

Petroc Apprentices and Functional Skills

All apprentices are expected to work towards a Level 2 in Functional Skills Maths and English, this is equivalent to a GCSE grade C or 4. Apprentices must undertake Functional Skills if they have not achieved GCSE grade 4 or C. We wish to encourage all employers to consider this important part of the apprenticeship when recruiting; and suggest setting this as an entry requirement.

Petroc has changed the delivery pattern of Maths and English for those apprentices that do not have the correct level of Maths and English to go through gateway and successfully complete their End Point Assessment (EPA) and Apprenticeship.

Petroc used to deliver Functional Skills in an 8:00-9:00 am slot on the day that the apprentice attended college, however this has proved difficult for apprentices to attend for a number of reasons. In addition, the success has not been where we wish it to be, we had to do something radical, we have needed to make changes that are better for the apprentice and will support greater understanding and learning of Maths and English leading to greater success for both apprentices and the college.

Functional Skills Maths and English sessions will therefore be delivered on a Friday, in three hour long slots in the morning and in the afternoon. The delivery will be in 10 week blocks and we expect apprentices that attend every week for the first term to achieve the required level of Functional Skill for their apprenticeship. We are using a successful delivery model including VESPA, coaching, and Petroc Pace to ensure that all apprentices have the opportunity to develop their study skills and are given the support that they require.

Petroc understands that having an apprentice attend potentially twice a week for the first term is a big ask, however we feel that this is the best solution to get the best results for your apprentice and your business.

Included in our new developments is the new Maths and English platform PACE. This is an online artificial intelligence platform that provides a personalised learner journey. Petroc Pace allows the apprentice to complete work at their own pace at a time that is suitable for them. This will support the teacher led delivery.

We understand that your business needs are always a priority and hope that you understand the reasons we have made these essential changes.

If you have any concerns that your apprentice cannot attend these planned lessons, please call 01271 852419.

SESSION TIMINGS:

Friday AM - Maths or English

Session 1: 9:00 - 10:00 Live stream teaching

Session 2: 10:00 - 11:00 Break out teaching for discussion, support, Q&A

Session 3: 11:00 - 12:00 Petroc PACE

Friday PM - Maths or English

Session 1: 13:30 - 14:30 Live stream teaching

Session 2: 14:30 - 15:30 Break out teaching for discussion, support, Q&A

Session 3: 15:35 - 16:35 Petroc PACE

In response to COVID 19 we will be delivering all Maths and English online for the first term.