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**WHERE
STARS SHINE
BRIGHTER**

MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH — AN ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

Welcome, on behalf of all our students, staff and governors, to the Marine Academy Plymouth prospectus. We hope it gives you an inspiring insight into our values, expectations and the way we work.

At Marine Academy Plymouth, our aim is to unlock the potential in every student by providing outstanding learning opportunities. We focus on the things that matter; a commitment to the highest possible standards, positive relationships, care and enjoyment. These are all encapsulated in the Academy's core purpose:

- To create an environment where respect and equality are only matched by aspiration and achievement;
- For the Marine Academy Plymouth schools to become the heart of an inclusive community, where everyone strives to improve both themselves and others;
- To provide a community where all challenges are supported in learning and where there are no obstacles to achieving your full potential.

Your son or daughter will be made very welcome here; they will be challenged and supported to become the best that they can be. We see the power of learning to transform lives and we believe that every young person has a special skill or talent that can be nurtured through our relentless optimism. For us, learning is everything.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to meeting you.

Nick Ward
Principal, Marine Academy Plymouth

**“THIS IS A VERY INCLUSIVE
ACADEMY WITH A ‘NO EXCUSES’
POLICY IN TERMS OF ITS
EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS.”**

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THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL — PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY, OUR LEAD SPONSOR

Plymouth University is one of the leading education institutions in the country and is recognised across the world. It began its commitment to Marine Academy Plymouth six years ago and has brought a wealth of resources and opportunities to the young people in Marine Academy Plymouth and the wider community. It is part of how Plymouth grew as a city and it is a key part of our future.

A message from the University:

Plymouth University began as a School of Navigation in 1862 and in 2012 we celebrated our 150th anniversary. The marine environment is at the heart of what we do.

The University has one of the largest Marine Institutes in Europe and is actively involved in finding out more about our seas, renewable energy and climate change.

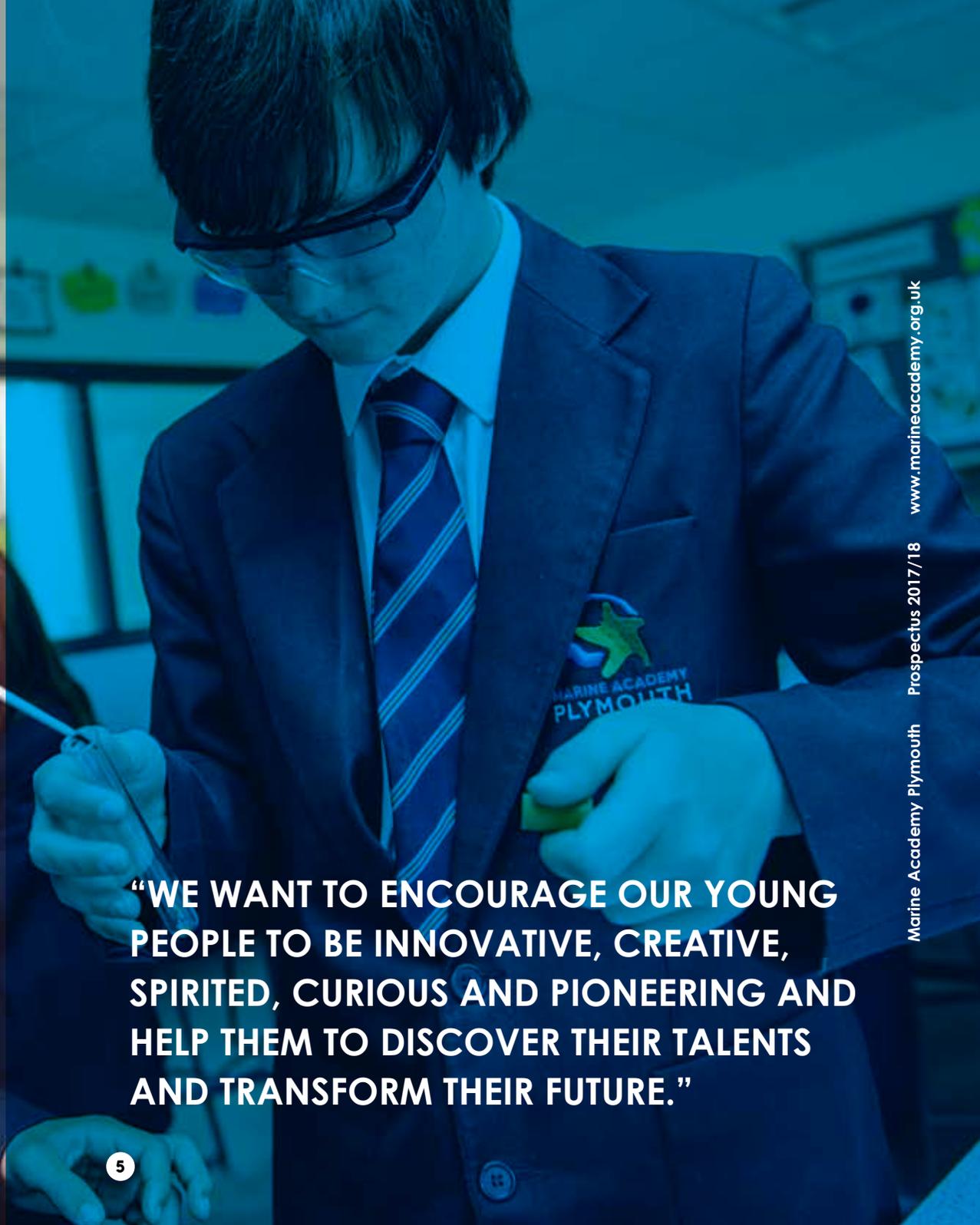
For us, Marine Academy Plymouth is a way of sharing our passion for all things marine and helping to develop the skills and talents of our young people. As a university, our mission is discovery through enterprise.

