

PETROC NEWS LETTER

November 2024



HELLO!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It has been lovely to meet you during your Year 11 assemblies and careers fairs at your school, and we hope you have started thinking about the routes you may wish to take after your GCSEs. With A Levels, T Levels, vocational courses, and apprenticeships to choose from, the options can be overwhelming. Please do get in touch or attend one of our Open Events if you have any questions about what to study after Year 11, as we are here to help you find the perfect course!

OPEN EVENTS

Our first open event of the year took place on Wednesday 6 November, where we welcomed over 1000 people to explore our campus and the options available for courses starting in September 2025.



If you were unable to attend this event, don't worry – over the next few months, more Open Events will be held, which you can attend. Come and speak with our lecturers about the different options available to you, explore our workshops, and ask any questions you may have. Our team is on hand to assist you in progressing from Year 11 and onto your future steps. Please see below all the Open Events for this academic year:

Thursday **5 December 2024**: 5.00-7.30pm

Wednesday **29 January 2025**: 5.00-7.30pm

Saturday **22 March 2025**: 10.00am-1.00pm

REGISTER
HERE!

MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR YOUR COURSE AFTER YEAR 11

Over the next few months, you will be thinking about your options after Year 11 and starting to submit your applications. Most students will apply by Christmas. If you are unsure between a few courses, you can apply for more than one and make a decision after you receive your GCSE results in August.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Once you submit an application, you will be contacted by our Enrolment Team to arrange an interview with you and the course leader. This will give you the opportunity to ask the lecturers any questions you may have about the course and discuss your decision to choose the course, as well as your career aspirations.

If you meet the entry requirements, you will be made a conditional offer, which you can accept, and this will provide you with a place on the course. Once you have a place, there is nothing more you need to do until after you receive your GCSE results.

You will then attend an Enrolment Day at the end of August or the start of September, where you will collect your lanyard and complete your final steps to become a Petroc student.



FINDING AN APPRENTICESHIP

As you begin thinking about your next steps, you may be considering the idea of an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are a great option if you enjoy a more practical way of learning and are keen to start earning a salary straight after leaving school. There are many apprenticeships available in a variety of subjects, so if you are certain about your career path, this could be the route for you. It can sometimes be difficult to find an employer to complete your apprenticeship with, so here are some tips for finding an apprenticeship:

- Ensure you produce an up-to-date CV; this is the first thing an employer will see. (Include any work experience, part-time jobs, or achievements you have.)
- Ensure you make contact with the employer directly and do not leave it to your parent or guardian. Employers like to see confidence and initiative.
- Do not be disheartened if you do not hear back straight away. Follow up a few weeks after enquiring.
- Research the company to ensure you know a bit about their values and what underpins the business.



APPRENTICESHIP TALENT POOL

At Petroc, we have a team you can speak with to support you throughout your journey of finding an employment opportunity. There are regular drop-in appointments, which can be booked online to discuss your options. Advice can be provided on the following:

- Careers Skills (interview skills, application skills, CV writing skills)
- Skills scanning
- Apprenticeship job search and applications
- Apprenticeship FAQs

Upcoming dates for the Talent Pool, available between 3.00-6.00pm include:

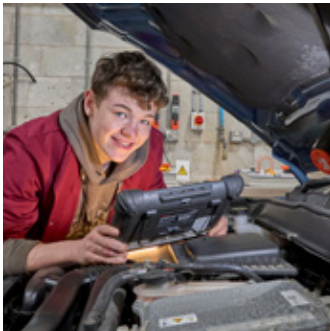
Thursday 6 February 2025

Thursday 3 April 2025

Thursday 6 March 2025

Thursday 1 May 2025

Please click [here](#) to book an appointment



BOOK A TOUR

If you require any further support or would like a tour or visit of the campus, please contact schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk and we can arrange a convenient time.

Best wishes,

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