

PETROC NEWS LETTER

December 2024



HELLO!

We hope you're all getting into the festive spirit and looking forward to a well-deserved break! It has been lovely to meet so many of you at your Year 11 assemblies and careers fairs throughout this term.

As we head into the new year, it's really important to start submitting your applications for your next steps if you haven't already.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for a course (or courses) at Petroc is simple! Once you've decided what you want to study, just follow the steps below. And then you can start your countdown to college!

1. Apply

Visit [petroc.ac.uk](https://www.petroc.ac.uk), add your chosen course/s to your basket and complete the application form. You can apply for two vocational courses and/or 3 A Levels, so don't worry if you're still undecided on the route you would like to take. An email will then be sent to you to confirm your application and provide you with an interview date, so keep an eye on your personal emails.

2. Interview

You will be invited to an interview with the course lecturer to discuss your chosen course and to check if it is the right course for you. This is a chance to discuss your predicted grades and any queries you may have about life at Petroc.

3. Accept your Offer

Following your interview, you will be offered a conditional place on your chosen course, subject to gaining the entry requirements needed.

4. Results Day

Once you receive your results, make sure you input them into your myPetroc account to confirm your place. If you don't achieve your expected grades, please don't worry, simply contact us and we can discuss your options.

5. Enrolment

In August, you will attend an enrolment event to ensure you are ready to start your course. We will help you set up your student account, and receive your ID card. You'll also get your timetable before the start of term.

6. Starting College

Let the fun begin! The first few weeks may feel slightly overwhelming, but rest assured, we're here to support you every step of the way. If you begin your course and decide you want to change subjects, that's okay, we can swap you onto something else. There will also be loads of opportunities to meet new friends and join new clubs to help you get the most out of college life.

SOME USEFUL TIPS FOR APPLYING

Tip 1

Look at our prospectus and website to explore all the courses you can apply for: petroc.ac.uk.

Tip 2

Still undecided? Ask your school's careers lead or tutor to arrange for us to visit your school for a friendly chat to help you choose and apply for the right course. Alternatively, email us at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk. Sometimes, it's easier to sit down with someone and discuss the options available, and we're more than happy to come to your school to assist.

Tip 3

Don't delay your application if you're deciding between different courses. You can apply for multiple courses and colleges and finalise your choices later. If you change your mind or have any queries, contact us at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk or reach out to our friendly Registry Team on **01271 852443** or registryteamndc@petroc.ac.uk.

Tip 4

Visit the college, explore the classrooms and workshops, and speak to our friendly lecturers and students. Our next **Open Event** is scheduled for **Wednesday 29 January 2025**, from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. It would be great to see you there!



SPOTLIGHT ON A LEVELS

At Petroc, we offer a variety of courses tailored to different learning styles. This month's focus is on A Levels.

A Levels are an excellent route if you have a clear career path in mind or even if you're still deciding. They follow an academic learning style similar to GCSEs. Typically, you would study three A Levels over two years, with most being assessed by examination. They're a fantastic stepping stone to university or further academic study.

Some A Level combinations that work well together:

- Physics, Mathematics & Computer Science – **Great for Engineering**
- English Literature, Media & English Language – **Perfect for Journalism**
- Mathematics, Chemistry & Biology – **Ideal for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science**
- Art, Mathematics & Physics – **Excellent for Architecture**
- English Literature, History & Law – **Great for Law Degrees**
- Biology, Chemistry & Sport – **Ideal for Sport & Exercise Science**

STUDENT NEWS



T Level Management and Administration students:

We are so proud of our T Level Management and Administration students, who helped at the St John's Christmas Grotto Launch Event earlier this month. From designing posters and setting up booking systems to creating festive social media campaigns and even revising Santa's script, they helped make this year's grotto unforgettable for nearly 2,000 attendees!



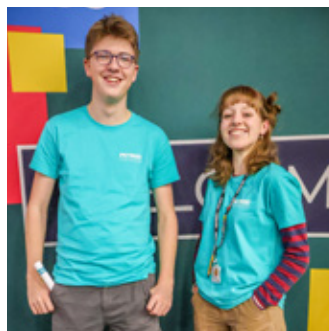
Construction students:

CBeebies recently aired new episodes of Fred & Pete's Art Adventures, featuring our talented construction lecturers and students showcasing a hands-on introduction to the world of building and crafting.



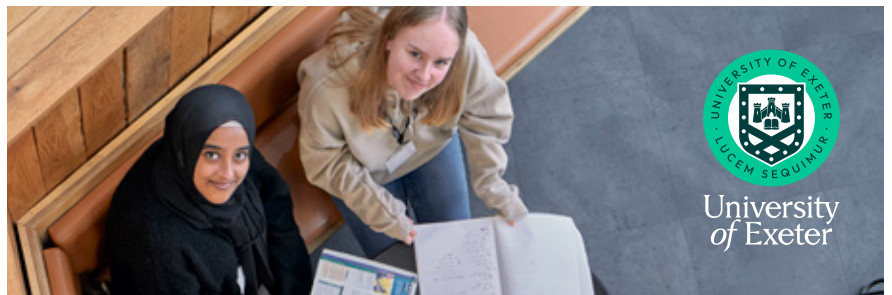
Open Event and Animal Care Centre Launch

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open Event on Thursday, 5 December, which also marked the launch of our new Animal Care Centre.





Your Pathway to Academic and Career Success



We're excited to announce the launch of the Aim Higher Academy, starting in September 2025. Aim Higher is an elite A Level programme tailored for high-achieving students eager to further excel academically and build strong career foundations. Programme highlights include:

- Exeter University Sponsorship
- Industry Integration
- Career-Focused Work Experience
- Access to Advanced Facilities
- Designated Common Room
- Personalised Learning Plans

Admission Criteria: Open to students with a GCSE average of 6 or higher. This requirement ensures that each student is ready for the academic and professional challenges of the programme.

To find out more, [visit our website](#).

ADULT COURSES

MAKE 2025 YOUR BEST YEAR YET!

If you have career goals to reach and ambitions to achieve, there's no better time to take the leap and transform your future with Petroc.

Explore our wide range of adult part-time courses, from construction to counselling, along with a selection of FREE adult short courses. Turn your dreams into reality and make 2025 your best year yet!

SIGN UP TODAY

petroc.ac.uk/jan-start

BOOK A TOUR

If you need any additional support or would like to arrange a tour of the campus, please contact us at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk, and we'll be happy to organise a convenient time.

Happy Holidays!

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Don't forget to follow our social media channels for an inside look at college life, events, and student experiences!

