

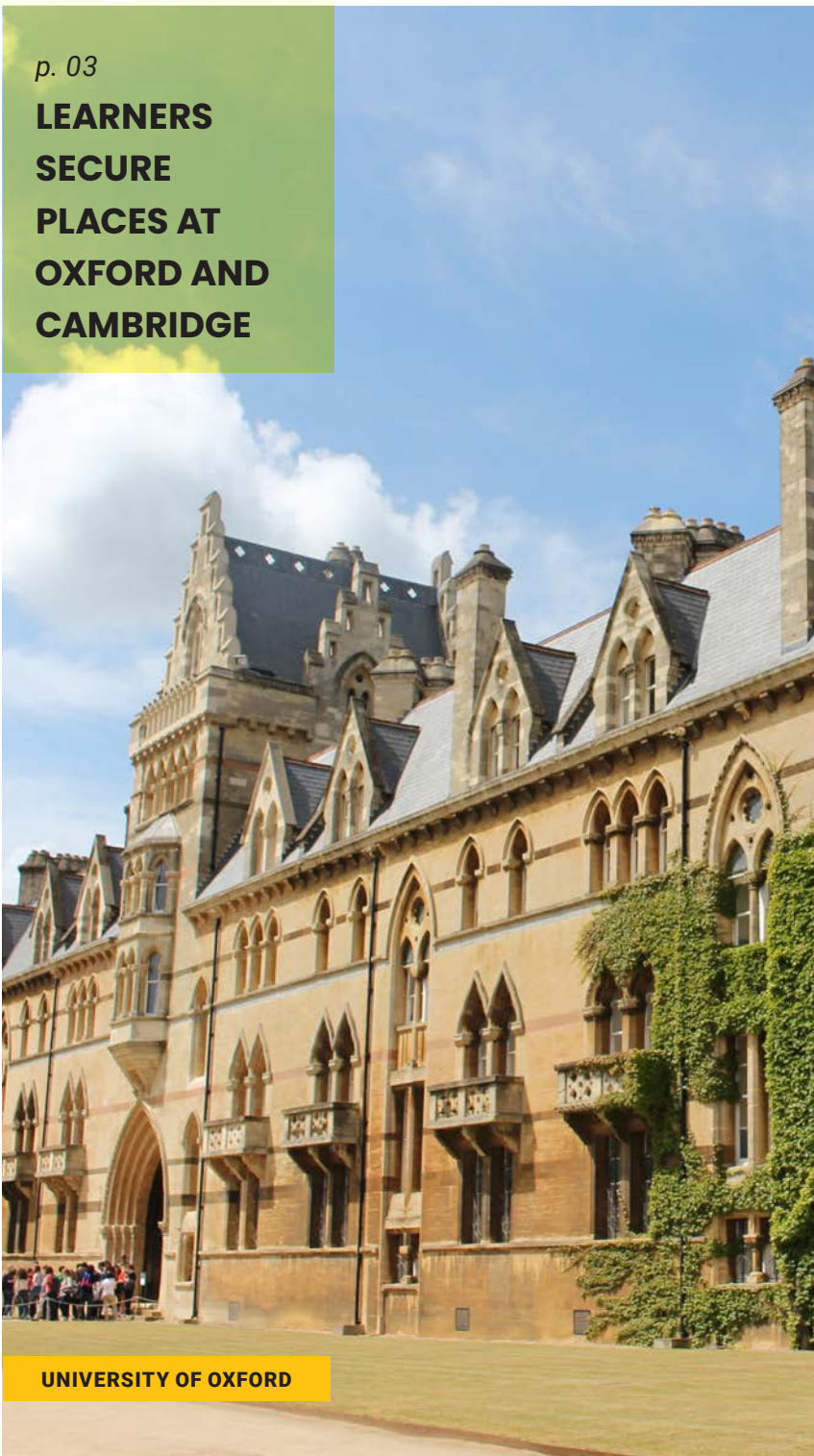


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COVID UPDATE

Throughout the pandemic, Pembrokeshire has had one of the lowest infection rates in the UK.

Located on the very tip of west Wales, away from the UK's major towns and cities, Pembrokeshire has been fortunate to remain relatively isolated from the rapid spread of the virus.

Despite the low infection rates, the safety of our students and staff has been our top priority with the majority of academic year 2020/21 seeing learners work from home as part of national lock-downs.

