



A magical new summer course from Etherton Education

ENGLISH AND THE SEA



Welcome to Plymouth, the UK's Ocean City!

**Come and learn about
the science and the stories of the sea!**



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This is a new, exciting course for any students who are interested in improving their English and studying the sea.

All of the English lessons will focus on this main theme, and there will also be lessons introducing marine science and conservation.

Many of the classes will be outdoors, on field trips to study the environment. Students will visit Plymouth's famous marine research institutions and meet real scientists.

We will also look at the theme of the sea in literature, films, poetry and even sea shanties – songs of the sea.

Many famous sea voyages have started from Plymouth, including the Mayflower Pilgrims of 1620 and Sir Francis Drake's journey around the world. We will study some of these, and visit places connected with them.

I am very excited about this course, and I hope you will join us.



Peter Etherton

HERE ARE THE AIMS OF OUR COURSES:

1. To improve students' ability to study and communicate in English, using topics connected with the sea as the main content.
2. To introduce students to marine science and conservation studies, especially through field studies and laboratory work.
3. To inspire students by visiting world-famous professional institutions involved in marine research, and meeting their staff.
4. To examine the theme of the sea in selected literature, films, poetry and sea shanties.
5. To look at Plymouth's connections with the sea in historic voyages.



Scientists at work

ENGLISH

In this course we will focus on communicative English teaching, giving students many opportunities to use the language actively. There will be at least 12 hours a week of English lessons.

British Student Hosts will also be available 50 hours a week for students to practise speaking English with native speakers.

Most English lessons will be in the classroom but we will also have some English lessons on beaches, buses, boats and boardrooms. Our main English aims include:

- Understanding a text and noting the main points
- Listening to a video and noting the main points
- Recording and learning new vocabulary
- Asking questions in formal academic situations
- Debating scientific, historic and moral matters
- Writing and delivering a PowerPoint presentation
- Writing a report on a scientific investigation
- Maintain a journal of the course activities



British Student Hosts

MARINE SCIENCE

We will train students in laboratory safety and in the correct procedures for carrying out field work research. There will be at least 8 hours a week of science lessons. We will look at a variety of topics such as identification and analysis of living organisms; water quality; pollution issues; water, sky and tides; preservation of fish and reefs; cultural issues related to food and medicine, and others.

We will visit aquariums and research establishments so that students can meet real scientists, and get an idea of what is involved in studying marine science, and what careers are available. We will have presentations from PhD students about their current research, so topics will vary.



Paddleboarding

OTHER

We will spend several hours each week looking back at Plymouth's role in history, as the starting point for famous voyages. We will view some classic films, some great poetry and songs connected with the sea.

FUN

There will also be time for some fun activities, including paddleboarding, swimming in the Lido, a visit to an aquapark and evening sports and social activities at Plymouth College.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE



The National Marine Aquarium



Inside the Aquarium



A model of the Mayflower



The Barbican at Plymouth

MONDAY		
AM	Assembly	Outline of the week's activities
	English	Marine language, video analysis
	English	Preparation for today's trip
PM	Visit to the National Marine Aquarium, with behind-the-scenes tour, meet staff, have a talk on their work	
	Minibus tour of Plymouth	
Evening	Swimming assessment (optional)	
	House social activities	
TUESDAY		
AM	English	Follow-up for yesterday's activities. Start journal. Introduction to tonight's movie.
	Science	Preparation for today's trip
PM	Boat trip to Cawsands Beach for a field trip collecting samples	
	Back to school to analyse samples and discuss your work	
Evening	Movie Night	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (classic movie)
WEDNESDAY		
AM	English/History	The Mayflower Pilgrims. Journal review.
	Science	Winds and sea
PM	Visit the Mayflower Museum to learn about the first English settlers who travelled to America, and their impact on the local people there.	
Evening	Sports and social activities.	



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THURSDAY		
AM	English	Follow-up to visit. Discussion and debate. Vocabulary for next trip.
	Science	Briefing for today's field trip.
PM	Field trip to beach to carry out a transect survey.	
	English	Report writing
Evening	Swimming or sports.	
FRIDAY		
AM	English	Journal review. Preview Saturday's trip. Guest speaker: Pirates!
	Science	Analyse field trip results. Prepare for afternoon trip.
PM	Visit to Marine Biological Association. Tour of marine science facilities and talk on studying marine science.	
Evening	Prepare costumes for dance.	
SATURDAY		
AM & PM	Full-day trip to Falmouth, the 3rd deepest harbour in the world. Conduct survey of vessels in harbour. Visit the National Maritime Museum. Tour Falmouth and meet local people.	
Evening	Dance: theme for costumes: 'Under the Sea'.	
SUNDAY		
AM	Sunday Clubs with Student Hosts.	
PM	Visit to Adrenaline Water Park.	
Evening	Formal dinner.	



