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WELCOME TO PETROC

As you begin to make important decisions about your future, I'd like to welcome you to Petroc - a place where ambition is nurtured, potential is realised, and opportunities are transformed into success.

Whether you're considering A Levels, T Levels, vocational programmes, or apprenticeships, we offer a diverse and high-quality range of courses at all levels, designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in a competitive and ever-changing world. At Petroc, our focus is on employability - everything we do is about preparing you for a successful career, whether that means progressing to university, securing a great apprenticeship, or stepping straight into the world of work.

We work closely with local and national employers to ensure that what you learn is not only relevant but in demand, and thanks to the continued investment in our campuses, you'll have access to state-of-the-art facilities, industry-standard equipment and inspiring learning environments where students can truly flourish. You'll be supported by expert staff and a caring community that is committed to helping you reach your highest potential.

But Petroc is more than a place to study - it's a place to grow. Our enrichment programme offers a wide range of exciting opportunities, all designed to build your confidence, independence, and life skills. Our Boost and Aim Higher programmes provide tailored support to help you raise your aspirations - whether that means achieving higher grades, aiming for top universities, or securing those top jobs!

As you explore this prospectus, I encourage you to think big, stay curious, and choose the path that excites you. Visit us, ask questions, and find out how Petroc can help you take the next step with purpose and passion.

We look forward to welcoming you to Petroc and supporting you every step of the way on your journey.



Kurt Hintz
Interim Principal



WHY STUDY AT PETROC?

Your future starts here! At Petroc, you'll gain the skills, experience, and confidence to lead you towards a rewarding career. With expert lecturers, excellent facilities, and hands-on work experience, we'll help you stand out from the crowd whilst enriching and building your skill set. Plus, you'll have the chance to explore your passions, make lifelong friends, and create unforgettable memories.

No matter what course you choose, we're here to support you every step of the way - helping you achieve your goals and shape a bright future, fulfilling your aspirations.

OUTSTANDING RESULTS



At Petroc, our students don't just achieve great results - they grow, thrive, and shape exciting futures. Whether heading to university, securing apprenticeships, starting careers, or continuing their studies, our students leave empowered, confident, and ready to take on the world.

Every success story is unique, and we celebrate them all. From top grades to personal triumphs, our students develop the skills, resilience, and ambition to go further. With expert support, inspiring opportunities, and a dynamic learning environment, Petroc is where potential turns into achievement - and where futures are built.



"I enjoy talking to my friends about class topics, and I enjoy the variety of lessons. The teachers are also great at helping with any questions or problems you have."

Evie, A Level English Language, Sociology, Psychology





SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Our students' safety, wellbeing, and success will always be our priority at Petroc. We're committed to creating a supportive, inclusive, and accessible environment where every student feels valued, empowered and a valued member of the Petroc community.

From safeguarding and wellbeing services to additional learning support, we're here to help you overcome challenges and thrive. Need careers advice, financial support, childcare options, or accessibility assistance? We've got everything to help you to succeed, both academically and personally to support you on your journey.

Find out more about support offered on **page 120**.

"Petroc has great facilities and staff for everything you may encounter through studying, and everyone is willing to help and be supportive - it's a really nice feeling."

Eden, Barbering Level 2



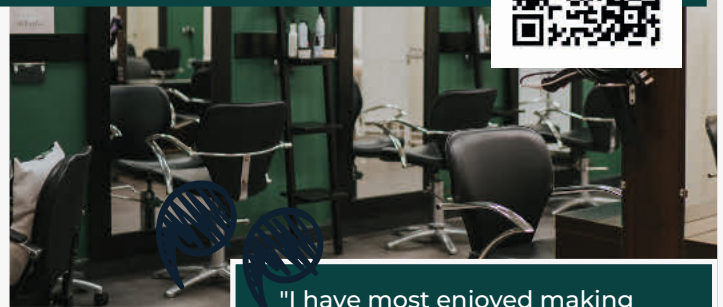
EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES

We offer our students the unique opportunity to train in true-to-life, professional and industry-relevant environments designed to prepare them for the real world.

Our outstanding facilities include commercial hair and beauty salons, the Taw Restaurant, and spacious trade workshops for motor vehicle, engineering, plumbing, bricklaying, electrical, and carpentry. Our fully equipped Art Barns, science labs, music and performing arts venues all provide hands-on experience with specialist equipment, whilst our Sports students study within the exceptional facilities at the Tarka Leisure Centre.

