

University of Plymouth

School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics



Dear Student,

It is a pleasure to welcome you into the School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. You have joined a community of approximately 100 staff and 2000 students who work alongside each other to support your learning experience and help fashion innovative solutions to real-world problems that have a genuinely positive impact upon people and the environment.

The School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics offers our students the opportunity to study for degrees in Engineering, Computing, Mathematical Sciences, and Navigation and Maritime Science, the latter being the historical focus of education since the Plymouth School of Navigation was founded in 1862. We aim to serve the educational, research and industrial needs of those living and working in the South West and further afield; our graduates are eminently employable and we are proud of their contributions to society.

The School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics is a collaborative and interdisciplinary community of world-leading academics and researchers focused upon the creation of knowledge and innovative solutions that have a positive impact upon society. Aligned to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the school is home to an extensive portfolio of research from Offshore Renewable Energy, coastal engineering and robotics to cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and data science.

The School hosts the Marine Building, home to the world-class Coastal, Ocean and Sediment Transport (COAST) Laboratory, amongst many other facilities including autonomous and robotic systems, the Wolfson Nanomaterial's clean room, a Cyber Security Range and a High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster that provides the computational capacity to perform much of the Big Data research.

The University is also embarking upon an exciting design and build project that will create a new Engineering and Design facility on the campus by the Summer of 2022. academic year. This new building will offer a state-of-the-art setting to inspire the

engineers of tomorrow, giving us the ultimate place to bring together students, academics and industry in an environment that not only benefits them but also society as a whole.

All staff have a common commitment to delivering excellence in teaching and research, whilst a very strong network of national and international links in research and with industry provides an opportunity-rich environment for students. I would particularly recommend that you consider an industry placement during your period of study; statistics conclusively demonstrate that this has a very significant positive influence on your job prospects, and the university provides support in finding these placement opportunities.

We are approachable and friendly, but will also challenge you to set high targets and expect you to meet your intellectual aspirations and potential. As with most aspects of life, what you get out of University education depends on what you are prepared to put in. Whilst we are “here to help”, higher education is an agreement between the University and our students, and it is your responsibility to take control of your own learning. You will be expected to be respectful in all dealings with fellow students and staff, and to be committed to achieving your full potential.

Please do familiarise yourself with the Student Handbook and the student staff agreement, which your Programme Leader will take you through during induction. I would like to encourage you to help us improve your educational experience as a student representative on your chosen degree programme.

In conclusion, I wish you every success during your time as a student at the University of Plymouth and hope that you enjoy your student days as much as I enjoyed mine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Greaves', written in a cursive style.

Professor Deborah Greaves
Head of School