Beach survey



Pirates



Falmouth Harbour



Adrenaline Water Park

LOCATION

We will be staying on the campus of Plymouth College, a famous independent boarding school. The College is in the centre of Plymouth, which is known as the UK's Ocean City. Plymouth is a historic city and port in the south-west of England, and is at the centre of marine science research.



Plymouth College

ACCOMMODATION

Students will live in the boarding houses of Plymouth College. The houses are large Victorian buildings, with comfortable modern facilities. Students will use the facilities of Plymouth College and will have three meals a day in the dining room.



A Boarding House at Plymouth College



Double bedroom

Most students will live in double rooms, but there are also some singles and some rooms with three beds. There are kitchens and lounges for students to relax. House staff live in the Boarding Houses to look after you.



In the Boarding House



Playing Pool

When should students arrive and depart?

Arrival days are Sunday 13 July and Sunday 20 July 2025. Departure days are Sunday 27 July and Sunday 03 August 2025. On Departure days, students must leave Plymouth College by 11:00hrs.

How do students get to and from the school?

On our published Arrival and Departure days we operate a transfer service for Bristol, Exeter, Heathrow and Gatwick airports. There are time restrictions to this service so please refer to our Travel Information sheet for this course.

What is the class size, and staff to student ratio?

The maximum class size is 16, but usually 12-13 students. There are approximately three students to one member of staff.

Where do students live?

All students live in boarding houses on the campus of Plymouth College. Most rooms are doubles but there are some larger rooms with 3 or more beds. A basic laundry service for machine washable clothes is provided once per week and bed linen is changed weekly. The accommodation has comfortable lounges, Wi-Fi, and games areas. House staff live in the boarding houses to look after students. Three meals per day are provided but please advise any special dietary requirements on our Health, Learning & Wellbeing questionnaire in the Application Pack. Some extreme diets may not be acceptable to the caterers.

What clothes should I bring to the course?

A Pre-Departure Information Pack will be issued near the start date of the course. Students will need casual clothes, a swimsuit, and sports clothes. A waterproof coat and some sturdy footwear are recommended for outdoor activities/lessons. For formal events boys should bring a suit, white shirt, tie and dark shoes. Girls should bring at least one formal dress or suit. Bed linen and a duvet are provided but students MUST bring their own towels.

What happens if students are sick?

Many of our staff have First Aid qualifications and will assist with minor problems. If we have any concerns, students will be taken to a medical centre or hospital near Plymouth College. We strongly advise students have their own comprehensive private insurance including medical cover.

What is included in the course fee?

We try to include almost everything other than visa costs, travel tickets and pocket money. Here is a summary:

- Accommodation, three meals per day and laundry once per week
- Basic stationery, study materials, trips including transport, entrance fees, social activities, sports coaching and Sunday clubs
- Arrival and departure transfers servicing Bristol, Exeter, Heathrow and Gatwick airports only on the first and last days of our published courses. There are restrictions to this service so please refer to the Travel Information sheet for this course
- A basic insurance policy – please see our website for more details

How can we pay?

Please see our Terms & Conditions in the Application Pack or on our website.

Do students get a certificate and report?

Yes, students who complete the course will receive a certificate and a summary report.

Do students need to know how to swim?

It will be more fun if they can swim but it is not essential.



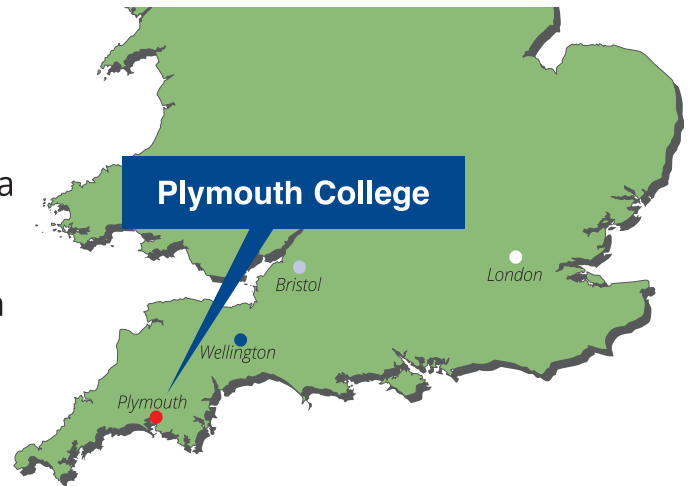
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- Marine science and conservation studies
- Outdoor field trips and research
- English lessons all based on the theme of the sea
- Visits to top research institutions
- Meet real scientists doing real research
- Learn about the famous voyages from Plymouth
- Live in Plymouth College
- British Student Hosts work and play with you



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HOW TO APPLY

Email us at info@ethertoneducation.com or visit our website www.ethertoneducation.com where you will find our Application Pack including prices and full Terms and Conditions.

Course	Ages	Length	Dates	Location	Minimum English Level
English and the Sea	13 - 17	2 or 3 weeks	13 July to 3 August 2025	Plymouth College	B1 / IELTS 4.0

