



Pembroke COLLEGE
International



International Courses 2025/26

Study A-levels & Diplomas in the UK

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Disclaimer

The College takes all reasonable steps to provide the educational services and courses as described in this prospectus. Details are correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change without prior notice. Courses will not run if student numbers are insufficient. The College has the right to refuse individuals entry to courses in certain circumstances. Prospective students may be advised of more suitable alternatives, if appropriate.

Welcome!

We are delighted you are considering Pembrokeshire College as your potential home for the next two years of your A-level or vocational studies.

Our College has been teaching international students since 1992, when our first group of international students came to study with us.

Since then we have prided ourselves on the education and support we have given to students from all over the world, engaging them in A-levels, vocational diplomas and summer schools in a truly inspiring setting and preparing them for progression to some of the UK's best universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Should you join us, your challenge will be to prepare for your future, to grow and to succeed. It will be our responsibility to ensure that you meet all three challenges and achieve your full potential.

We hope you choose to study with us and we look forward to welcoming you to Pembrokeshire.

Dr Barry Walters

Principal, Pembrokeshire College



Our mission...

to inspire excellence, empower individuals and develop the future workforce.

Why choose Pembrokeshire College

Pembrokeshire College has almost 2,000 local students studying on full-time courses each year. Students can choose between A-levels or a vocational programme and our class sizes are between 10 and 30 students.

We are situated in one of the safest areas of the UK, in the town of Haverfordwest, which has over 1,000 years of history. An area of “outstanding beauty”, we are approximately six miles from the United Kingdom’s only Coastal National Park. Offering more than just educational facilities, our college is set in a magnificent area of countryside combined with an award-winning coastline full of beaches, coastal walks and surf, plus much more.

Our excellent academic position and ideal setting, in past academic years, made us home to up to 150 international students, from all over the world including: Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, UAE, Vietnam, Africa, and Japan; all studying different courses and at different levels.

1

Your space

Pembrokeshire College is proud to be able to offer students innovative spaces for learning, as well as enjoyable recreational areas for fitness and leisure.

2

Your courses

You can choose from an extensive suite of 25 A-levels including all the sciences, various humanities and arts subjects. Further maths is also timetabled.

Alternatively you can choose to study a vocational diplomas ranging from the arts to business, health or architecture.

3

Your lecturers

Our lecturers are highly trained subject specialists, some of whom also have industry experience. This combination leads to interesting lessons that are stimulating, challenging and fun!



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Our facilities

At Pembrokeshire College learners benefit from state-of-the-art teaching facilities and recreational spaces.

All learners have access to communal spaces for socialising as well as spaces for individual, group and silent study. These areas are well equipped with computers, books and journals to help learners to get the most out of their studies. The recently created 'Hwb' provides an additional space where learners can access 1-1 or group support from Learning Coaches to assist with any elements of their programme that they are struggling with.

Learners also have access to a large canteen, a convenience store and a coffee shop on-site as well as the atrium which forms the heart of the College.

A-level learners have access to IT suites and modern laboratories while our vocational diploma students have access to a vast array of facilities including: Mac suites; recording studios; dance and performance spaces; screen printing workshops; virtual patients and virtual babies; robots and drone technology to bring their study programme to life.

The College also has a strong sporting heritage and runs academies in Football, Rugby and Netball which are open to all students. With qualified sports lecturers and coaches, we are well placed to support learners and help them to develop their skills regardless of their chosen sport.



The atrium:

**Space for
socialising and
studying**

Our location



Glorious beaches

We are surrounded by over 50 glorious beaches and harbours, all waiting to be explored.

Designed for learning

Pembrokeshire College is situated in the UK's only Coastal National Park. Previously rated by National Geographic as the second best coastline in the world, there is plenty to explore without the distraction of city life. This allows learners to focus on their studies and explore Welsh culture in a safe environment while planning ahead for university.

Steeped in history and wildlife

Pembrokeshire is steeped in history with many castles and museums to explore across the county as well as quaint market towns. With 186 miles of magnificent coastal path, the county also has an abundance of wildlife waiting to be discovered including razorbills, puffins, seals, whales and dolphins.

