

PETROC TASTER DAY INFORMATION

A-levels

The A-level Taster at Petroc will allow you to try a selection of subjects, grouped within curriculum areas. Choose up to two separate workshops from the following:

English and Film Modern Foreign Languages
Maths and Sciences Social Sciences

Animal Care & Management

The animal care taster will give you an insight into Animal Care and Management and explore career opportunities. You will have a taste of an animal lesson and an opportunity to look around our animal care centre.

Applied Science

If you love science, or you're thinking about a career that needs it, this taster will develop your knowledge and skills in all aspects of laboratory science.

Architecture and Surveying and construction management

The world of architecture, surveying and construction management is a progressive and exciting industry. During the day you will have a chance to try out surveying equipment and test out your design and construction skills in a group competition. During the session we will explain the many career paths within the industry and help you to gain an understanding of qualification routes and progression courses, both within Petroc and at university or the apprenticeship sector. By the end of the day, you will have a greater understanding of what goes into creating the built environment around you, and also how you can play a part in it in your future careers.

Art and Design

Workshops will be based around the end of year exhibition. You will be able to look at the finished work in the exhibition and also see sketch books and written comments of our students. It is the very best way of getting a real idea of the wide range of options which Art and Design students can specialise in such as Multi-Media, Fashion, Textiles, 3D Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, Fine Art, Photography and Ceramics etc. You will produce a piece of practical work in the studio.

Beauty, Nails and Spa Therapies

This Taster is for anyone who gains pleasure from working with the public to enhance their appearance and promote a sense of well-being. During your day with us, you will be given the opportunity to gain hands on experience, participating in a range of practical activities in our purpose-built Lifestyle Centre.

Business Enterprise and Administration

Do you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur, or just want to be a key player in business enterprise? This is your chance to find out and have a taste of the business world. You will get the chance to represent your school in the annual "Petroc Business Taster Challenge". Consider how to market and advertise your ideas and 'sell' it to the judging panel. There can only be ONE winning school, will it be yours?

Childcare

The session that you attend will give you a genuine taste of what it would be like to study one of our Children and Young People courses. There will be an element of both theory and practical learning to give you a real experience of what being at college is like. At the end of session we will discuss all of the Childcare courses that we offer and the progression pathways. We will expect you to fully participate in all sessions, whether practical or theory based. Please wear sensible clothes and shoes, if we are doing a potentially messy activity we will provide aprons to cover your clothes.

Computing and IT

Computing is at the heart of every successful enterprise. In this session you will have the chance to look at computer systems and build a website. At the end of the session you will have a good idea about how a computer works and a webpage that you could use on the internet. We will also explain the different courses we offer at Petroc and the sorts of careers which are available in Computing.

Construction

You will get a taster in five of the construction subject areas that Petroc offer; Carpentry and Joinery, Electrical Installation, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing and Brickwork. During these sessions you will have the opportunity to gain hands on experience following a demonstration. There will also be the chance to have a look at the workshops and assessment areas where you can view students' work.

Please wear old clothing you don't mind getting a bit dusty or dirty and suitable footwear such as old trainers or boots.

Please note this is a full day option which covers the am and pm sessions in order to try the full selection of trades.

Creative Media

Get to grips with the fundamentals of using a DSLR and Photoshop with a short introduction to both. We will be looking at composing images outside of the classroom and bringing them back into the Mac lab for some professional level editing. The session will also include templates and guides so you can start creating your own magazine using photos taken during the day! This taster is aimed at anyone that is interested in the creative side of media, including design, photography, and creative writing.

Engineering and Manufacturing

During the day you will have the opportunity to try a range of activities which include looking at how we test materials to make sure they will be strong enough for a specific application, tours of the Engineering workshops, seeing typical practical work produced by students and demonstrations of our CAD/CAM machines. Please wear old clothing you don't mind getting a bit dusty or dirty and suitable footwear.