By sharing knowledge through teaching and learning, creating new ideas through our research and being innovative we can discover new things.

We want to encourage our young people to be innovative, creative, spirited, curious and pioneering and help them to discover their talents and transform their future. We are on a journey of discovery and your ideas and enthusiasm will deliver an exciting future for our city.



“I know that education changes lives – it changed mine and Marine Academy Plymouth students are very special – we are the ‘University School’.”



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OUR ETHOS: CARE TO ACHIEVE

We are completely committed to providing your children, our students, with an inspiring academic experience which is student-centred and stimulating.

We want students to look back on their time at school with a sense of pride and we believe that every student has special skills and talents that need to be nurtured or, in some cases, discovered. Marine Academy Plymouth is deeply committed to opening the hearts and minds of our young people in every way.

We believe that our students deserve the very best in order to succeed and that it is our responsibility to unlock that potential through discovery and outstanding opportunities for learning. We want them to learn new skills, to develop a love of learning that will last throughout their lives and to be confident, sensitive, caring citizens for the future.

We focus specifically on the individual needs, strengths, skills and talents of each and every student and we ensure that our curriculum and enhanced curriculum – including sports, arts, clubs, CCF, leadership and challenge activities – all add up to a holistic education which will allow our students to achieve, to go on to engage with their communities and become highly valued, successful citizens.

We are immensely proud of the achievements of our young people and of the community we are building here. We hope to have the opportunity to share that with you and your children in an atmosphere based on our four core values:

- **Achievement**
- **Respect**
- **Aspiration**
- **Community**

Care To Achieve is the strapline for all that we do here at Marine Academy Plymouth; we are committed to ensuring that all of our students fulfil their true potential and that they are given all the support that they need to become active, compassionate life-long learners.

**“THE LEADERSHIP AND
MANAGEMENT OF
TEACHING AND LEARNING
ARE EXCEPTIONAL.”**
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WHAT WE STAND FOR

Science, technology, art and sport are all integral to the city, just as they are to Marine Academy Plymouth.

The Marine theme is not just about Marine Science. All the careers that we currently pursue can feasibly be accessed in association with the sea and maritime environment; careers in areas such as engineering, tourism, medicine, catering, building and agriculture can all be associated with the sea – and much of it concerns new knowledge.

Marine Academy Plymouth's focus is to help prepare and develop the students' career opportunities – for today's traditional jobs and for those yet to be discovered.

We are also working with business and employment partners to ensure that Marine Academy Plymouth is a place of innovation and new development and that young people have access to relevant work placements, apprenticeships and both further and higher education, improving students' futures and Plymouth's prosperity.