Haverfordwest Town Centre



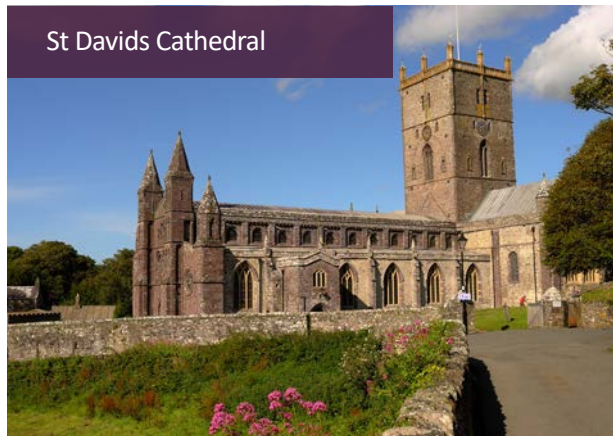
Carew Castle



Tenby South Beach



St Davids Cathedral



Students progress to Oxford and Cambridge



Oxford University

Aiming High

We encourage all our students to aim high and provide them with support through the UCAS application process.

*International students who do not have IGCSEs should refer to the 'Additional Requirements' on page 21. All applicants are assessed on an individual basis.

Our A-level programmes



SPECIALIST LECTURERS

We employ teaching staff who have specialist academic post-16 qualifications and real industry expertise. This combination ensures that you receive high quality teaching that is both engaging and stimulating guaranteeing you the best possible start at advanced level.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Students can choose three or four A-levels (depending on their ability and aspirations).

- All students must attend the essential skills qualifications (ESQ) over two years.
- Students will be expected to attend all periods and group tuitions.
- Depending on the number of subjects studied learners will normally spend around 22 hours per week in class. Learners will have one day per week as study leave where they can choose to study independently in College or at home.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS*

Students wishing to study A-levels will be required to gain the equivalent of a minimum of 5 GCSE's/IGCSE's at grades A-C to include English, Mathematics and/or Science, dependent on the subjects chosen. Additionally, students will normally be required to have a minimum GCSE/IGCSE grade B in the subject or related subject being studied at A-level. Entry grades for Psychology require a grade B in Mathematics and English.



CHOOSE FROM 25 A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

Art - Fine Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre Studies
Economics
English Language & Literature
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
Government & Politics
History
Law
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy, Ethics, Beliefs & Values
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Full course details for each subject can be found on the website:

pembrokeshire.ac.uk/international

How to apply

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Our diploma programmes

(Equivalent to A-levels)

In addition to our A-level provision, we also offer vocational programmes that are designed to equip learners with the skills required for specific careers as well as giving them the UCAS points required to progress to university.

Diplomas are offered in the following subjects:

- » Applied Science
- » Business
- » Children's Care, Learning & Development
- » Computing
- » Construction & Architectural Design
- » Graphic Design & Illustration
- » Health Science/Social Care
- » Music Performance & Production
- » Performance & Production Arts
- » Protective Services
- » Sport
- » Travel & Tourism

Why choose to study a vocational diploma?

Level 3 Vocational Diplomas are equivalent to three A-levels. They are more practical in their design and focus generally on a specific pathway e.g. Health or the Arts.

With a vocational diploma, learners will normally spend around 20 hours per week in College, this time will consist of both practical and theory sessions. When learners are not in timetabled sessions they are encouraged to undertake independent study.

A vocational diploma programme consists of the following:

Students can choose only one Vocational Diploma subject but may be able to choose to study an A-level alongside it (e.g. Computing Diploma students may find it useful to also study A-level Maths depending on their ability and aspirations).

- All students must attend the essential skills qualifications (ESQ) over two years.
- Students will be expected to attend all periods and group tuitions.

Full programme details, including the modules studied, assessment methods and entry criteria, can be found on the website: pembrokeshire.ac.uk/international

Realistic learning environments

Our vocational learners undertake their training in realistic environments using industry standard equipment.



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Vocational diplomas

For students who know which sector they would like to progress into, a diploma is the perfect choice allowing in-depth study of the subject. Diplomas are also assessed by assignments with fewer exams.



Applied Science

This course is based in the newly refurbished laboratories and equips learners for degree level study in a science related discipline.



Creative Arts

Whichever programme learners choose, they will benefit from state-of-the-art facilities and the latest industry standard software.



Business & Computing

Learners who study these courses learn from industry experts and progress to university to study a range of programmes in these global disciplines.