Read on to see how we have adapted to this change in learning delivery.

VACCINE ROLLOUT

The national vaccine rollout is progressing well and all adults are expected to be vaccinated by summer 2021.

MOVING FORWARD

The global Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the education of young people right around the world. At Pembrokeshire College we quickly moved to Live Online Learning with learners being taught their normal timetable at home, by qualified lecturers.



At Pembrokeshire College we were uniquely placed to deal with the challenges imposed by a worldwide pandemic.

Having previously developed and delivered a LiveSchool product which enabled pupils from schools across the UK to attend Live online classes we were able to quickly scale-up this product to allow all 1,800 of

which enabled learners to come into College for their practical sessions when lock-downs allowed with their theory sessions being taught online.

Learners quickly adapted to this approach with attendance rates in many subject areas of over 90%.

Whilst we are all hopeful of a return to normal soon there are many aspects of life during lock-down that we will be looking to keep and to build on.

In many instances, having to adapt during lock-down has resulted in innovations and solutions to problems that have been hugely beneficial for both learners and staff and to just 'return to normal' would be a waste of everything that we have learnt and the improvements that we have made.

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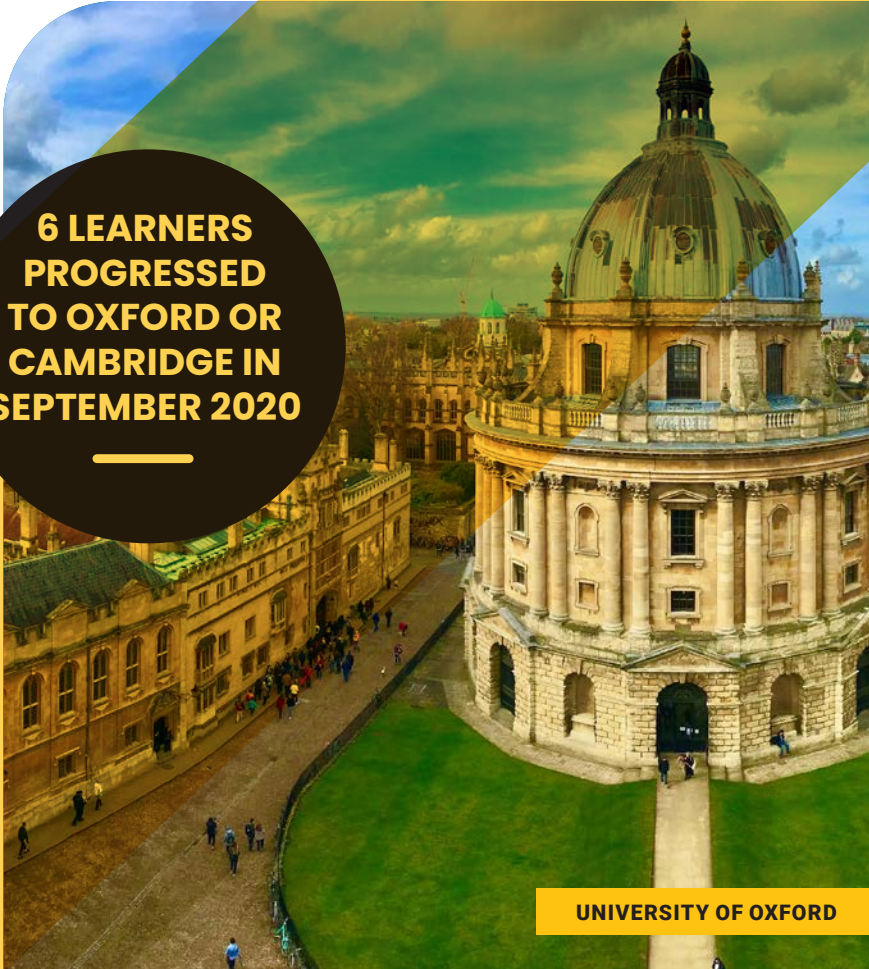
our learners to access their classes in 'real-time' with their subject specialist teaching them just as they would in the classroom.

As nothing can replace face-to-face teaching, we used a blended approach

We are looking forward to a bright future and look forward to welcoming you to Pembrokeshire College.

HELPING LEARNERS TO PROGRESS

**6 LEARNERS
PROGRESSED
TO OXFORD OR
CAMBRIDGE IN
SEPTEMBER 2020**



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LEARNERS PROGRESS TO TOP UK UNIVERSITIES

September 2020 saw 260 learners from Pembrokeshire College progress to universities across the UK including Oxford, Cambridge and the prestigious Russell Group Universities.