We care deeply about each student's academic success. We want each of them

to leave our school with the qualifications to get on the right university or college course, or the right employment route with training. We have a relentless optimism that every young person can achieve and progress.

To achieve this, we offer a curriculum that places an emphasis on skills such as literacy and numeracy, how to think and how to work independently.

Our commitment is to offer:

- A broad, exciting curriculum that enables each individual to become an effective learner who can go on to realise their ambitions;
- The Marine specialism which embraces science, maths, technology and the environment but we also place a huge emphasis on access to opportunities for Education Outside the Classroom as part of the entitlement of all Marine Academy Plymouth students to a diverse and innovative curriculum;
- An inclusive learning culture that values and respects all people equally, where diversity is seen as a rich source of learning and all demonstrate tolerance and mutual respect;

- An environment in which we are constantly identifying and developing the talents that all people possess;
- A culture of identifying and providing the best opportunities and facilities, to enable our young people to become successful students.

How we will do this:

- The Academy will be at the heart of our community;
- Students and staff will feel they belong. We will work to establish the highest standards of behaviour and achievement;
- Students' safety, security and well-being will be paramount;
- Parents and carers will be invited to be fully involved with the Academy;
- All students will have the opportunity to engage with Plymouth University.

65% OF OUR LEVEL 3 STUDENTS WENT ON TO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR



“PLYMOUTH EVOLVED AS A CITY BECAUSE OF THE SEA, AND ITS FUTURE PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON IT.”

LEARNING FOR THE FUTURE

Marine Academy Plymouth has been through a whole new building project, which sees us with a brand new addition to our skyline for the next 50 plus years.

The building project has brought around £14m investment to the St Budeaux community.

It's an investment in our children. The new building project is based on the absolute belief that our children matter and that they deserve a wonderful environment in which to learn, grow and develop.

The lead sponsor, Plymouth University, is committed to the ongoing generations of St Budeaux and north west Plymouth having the very best, and Plymouth University is determined that Marine Academy Plymouth will be one of the very best schools in Plymouth and in the region as a whole.

The new building faces the sea, and reflects the best of Plymouth and the promise of the region. The addition of Marine Academy Primary allows children from the age of 0 – 19 to focus on their education and development on one campus.

Marine Academy Plymouth is now an all-through school.

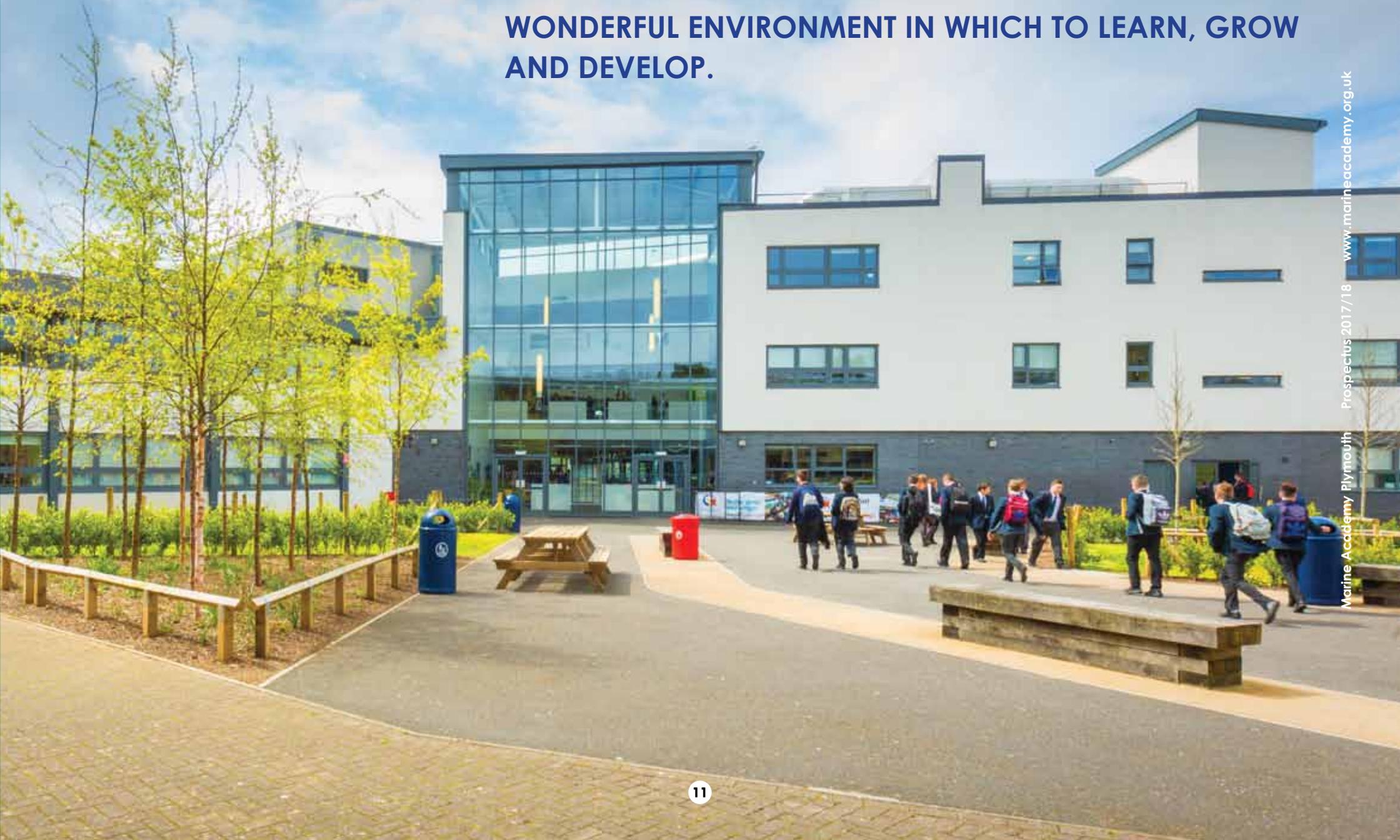
This new campus realises our ambition to be the 'Hub on the Hill'. It's open to the whole community, offering first class theatre, sport, dance, technology and adult learning facilities.