Childcare & Health

Our childcare and health programmes allow learners to work with local employers such as the NHS before progressing to degrees including radiography and midwifery.



Construction

The architectural design course is perfect for learners who are looking to progress into professional construction roles such as architecture or surveying.



Protective Services & Sport

These courses are a balance of theory classes and practical sessions and prepare learners for careers in the uniformed services, civil service, military or sport.



Travel & Tourism

Our travel and tourism programme contains strong links to the local tourism sector and prepares learners for progression to university or directly into employment.

You can find out more about each of our vocational diplomas, including the modules studied, assessment methods, entry criteria and potential career opportunities, by visiting our website: www.pembrokeshire.ac.uk/international

University destinations

Pembrokeshire College has established a strong reputation for preparing students for entry to top universities both in the UK and overseas.

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e specialise in preparing students for their university interviews and equipping them with the knowledge to follow their chosen degree pathway. Learners receive group and 1-1 support for progression to university.

We specialise in helping learners to gain acceptance onto the following disciplines:

- » Medicine
- » Dentistry
- » Veterinary Science
- » Midwifery
- » Engineering
- » Economics
- » Finance
- » Optometry
- » Business
- » Maths
- » Law

Top university destinations include:

University of Oxford
University of Cambridge
University of Bristol
University of Warwick
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Exeter
Cardiff University
Durham University

How to apply

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Get involved... with extra curricula activities

We want you to really experience life in the UK and to learn skills such as teamwork and leadership along the way. Throughout your time at College there will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in extra-curricula activities and to join College clubs and societies. Here are just a few examples:

Musical opportunities for all

The College is working in partnership with Pembrokeshire County Council to provide College students with full access to the County's Music Service which provides instrumental or vocal teaching, performing opportunities, external instrumental examination services and the music library.

Join the Sports Academies

You can join the Pembrokeshire College Sports Academy to play female or male football and rugby or join the netball team. As a member of the Sports Academy you will benefit from professional coaching and mentoring, including dietary advice for improving performance and well-being regardless of your sporting discipline.

Sign up to the DofE Award

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is the world's leading youth achievement award – pushing personal boundaries, gaining new skills and enhancing CVs and university applications. If you want to take on the challenge go to the Hwb to be put in touch with our DofE co-ordinator.

Join the Enterprise Club

Whether you are a budding entrepreneur, events planner or journalist, you can now get hands-on work experience through the Enterprise internship programme. College life presents many events and charity fund-raisers which you can get involved in. If you already have a business idea you could even test it at one of our enterprise fairs.

Join the Debating Society

"Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress." Mahatma Gandhi. There are many good reasons why you should consider joining our debating club; improve your critical thinking and communication skills, build confidence and have some fun. Learn how to participate effectively in challenging and topical discussion.

International academic student support (IASS)

For international students our International Academic Student Support programme provides a complete and thorough level of support; including specialist university application support, careers advice, work experience guidance, extra tuition hours per subject and more.

Investing In Your Potential

We have developed our International Academic Student Support (IASS) programme to help deliver the best possible study programme whilst maximising resources and time.

The programme adds to the level of support that will allow international students to achieve their full potential during their time at the College.

As part of the IASS programme students will receive:

- A personal tutor to look after their personal well-being and monitor academic progress.
- **A-levels:** One extra hour per A-level subject, increasing the time per subject from a standard five hours per week to six hours per week. **Vocational Diplomas:** Three extra hours per week. These extra hours will act as subject specific tutorials that will allow students to work through additional problems or revisit past topics depending on the need.
- Ad-hoc one-to-one tutorials as and when required.
- Additional English Language Support tailored to individual learner needs up to a maximum of two general English hours per week (designed to help students improve English Language Proficiency and achieve the desired score for progression into university) and up to two hours of subject specific English (to guide students through the language pitfalls of their subjects).

UCAS Support

All international students wishing to progress to university receive UCAS (University & Colleges Application Service) support and are assigned a tutor to provide detailed guidance on completing their personal statement and UCAS form, ensuring that their choices match their ability and career aspirations.

More Able & Talented (MAT)

A panel of senior academics has been selected to help students develop areas of excellence through specialist guidance and mentoring.

