

PETROC NEWS LETTER

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HELLO!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are enjoying the sunny days of Spring! As exam season approaches and many students are preparing for their next steps, it's an important time to stay organised and get ready for the exciting chapter ahead.

If you haven't applied yet, don't worry! There's still time! Life after Year 11 is an exciting concept, but we understand that it can feel overwhelming at times. There are many options available to you, and at this time, it is okay to apply for more than one course if you are undecided. You still have time to change your mind. Our team is here to support you during this process and if you have any queries, just ask!



SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR APPLYING

Tip 1

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

Tip 2

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. 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 3

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 at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk or the friendly Admissions and Enrolments Team on 01271 852443 or at admissionsandenrolments@petroc.ac.uk.

Tip 4

If you didn't make it to any of our open events this year and would like to see our campus, we can book a tour at a convenient time for you. Please contact us at schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk.



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COURSE TYPES?

A LEVELS

A Levels adopt an academic style of learning, in which you study 3 subjects in depth over two years, much like your GCSEs. They are typically assessed by exams and can be a good choice if you know the route you would like to take, but also if you are undecided on your career path, as it leaves your options open.

VOCATIONAL & T LEVELS

These learning styles offer a more practical, hands-on approach and provide you with the skills needed to go out into employment. They are typically assessed through coursework and include work experiences and placements throughout your two years of study.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a work based learning style, which allows you to earn whilst you learn. 80% of time will be spent learning with an employer and 20% will be spent in college completing the theoretical side of an apprenticeship. If you do enjoy the more practical learning style, this could be for you.

WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

SPORTS

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

CREATIVE MEDIA

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

ENGINEERING

ARCHITECTURE

DIGITAL PRODUCTION

ANIMAL CARE

CARPENTRY & JOINERY

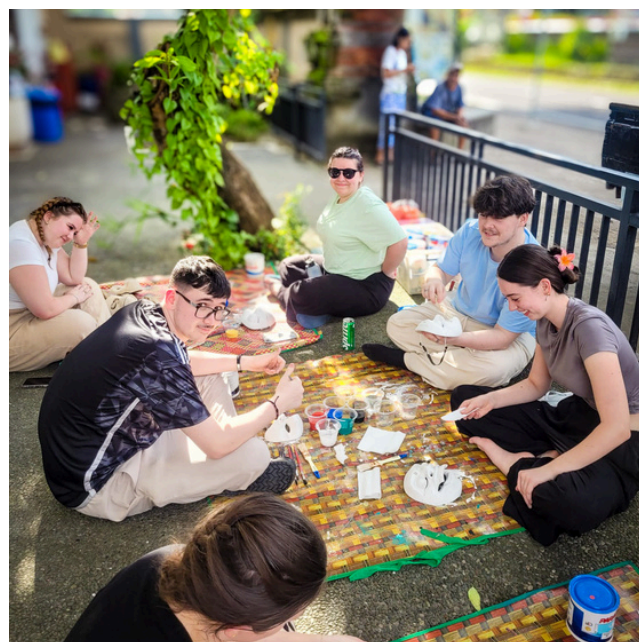
BUSINESS

For a full list of courses, please visit our website at www.petroc.ac.uk

WHAT'S ON AT PETROC?

Our Health & Social Care students recently took a trip to Bali as part of our Petroc Go, working with a voluntary organisation. From visiting organisations that support disability equality, to engaging in cultural experiences such as bamboo weaving, the students gained a lot from their time away.

Not only that, our Outdoor Adventure, Public Services and Sports students had the opportunity to gain some work experience in a winter sports resort in Avoriaz, France. They all had a great time and gained a lot from their global experiences, meeting new people, absorbing the culture, and developing new skills.



TOURS/VISITS

If you have any further questions or are still unsure about your options after school, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. If you would like a tour or visit our campus, please get in touch with us via email at **schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk** and we can arrange a date and time that works best for you.

Best wishes,

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