Hairdressing and Barbering

This Taster is for anyone who feels they have an interest and passion to work in the Hairdressing or Barbering industry. You will find out about courses offered at Petroc that will prepare you for every aspect of your chosen career. You will learn about hair and take part in a practical workshop to assess your ability to work from instructions, as well as show your natural flair, creativity and dexterity in our purpose-built Lifestyle Centre.

Health and Social Care

During the session you will be introduced to practical skills which can be applied throughout the sector of health and social care. You will be expected to participate fully in the practical activities and provide feedback about the topics covered. Please ensure you wear sensible clothes and shoes. You will have an opportunity to hear about the different courses and will be able to speak to the health and social care team about how the courses on offer can help you work towards a career in a health or social care setting.

Hospitality and Catering

The hospitality and catering taster will give you an insight into a professional restaurant and kitchen by exploring our new state of the art kitchens. You will also have an opportunity to taste some delights and garnish your own plate!

Music and Music Technology

For the performers among you, we aim to provide you with a taste of everyday life on our courses. During the day you will be given the opportunity to form a key part of a band, either practicing for recording or even performing live to other bands!

If you're more technology minded, you will spend the day recording in either a studio or a live gig before sequencing the material on computers, making full use of the purpose-built recording and performing facilities at our Brannams Campus.

Please note this is a double option which will cover both the morning and afternoon at our Music Venue, The Factory on our Brannams campus and the classrooms and recording studios onsite.

Outdoor Adventure

Are you hard working, active and like working with others? Do you have a passion for outdoor activities? eg. Climbing, water sports, walking and mountain biking. Our Outdoor Adventure programme might be the one for you, so come and have a taste of our full time Outdoor Adventure Diploma. During the session you will get to find out more about our Outdoor Adventure course, the theory involved with studying for a full time Diploma, as well as the chance to taste one of the practical activities involved with the programme. Please wear comfortable kit which will be suitable for physical activity, you will need to wear (or bring) trainers and loose clothing.

Performing Arts

If you enjoy acting, singing or dancing this is the taster for you. You will have an opportunity to meet and work with Petroc Performing Arts students and find out what a typical day in the life of a performing arts student is really like! You will learn and perform extracts from productions they have performed this year.

Public Services

Do you want to study a course with lots of variety and challenge? Interested in joining the Uniformed Public Services? Police, Fire, Paramedic or Armed forces? You will be introduced to Public Services career options and sample what it would be like to do one of our courses in these active, rewarding and exciting industries. You will explore the kind of skills needed to gain entry into these careers as well as taking part in some of the exercises as a member of the team. Please wear comfortable kit which will be suitable for physical activity outside, you will need to wear trainers or bring them with you.

Sport, Fitness & Personal Training

Are you looking to have a career in the sport and fitness industry? Are you interested in pursuing any of the following roles: fitness instructor, sports coach, leisure assistant, activity leader, personal trainer, PE teacher, or sports therapist? During our taster session you will get a small taste of both the theory and practical elements of the courses that are available in this field. You will have the opportunity to enquire about the different type of sport and fitness courses we offer, while also learning about how they might link to employment possibilities in the Sport, Health & Fitness industry. Please wear or bring sports kit and trainers as you will be taking part in physical activity.

Travel and Tourism

Fancy a job as a club rep? Or how about seeing the world as air cabin crew? Study tourism and the world's at your feet! Come along to our Taster Day and learn more about our courses and the opportunities they open up. Activities include a taste of air cabin crew in our mock cabin.

Vehicle Bodywork Repair & Paint Refinishing

You will be based in our dedicated Paint Spray bodywork workshop facilities and shown our range of specialist tools and equipment. You will be able to carry out some welding, and have a go at paint spraying in our modern spray booth. Please wear old clothing you don't mind getting a bit dusty or dirty and suitable footwear.

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair

You will be based in our fully equipped vehicle repair workshop where you will be able to carry out some mechanical tasks on our cars. This will include tasks such as removing wheels and tyres, checking a vehicle for serviceability and dismantling vehicle components. Please wear old clothing you don't mind getting a bit dusty or dirty and suitable footwear.