Students aspiring to study medical pathways will receive mentoring from senior academics at Pembrokeshire College. As part of the mentoring sessions students will receive admissions test preparation such as:

- Preparation for UCAT (UK Clinical Aptitude Test)
- Preparation for BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test)
- Preparation for STEP (Used by Cambridge University as the basis for conditional offers)

Pembrokeshire College is a member of a network of partnership hubs called the SEREN HUBS. The hubs were created to enable schools and colleges to share resources with a means to preparing students for universities like Oxford and Cambridge.

Students can benefit from:

- mentoring by external specialists
- mock interviews with an Oxbridge consultant
- attendance at Vet Med & Medlink conferences
- SEREN network activities
- an event for Russell Group & Oxbridge
- events at the Liberty Stadium (home to Swansea City)
- aspirational target setting
- access to Villiers Park courses

Arrival in the UK

On issuing you with your CAS you will receive a handbook with lots of useful information including details of your travel options from the airport to Pembrokeshire.

The international team can also assist with:

- Visas and immigration
- Accommodation
- Opening bank accounts
- Registering with a doctor
- Accessing support
- Registering for clubs and activities



We're committed to helping you to achieve

Hours of study

Students receive 20-25 lecturing hours during the College week (depending on the number of subjects studied) with the remaining hours used for directed and independent study. Students regularly use the Study Centre to work on research projects and assignments, which is a good precursor to university style learning.

All classes take place between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday and students are expected to attend 100% of timetabled sessions.

Helping you to succeed

The College has invested in a pastoral system to ensure successful completion. This includes Personal Tutors and Learning Coaches. Study Skills Advisors are also on hand to help with assignment planning and proof-reading - all of which ensure that students remain focused and motivated to achieve their qualifications. Students receive an hourly group tutorial as well as scheduled personal tutorials.

Progress and reports

All students receive an electronic Learner Profile, which is available online and can be accessed remotely by parents. Progress is monitored regularly and Learner Profiles updated accordingly. Parents can arrange video call meetings at any time during the year to discuss progress with the student's personal tutor.

Our accommodation

We encourage all learners to opt for our homestay accommodation which is available to international students during term-time, half-terms and the Easter holidays. All homestay accommodation is arranged via Pembrokeshire College.

Where learners would prefer private rental they will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation but should be aware that accommodation options within Pembrokeshire are limited and private rental is often expensive.

Our homestay package

As part of our homestay package you will be treated as a full member of the household and can expect:

- A catered service of two meals at the accommodation on a week day and three meals on weekends and holidays.
- A maximum of two students are placed with each homestay provider. Students are provided with their own room, towels, bedding, study space and access to laundry facilities.
- We aim to provide a safe and supported transition into living in the UK starting with the airport pick-up on designated days at the start of the academic year.
- Access to our fully equipped fitness centre six days a week.
- Our homestay providers are located across Pembrokeshire. If your homestay is more than a short walk to the College you will be provided with a free bus pass to allow you to access College transport which will bring you to and from the College each day. Depending on your location, journeys can be up to 30 minutes.
- International students are encouraged to access the College's broad enrichment programme and to explore the beautiful Pembrokeshire Coastline.
- It is compulsory for learners who are under the age of 18 to stay in homestay accommodation and during non-timetabled sessions they must stay on the College campus unless prior permission has been sought to go off-site.

The safeguarding of learners is a major priority for the College. The provision of safe and effective care as well as protection is of high importance.

Term dates for 2025-2026*

	Start	End
Autumn 2025		
	Tuesday 02 September	Friday 24 October
Mid-term break	Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October
	Monday 03 November	Friday 19 December
Spring 2026		
	Monday 05 January	Friday 13 February
Mid-term break	Monday 16 February	Friday 20 February
	Monday 23 February	Friday 27 March
Summer 2026		
	Monday 13 April	Friday 22 May
Mid-term break	Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May
	Monday 01 June	Friday 3 July

All classes take place between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday, and students are expected to attend 100% of timetabled sessions.

Public Holidays for 2025/26 are:

Friday 03 April 2026
Monday 06 April 2026
Monday 04 May 2026
Monday 25 May 2026

No classes will take place on these dates.

*dates may be subject to change

Apply & Fees

Students can apply directly to the College by completing our application form and submitting it to:

international@pembrokeshire.ac.uk

OR

You can apply through one of our representatives in your home country who will be glad to help you through the whole process.

