination were on full display at Duchy College Stoke Climsland as apprentices from across the region gathered for the eighth annual Apprenticeship Games.

The event brought together a total of 45 apprentices, all eager to take on a series of challenges designed to test their problem-solving skills, leadership and collaboration.

After a day of intense competition, A&P emerged as the overall champions, proudly taking home the gold medals and the prestigious Apprenticeship Games Trophy. Their teamwork and determination set them apart, making them worthy winners of this year's title.



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PROJECT 50:

COLLEGES IN CORNWALL ARE CALLING ON APPRENTICESHIP AMBASSADORS FOR PROJECT 50

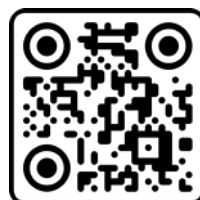
Apprentices and employers in Cornwall are being encouraged to come forward to share their experiences and contribution to the local workforce, through a new Project 50 initiative.

The South West Apprenticeships Ambassador Network is collaborating with Cornwall College, Duchy College, Falmouth Marine School, Truro and Penwith College and the Career Hub on an ambitious campaign designed to harness the 'Power of People' by increasing the number of apprentice and employer ambassadors across the country, with a special focus on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Colleges in Cornwall are calling on apprentices and their employers to become ambassadors, to shine light on the critical role apprenticeships play in developing talent and driving business growth.

At the heart of Project 50 lies a commitment to collaboration.

The aim is to connect with key stakeholders to expand the network, showcase the benefits of apprenticeships and engage with the local community through strategic events.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BY EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS



JOSHUA

Progression Pathways student Joshua Holten from Cornwall College St Austell has published three books and promotes them through on-campus book signings.

Supported by the College, he engages with staff and students while sharing his literary success. His books are available at Waterstones and Amazon.



RORY, EMMA, KATE & ALFRED

Four horticultural students from Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project have reached the semi-finals of the national Botanical University Challenge. Competing as 'Cotyl-Edens', Rory, Emma, Kate and Alfred, will showcase Cornwall's plant science expertise in Cambridge.



BRANDON

Brandon Fuentes, an Electrical Installation student from Camborne, travelled to Valencia, Spain, to assist with flood clean-up efforts. Originally from Mexico, Brandon was inspired by a personal connection to those affected and coordinated support with friends from France and Switzerland to help those in need.



ELLIOT

A plumbing apprentice, Elliot Julian, employed by Ryan Nicholls Plumbing and Heating, secured second place at the national World Skills Plumbing competition in Manchester and showcased outstanding skills under pressure. Fellow apprentice Dillion Newton took home third place.

INSTANEWS

BEST STORIES FROM SOCIAL MEDIA



OUTSTANDING

Bricklaying staff and students at Camborne campus created a special wall to celebrate our #Outstanding Ofsted result.



BOOK SIGNING

Joshua Holten, student & 3 times published author has been on campus signing copies of his books!



CHARITABLE GIVING

Emily, one of our Animal Behaviour & Welfare students, has been saving spare change for the RSPCA since she was a child!



LANTRA AWARDS 2024

Congrats to student Felicity, for winning the Lantra Environment, Conservation & Countryside Management Learner of the Year award!



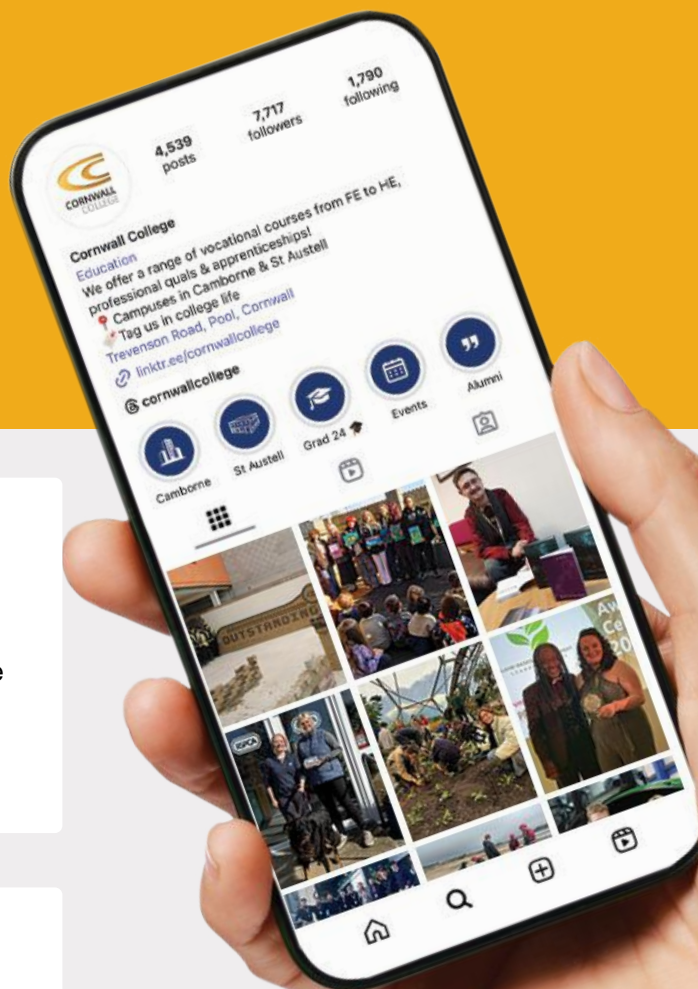
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Our Art & Design students taught nursery children to draw their favourite animals, transforming their sketches into paintings!



CCUC AT EDEN

Our Plant Science and Garden and Landscape design students have been planting in Eden's Mediterranean Biome.



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 @NewquayUniversityCentre
 @ccucateden



STAR AWARDS

STUDENTS SHINE AT COLLEGE AWARDS

Dozens of students from the **Cornwall College Group** were celebrated at the annual Shining Star Awards, held at the prestigious St Mellion Estate.

The event brought together almost 200 attendees, including students, their families and employer representatives, for a night filled with joy, inspiration and a touch of glamour, to recognise outstanding student accomplishments.

Celebrity host, Jonathan Wilkes, led the ceremony, presenting the awards alongside generous sponsors and special guests, such as renowned football manager Neil Warnock.

The next annual event will take place on Wednesday 25 June.



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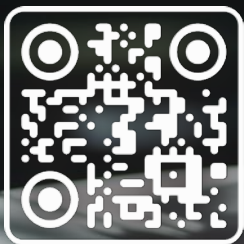
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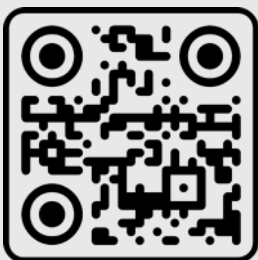
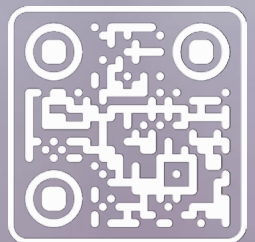
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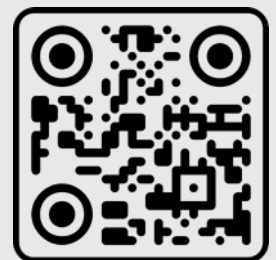
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