We have a new hair salon, dining areas and meeting rooms for the community.

It's a wonderful resource, central to us all.



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HOW DO MARINE ACADEMY STUDENTS LEARN?

- Students are offered an exciting range of subjects.
- Courses, learning and assessments are organised to best meet the needs and aspirations of the individual student.
- Students are treated as individuals. Those in need of specialist support receive it. Students with particular talents are encouraged, supported and challenged. All achieve.
- Students have access to all the latest technology to continue their learning independently. Resources and facilities continue to improve and will always be a priority.
- Enrichment through additional courses and activities before and after Marine Academy Plymouth, at weekends and during holiday times, increases the opportunities available to students.
- Our curriculum develops the student as a whole person: each student is able to lead a team and be a team member; take initiative and be enterprising; be encouraged to make their contribution to the wider community and the environment.
- The Academy uses Plymouth University, Cornwall College and the National Marine Aquarium as well as other organisations in order to extend and enrich learning. Marine Academy Plymouth is wholly embedded in university education and our students have unique access to resources, lecturers and opportunities.
- At Marine Academy Plymouth, we are passionate about learning. It is at the heart of everything we do. Many of our staff are involved in research projects, or serve as examiners. We spend our training sessions exploring new ideas which will help students to learn better and we have an innovations group testing out new technologies and new ways of learning. Marine Academy Plymouth staff continue to study and work alongside university staff, ensuring teaching practice remains cutting-edge and relevant.



A young girl with long blonde hair, wearing a dark school uniform jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie, is looking down at a book. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red and pink gradient.

“THE COMMITMENT BY LEADERS AND MANAGERS TO ENSURE THE BEST IN TERMS BOTH OF EQUIPMENT AND STAFF IS RESULTING IN AN EXCITING AND NURTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.”

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A POLICY OF SUPPORT AND RESPECT

Special Educational Needs

We believe that the education of students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) is the responsibility of every member of staff. The Academy aims for all students to achieve their potential and to be an inclusive institution. We provide a curriculum that is broad, balanced and differentiated, and accessible to all students.

Students with SEN are entitled to the whole curriculum and special educational provision will be organised according to individual needs, whether they be communication and interaction, cognitive and learning, behaviour, emotional and social development, or sensory and/or physical.

Safeguarding

Marine Academy Plymouth recognises that it has a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we will carry out this duty through our teaching and learning, pastoral care and extended activities.