To find our closest representative to your area please email us with your name, and home city where you plan to apply from or visit our website. Please send your query to: international@pembrokeshire.ac.uk

Refund Policy

Fees are required to be paid in full prior to the CAS being issued. If the student withdraws their application prior to the issuing of the CAS a refund will be made in full less a £100 admin fee. Once the CAS has been issued a refund will only be made on proof of the visa refusal.

Refer to the International Admissions Policy or College Fee Policy for full details.

Note:

Students should obtain International Student Insurance prior to arrival at the College. The College encourages all students arriving in the UK who are under 18 to have an appointed Guardian.

The minimum age for students applying to study at Pembrokeshire College is 16 and the maximum age is normally 22 unless studying a bespoke programme for international learners.



Fees

We aim to provide our students with a complete package meaning that from the moment you arrive in the UK, other than your own personal expenditure, studying with us will cost you no more than what we have already advised you that you will pay.

Service	Fee Per Year		Total for two-year programme	
	With Agent	No Agent	With Agent	No Agent
A-level or Vocational Diploma Course (3/4 A-levels can be taken from a choice of 25 subjects*) Includes International Academic Student Support Programme	Yr 1 £9,000 Yr 2 £9,600	Yr 1 £7,500 Yr 2 £8,000	£18,600	£15,500
Homestay**		£7,500		£15,000

* Tuition fee excludes resit exam fees.

** Weekday provision is covered by breakfast and dinner provided by the homestay provider and lunch provided at the College. On weekends three meals each day are provided by the homestay provider.

Designated Airports are London Heathrow and Cardiff International Airports. Your pre-arrival pack will contain information on the exact dates and times.

Activities

Two designated activities a term are covered in the homestay cost to encourage students to integrate and allow them to experience the United Kingdom. Students are welcome to join in on any event that is suitable for them, however not all events are covered in this fee. Your pre-arrival pack will contain more information on this.

Resources

For all programmes of study, learners will need to come equipped with basic stationery. A laptop is also advisable to aid study. For some vocational diplomas such as engineering, learners will also need appropriate equipment such as overalls and steel toe-capped boots. Any additional items required such as these will be advised at interview.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

We require all applicants to have completed secondary school to a good level of attainment. If secondary education in your country ends at the age of 18 then we will expect you to have studied in high school up to the age 16 before commencing your studies at our College.

To consider your application, we will require to see official copies of your last two years' school reports/certificates. An offer for a place to study will be made at the College's discretion following consideration of the application including your previous academic attainment.

Please check the website for full entry criteria www.pembrokeshire.ac.uk/international

Note: as a Tier 4 sponsor, should you require a visa, we will issue you with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), only when we are satisfied with your application for study.

International students are expected to have completed Academic IELTS with an overall score of 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each component). A lower IELTS scored may be considered depending on the programme being studied. If you require a visa, your English Language Proficiency qualification should meet UKVI's requirements.

The minimum age for students applying to study at Pembrokeshire College is 16 and the maximum age is normally 25.

Our website contains further information on our entry requirements.

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Other packages



British Nationals Overseas

£13,000 per year (two-year programme)

- » Choose three A-levels or a Vocational Diploma
- » Four hours of English language support each week
- » Three hours of subject support each week
- » Homestay accommodation including meals and own bedroom
- » Airport transfer on arrival in the UK
- » Dedicated support
- » UCAS support for progression to university



Short-term Study Programme

£4,210 for 12 weeks (Sept-Dec)

- » Choose three A-levels or a Vocational Diploma
- » Homestay accommodation including meals and own bedroom
- » Lunch provided in College
- » Dedicated support
- » Get to sample what it is like to study in the UK

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We can't wait to meet you

We understand that choosing to study in the UK is a huge decision. We provide all our international students with the following support:

- » Welcome and orientation programme on arrival
- » Regular academic progress reports and contact with parents/agent (where learners are under the age of 18)
- » 24-hour emergency helpline
- » A welfare and accommodation officer
- » Advice, guidance and welfare
- » Interdenominational chaplaincy
- » On-site restaurant
- » On-site gym and sports hall

OVER RECENT YEARS WE HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ENTRIES TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE FROM A STATE SCHOOL.





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