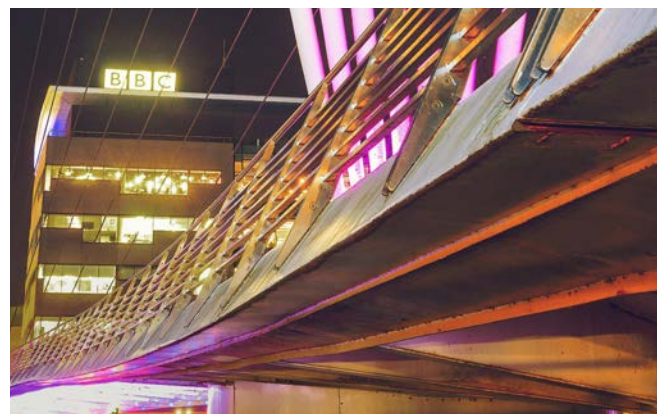
Degree programmes being studied include: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Midwifery, Engineering, Economics, Finance, Optometry, Business, Maths and Law.

This year almost 300 learners have applied to study at university including three A-level learners who have been offered places to study at either Oxford or Cambridge from September 2021.



FORMULA 1

A mechanical engineering student has progressed directly into an apprenticeship with seven time World Champion Formula 1 team, Mercedes-AMG Petronas.



THE BBC

Former learners are working at the BBC in various roles including as software engineers and in the costume department.

AN **ALTERNATIVE** TO A-LEVELS



Alongside our A-level provision we also offer a range of vocational programmes that are designed to equip learners with the skills required for specific careers as well as the UCAS points required to progress to university.

See the list opposite for the range of vocational programmes on offer.

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 Engineering. Many learners, dependant on what and where they would like to study, will

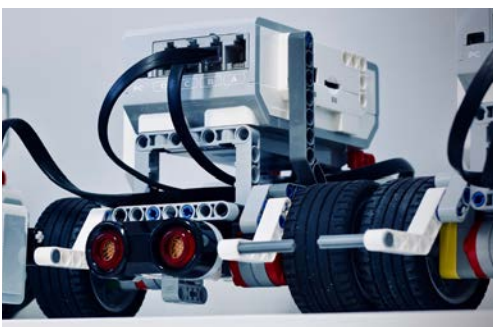
sometimes take an A-level subject alongside their Diploma.

You can find out more about each of our vocational diplomas by visiting our website:

pembrokeshire.ac.uk

CHOOSE FROM 20 DIPLOMAS

- Animal Management
- Business
- Children's Care, Learning & Development
- Computing
- Construction & Architectural Design
- Creative Media Production & Technology
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Marine Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Music Performance & Production
- Health Science
- Health & Social Care
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Performance & Production Arts
- Public Services
- Sport
- Sustainable Design
- Travel



MIT **WORKSHOPS**

Pembrokeshire College has been working with Equal Education to bring students workshops as part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology International Science and Technology Initiative.

Workshops have included: Rollercoaster Quadratics, The Human Circulatory System, Floating Wind Energy, Cybersecurity, Programming mBots and Artificial Intelligence.



UCAS SUPPORT

Supporting students to progress to top universities.

Applying to University can be a very challenging and time-consuming task for any student.

Pembrokeshire College offers a full range of university application support from predicted grades right through to practice interviews and entrance exam preparation.

We have extensive links with UCAS and all UK universities, and support our learners throughout their application.



TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE COLLEGE:

<https://bit.ly/3eOvDbm>



EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF PEMBROKESHIRE:

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BEAUTIFUL PEMBROKESHIRE

AN ENVIRONMENT DESIGNED FOR LEARNING

Pembrokeshire College is situated in the UK's only Coastal National Park. Rated by National Geographic as the second best coastline in the world, there is plenty to explore without the distraction of city life.

Our unique location allows learners to focus on their studies and explore Welsh culture in a safe environment while planning ahead for university. Steeped in history with many castles and museums across the county as well as quaint market towns, Pembrokeshire also has 186 miles of magnificent coastal path and an abundance of wildlife waiting to be discovered including razorbills, puffins, seals, whales and dolphins as well as over 50 glorious beaches and harbours all waiting to be explored.

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