All members of the Marine Academy Plymouth community (including volunteers and governors) will at all times establish and maintain a safe and stimulating environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk to adults they can trust and are listened to.

All policies are available online at www.marineacademy.org.uk or in hard copy on request.

Anti-discrimination

A primary obligation of all staff and students is to ensure that the Marine Academy, policy of non-discrimination and mutual respect is adhered to. This duty obliges all individuals to behave in a manner reflective of the ethos of Marine Academy Plymouth; where no individual is negatively impacted by the wrongful behaviour of others.

Discrimination comes in many forms and may be aimed at various aspects of an individual's being; such as race, creed, religion, disability or nationality. By adopting a pragmatic definition of discrimination, the Academy aims to protect against such discrimination in all its guises.

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MARINE: A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Marine Academy Plymouth is a unique educational provision in the city. Plymouth is Britain's Ocean City, has huge strengths in Marine Science and Industry, and a rich maritime heritage as well as a unique natural environment.

"THE NATIONAL MARINE AQUARIUM IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER OF THE MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH."

In the UK the marine and maritime industries:

- Have a turnover in excess of £11 billion annually;
- Support 6,500 enterprises;
- Employ more than 170,000 people;
- Ensure safe delivery, by sea, of 95% of all Britain's imports and exports;
- Help 51 million passengers travel to, from and around the UK by water each year.

Marine and maritime qualifications can lead to a huge range of careers, from marine engineer, maritime lawyer, designer, translator to marine scientist... literally hundreds of diverse careers.

Marine Academy Plymouth students can aspire to fulfil skilled, technical and specialist careers, here in the UK or internationally.

These roles are in demand and can be very rewarding. Conservation, environmental and new and emerging technologies have created a burgeoning area of opportunity for our students.

Learning is enhanced by our close links with local businesses, Plymouth University and the National Marine Aquarium.

In the past year:

- The 'virtual highway' between Marine Academy Plymouth and our partners exists for our students so that their secondary education can be positively shaped through our links with Plymouth University and our partners
- Our 1,500 Marine Academy Plymouth students have engaged with Plymouth University and the National Marine Aquarium with opportunities such as; STEM activities, Marine Science clubs, Digital gaming and marine life workshops
- Across all key stages Marine Academy Plymouth's scheme of learning includes delivery and expertise offered by our partners
- Through the close links with our partners, Marine Academy Plymouth students have attended sailing residentials, team building residentials and national competitions in various subjects. Students have also built towers through civil engineering, reassembled models of the human body and played football with robots.



**AN INNOVATIVE
CURRICULUM WITH AN
EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.**

THE ACADEMY UNIFORM

The Academy has an attractive uniform which was chosen by students because they want to be perceived as serious and professional. At Marine Academy Plymouth, students wear their uniform with pride.

Students joining in Year 7 are issued with a FREE blazer, tie and sports top. Uniform is also sold at the Academy at a reasonable price.

Girls and boys uniform

- White shirt with collar;
- Marine Academy tie;
- Navy blazer with Academy logo;
- Formal charcoal grey trousers or knee length skirt;
- Sensible, plain black leather formal shoes.

Girls and boys PE kit

- Marine Academy sports top;
- Navy shorts or plain navy tracksuit trousers;
- White sports socks;
- Trainers and football boots.



A HIGH STANDARD OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS EXPECTED OF ALL STUDENTS.

YEAR 7 INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The transition from primary to secondary school can often be a challenging time. At Marine Academy Plymouth we offer a full induction programme to ensure students build lasting friendships and settle in well.

“I HAD A GREAT TIME DURING THE INDUCTION AND MADE LOADS OF NEW FRIENDS. IT REALLY HELPED ME GET USED TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.”

The programme includes:

- A full day at the Academy before leaving Year 6 to meet the Head of Year 7, tutors, teachers and other students. Students experience the full school day from lessons to lunch in the canteen. Parents/carers are also invited to an event in the evening to celebrate the day
- A full week of free Summer School activities
- A free residential trip in September
- Visits to key partner organisations, such as Plymouth University and the National Marine Aquarium
- Year 7 Awards Ceremony to recognise achievement during the induction period
- Bespoke enhanced transition for students with Special Educational Needs.



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