

**TECHNICAL THEATRE ARTS BA(HONS) WITH PLACEMENT YEAR**

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Dear [NAME],

**Welcome to Technical Theatre Arts at Falmouth.**

We're getting in touch with some important information about your course that will help you as you prepare to join us.

At the end of this letter, you will find a suggested reading list. It's not essential that you complete the reading before you start the course, but if you're looking forward to your studies and can't wait, we recommend these texts as inspiring reading.

You will also find a list of equipment that you should bring with you, as well as any other costs that you might incur throughout your course.

Your academic experience will be predominantly in person with some courses using a small amount of digital resources to support your learning. To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you will benefit from a laptop to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

If you are eligible for a loan from Student Finance and have not yet applied, please do so immediately to ensure the loan is approved before you enrol. Once you enrol you are liable for the tuition fees. You can find more information from the Student Loans Company at: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company) Advice on managing your finances whilst studying can be found on the University's website here: [falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost](http://falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost)

Over the summer, you can join our Step into Falmouth Sessions. These online workshops are designed to provide advice and guidance on settling into university life. They are scheduled to take place across three weeks in July and August. Some of them will also be recorded so you can watch them back at a time that suits you. More information can be found at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth)

Over the summer, if you have any questions, you can join the Student Mentor team on Discord to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors are already studying on your course, so ask them anything you like. Find them at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring). Alternatively, email your name and your course to: [studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk) and they will be in touch.

Over the next few weeks, we'll email you more important information about your course and life at Falmouth. If you're going to be away or out of contact, make sure you ask someone to check your emails and reply on your behalf.

We know there is a lot to think about before you start at university. So, we're here to help. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk). Finally, we wish you an enjoyable summer and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Laville', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mark Laville**

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## Getting started

### Your offer

If you have a conditional offer, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. This means we're waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. You can see these conditions on your UCAS Hub

<https://accounts.ucas.com/account/login>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk)

### Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You'll get an email two weeks before the start of term telling you how to enrol online. You'll need to enrol before the first day of term to officially register as a student of Falmouth University and receive your undergraduate student loan.

When you enrol, you'll need to agree to and comply with the University's Student Terms & Conditions. These Terms & Conditions are important, and we encourage you to read them carefully, before enrolling. You can find them under 'Student Terms & Conditions' on our website [www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations](http://www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations)

### Tuition fees (per year)

2023-2024 full-time UK: £9,250

2023-2024 full-time International: £17,460

2023-2024 placement year: £1,850

### Term dates

You can find our term dates on the website at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2023-24](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2023-24)

Study Block 1 starts on Monday 18 September.

Teaching and assessment will be throughout the full 15 weeks of the study blocks.

### Your timetable

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be published in early September. After you've enrolled, you can view it at [mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/schedule](http://mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/schedule) or via the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store.

### Welcome Week

Your timetable will show you where you need to go and when on Monday 18 September and throughout the week.

This is the week when you'll meet your course mates, course tutors and University staff. There will be important inductions to both your course and the wider University facilities and services, in addition to social activities organised by the University and Students' Union.

## Equipment and costs

### Essential for the Start of the Course

- A laptop will be an essential piece of equipment along with a reliable broadband connection (if you are living in University accommodation you will have this).
- Students must come prepared with suitable personal protective equipment (PPE): please bring protective footwear (steel toecap or equivalent) and gloves.
- We will provide further PPE (safety glasses, helmet etc) as required.
- Please also come with a torch (Maglite or similar), adjustable spanner (or equivalent), manual screwdrivers & clothing appropriate for all practical classes.
- You are welcome to bring further tools if you wish, however please present them to technical staff on arrival for checking.
- We will provide lockers for their safe keeping. We will also provide power tools as appropriate.

### Costs

- In addition to your living costs it is important to set aside some funds to purchase books and consumable items throughout your two years of intensive study. We recommend you put aside approximately £100 – 150 per year.
- Opportunities to opt-in to partake in subsidised formal industrial training will be available at a reduced cost. Estimated cost £80-£150.
- Optional placements in your final study block of modules £500-£1000.

**Additionally, we would strongly recommend that you join the Association of British Theatre Technicians (ABTT)** and familiarise yourself with the materials and articles on their website and in Sightline Magazine which is issued to all members on a quarterly basis. This will help you to understand current issues and developments involved in our industry. Student membership of the ABTT costs £25 per annum. Further information can be found here [www.abtt.org.uk/how-to-join](http://www.abtt.org.uk/how-to-join)

The Academy of Music and Theatre Arts (AMATA) is a live performance venue offering a year-round programme of contemporary, cutting-edge, up-and-coming & high-quality performances for students to experience on their doorstep. For AMATA students in particular, access to live work is an essential part of your degree and the programme will feature artists and performances that relate directly to the AMATA courses of study.

### Professional placement

You can access support from the University Employability team to help you prepare and search for placement opportunities. Usually, students undertake paid placements so you should be able to earn whilst you are working. Depending on where your placement is, you will need to be prepared to factor in costs such as accommodation, costs of travel, etc. If you are unable to find a suitable placement, you will be able to transfer to the 3-year version of the course.

**We offer students the option to purchase a one year Live @ AMATA Pass which offers 5 tickets for performances in the 2023/2024 programme of professional work and costs £25.** This is highly recommended for AMATA students to purchase.

You will be able to view the AMATA Programme at [amata.org.uk](http://amata.org.uk) from July 2023. The Live @ AMATA Pass is available now to book at [www.amata.org.uk/livepass](http://www.amata.org.uk/livepass)

For further information please contact the AMATA Box Office on +44(0)1326 259349 or email [boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk)

Please note: If a parent or guardian is purchasing on behalf of a Falmouth University student, please set the box office account up in the student's name and use their email address.

Finally, we are partnering with imPOSSIBLE Producing to support this year's Falmouth International Arts Festival on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023, early on in your first Study Block, here's the summary:

**FIAFest (Falmouth International Arts Fest) is BACK**

After last year's summer spectacular, in 2023 we are embracing all that is Autumn. Expect a fun-filled programme of the very best local, national and international theatre, music, dance and workshops. **Highlights:**

**Thursday 5th October**

Made-in-Cornwall - Scratch Night in collaboration with AMATA, Hall for Cornwall, Miracle Theatre and Carn to Cove

**Friday 6th October**

Eloina Haines High Steaks at The Poly

**Saturday 7th October**

All that Glitters by Tom Jackson Greaves at AMATA

Le Gateau Chocolat, Raw Cacao at Solskinn Church

Grab your jumper and head to [FIAFest.org](http://FIAFest.org) with student offers to buy your tickets.

FIAFest is presented by imPOSSIBLE Producing in partnership with Falmouth BID, Falmouth CREATES and Falmouth University.

In association with The Cornish Bank, The Poly, AMATA, Hall for Cornwall, Miracle Theatre & FEAST.

We really look forward to welcoming you into the AMATA community.