

PETROC NEWS LETTER



Dear Year 11 Student

We are Heather and Sam from Petroc's School Liaison team. We are looking forward to coming to Bideford College and meeting you this autumn term at your school Year 11 assembly in December. Your school has also organised a careers fair on the 17 February that we'll be at, and of course at our open events.

Life after Year 11 is very exciting with different courses to study, new friends to meet and amazing opportunities to discover, but we also recognise that it may be a bit daunting deciding which course to pick; you may be worried about applying for a course, or what happens if you apply for something and then change your mind. Please don't worry! We are here to provide you with all the help, information and support with your Petroc choices to make life after Year 11 as easy and as stress-free as possible.



APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 ARE OPEN -
HAVE YOU APPLIED TO PETROC YET?

If you have, that's great! Petroc will be in touch soon to arrange an interview where you can ask any questions you need to about your chosen course. You will also be sent details of the myPetroc app where you can monitor the progress of your application, upload your exam results, and receive information such as transition events and documentation required for your bus pass and bursary applications.

STILL NOT FOUND A COURSE TO APPLY FOR?

If you have not made an application yet, don't worry - there is still plenty of time and we are here to help you with plenty of tips and resources available:

TIP 1: Look at our prospectus and website to discover all the courses you can apply for petroc.ac.uk

TIP 2: Look at the **taster videos** in the courses you are interested in to gain more information.

TIP 3: Still undecided? Then please ask your school's careers lead/tutor to arrange for us to come into your school for a friendly chat to help you choose and apply for the right course - or email us at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk. Sometimes it's easier to sit with somebody and discuss the different options available and we are more than happy to come into school to help you with this.

TIP 4: Don't put off applying if you are currently deciding between different courses, as you can apply for several courses and finalise your choices later on in the year. If you change your mind and would like to apply for another course, or if you have any other queries, please contact us or the friendly Registry Team on 01271 852443 or at registryteamndc@petroc.ac.uk.

TIP 5: Attend our next **open event** taking place on Saturday 20 November to look around Petroc, sample up to four different subjects/courses and meet the course lecturers.



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**NORTH DEVON
OPEN EVENT**
SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER

What do you want to discover?
SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER
NORTH DEVON & BRANNAMS CAMPUSES
11am-2pm

REGISTER TODAY! petroc.ac.uk/open-events

GUIDE FOR APPLYING ON THE WEBSITE:

1. Go to **petroc.ac.uk**
2. At the top of the page, select "Courses" and then "School Leavers"

3. Choose between the different types of courses available, ie A-levels, Vocational or Apprenticeships and then select the courses within the areas that interest you.

4. Bring up the course information and then click "Apply". This will put the course in your basket and when you have finished choosing your courses, click on your basket and then "Apply Now".

This will bring you to your checkout where you will need to click on "Continue with application" and fill in your information.

Please provide a personal email address rather than your school email and as we are aware that many of you will not know your predicted grades, please put TBC (To Be Confirmed) in the grade boxes and then upload your GCSE results to us in the summer.

5. After you have submitted your application, you will receive an email from Petroc confirming your application and information with regards to interview dates within 28 days, so please remember to check your emails regularly!

6. If you would like help with this or would like to discuss your options at school then please email us at **school liaison@petroc.ac.uk** and we will arrange a time to come and help you.



STUDENT LIFE AT PETROC



Students choose Petroc to continue studying so that they can gain qualifications to progress onto their chosen careers, but student life is not just about endless studying. It is a time of fun, new experiences and exciting opportunities to get involved in to help develop yourself as a person. Here are just some of the activities that our students have been involved with this term:

WELCOME WEEK - A chance to chat to staff and see all the different clubs and societies that are on offer, from Sports Academies to debating clubs or even the chance to run our own radio station! We can guarantee there is something for everyone to discover at Petroc.



Graduation - Our degree-level learners had their graduation ceremony this term to celebrate their higher education success with Petroc, including a procession through the town!



FINAL THOUGHTS

We hope this newsletter has been helpful to you. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to help.

Best wishes

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