

FDA DIGITAL MEDIA AT BODMIN COLLEGE

WELCOME TO FDA DIGITAL MEDIA AT BODMIN COLLEGE.

We are looking forward to you joining the course and being the pioneers of a new generation of digital media professionals in our new base in North Cornwall.

Your offer

Please remember that if you have been made a conditional offer to study at Falmouth, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. Conditional means that we are waiting to receive your results, or some more information, before your place is finalised. You can see any conditions in [UCAS Track](#). If you have any questions, please contact Cyd Roberts on 01326 213730 or cyd.roberts@falmouth.ac.uk

First week of term

Your first day of attendance will be **Monday 14 September 2015**. Please report to **Unit 16, Woods Browning Industrial Estate, Bodmin PL311DQ** at **10am** where you will meet staff and your first year colleagues.

Your first week at Bodmin will be an induction and orientation week. You will also be given course outlines and timetables.

There will be important inductions for both the Digital Media course and the wider Falmouth University campus at Penryn. We will visit the Penryn Campus during this induction week on Wednesday 16 September.

MyTimetable

<https://mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/> available from 1 September 2015

This is the link to MyTimetable, your online academic calendar which shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be available from 1 September 2015, however, timetables can be subject to change. To keep up to date, we recommend that you export the feed to your chosen device (mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop). An induction will be offered on the use of MyTimetable during freshers' week. Students will have access to their individual student timetables, where appropriate, once they have completed their online enrolment and IT induction.

Materials and equipment

You will need the following items for the start of the course:

- A5 and A3 Sketchbook

- Laptop – it doesn't matter which platform (Apple or Windows, though a mac can run windows software through Boot Camp). It should have 16GB RAM, a large hard drive 500GB plus. Buy as fast a processor as you can afford
- A backup external hard drive
- A decent waterproof bag for transporting digital kit

There will be some ongoing expenses as the course progresses, particularly digital equipment and consumable materials, so budget for some expenditure each week. We recommend you allow yourself £250 to purchase additional materials and equipment (if possible) during the year.

Reading

There are many books you can look at over the summer, and if you have the offer of books bought for you, best to ask for vouchers! We would recommend the following:
 Yates, D., Price, J., *Communication design, insights from the creative industries*.
 Moggridge, B., *Designing media*.
 McNeil, J., Quaranta, D., *Art and the internet*.

You should familiarise yourself with <http://ask.fxplus.ac.uk/students> and the particularly useful assignment calculator tool <http://ask.fxplus.ac.uk/students/assignment-calculator> offering a simple way of breaking down assignments to support you to meet deadlines.

You should also visit www.refme.com and familiarise yourself with Harvard Referencing setup.

Study trips

We are planning study trips during the 2015/16 academic year. Please can you budget for these, as the cost will be in the region of £350.

During the coming weeks you will be emailed important information for new students. If you will be away, please ask someone else to check your emails regularly and reply on your behalf. **Please also email your name and mobile phone number to me and we will keep you up to date by text message.**

Have a great couple of months and we look forward to you joining us in September.

Yours sincerely

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