We're also excited to introduce our brand-new Animal Centre, opened in September 2024, home to an amazing variety of animals - from geckos and goats to tree frogs and tortoises.

See for yourself! Come and visit the campus during one of our open events.



"I have most enjoyed making new friends, the supportive and friendly lecturers and learning whilst working and having outside world experience."

Brooke, Business Administrator Apprenticeship Level 3

DIGITAL EXPERTISE

FUTURE-READY SKILLS

At Petroc, we embrace the latest in digital innovation, ensuring you develop the skills employers are looking for - both now and in the future. From mastering industry-standard tools to exploring the power of AI, you'll gain the communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking skills needed to thrive in a tech-driven world.

Our refurbished computer rooms provide state-of-the-art learning spaces, giving you access to cutting-edge technology. Our digital learning experiences include Extended Reality (AR, VR, MR, and XR) to enhance your studies. Whether it's refining interview skills with our Virtual Job Interview Simulator, unleashing creativity with Open Brush, or stepping into history with a VR tour of Anne Frank's house, our Digital Learning Team is here to support you every step of the way.



AIM HIGHER ACADEMY

New for 2025

The Aim Higher Academy is an exclusive programme for high-achieving students (**GCSE average grade 6 or above**), aiming for academic and career excellence. In partnership with the University of Exeter, the academy offers access to university resources, industry connections, and career-focused work experience. With state-of-the-art facilities and personalised learning plans, this programme sets you on a clear path to university and career success.

"I love being at college - I'm in a good group where I feel really supported and I'm looking forward to moving on to my Level 3."

Aaliyah, Hairdressing Apprenticeship Level 2



EMPLOYABILITY

Ultimately, your goal when embarking on a college course will be to gain the experience required to move into a sustainable and rewarding career. Even if you don't yet know what you want to do for your career, we can set you on the right track! All of our students are required to take part in Work Experience to build up employability skills.

At Petroc, we work closely with a wide variety of organisations to offer placements that will offer valuable insight into employment, give you relevant knowledge and life skills, and help you stand out from the crowd.

New perspectives gained during your placements will help you put your classroom-based learning into practice, understand what it's really like to work in your chosen field and how to interact with colleagues and customers - whether that's in an office, workshop, laboratory or theatre.



Find out more



ENRICHMENT



ENRICH YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

College is about more than gaining qualifications - it's about discovering who you are and what you love! At Petroc, we offer an exciting range of enrichment activities to help you develop new skills, meet like-minded people, and make unforgettable memories.

Whether you want to join a club, play sports, take on leadership roles, volunteer in the community, or try something completely new, there's something for everyone. It's your chance to challenge yourself, build confidence, and have fun while shaping your future.

Find out more about our vibrant college life, academies, and enrichment opportunities on page 118!

"I enjoyed doing badminton with my friends as it was a good stress reliever and a really fun time with no pressure."

Caleb, A Level English Language, English Literature and Psychology

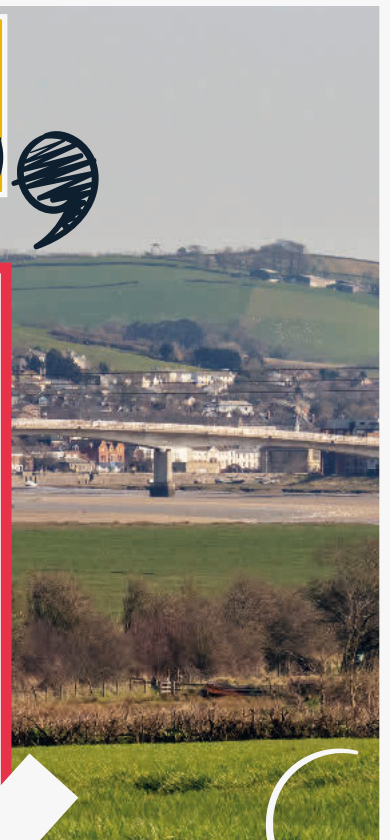
LOCAL BENEFITS

Managing your studies with other commitments can be a real juggling act.

You might have a part-time job, be involved in a sports club, or have caring responsibilities. Whatever your commitments, studying close to home will give you the flexibility to manage your other responsibilities without the added extra stress and cost of travel.

You won't have to miss a match because of a cancelled train; you'll be able to complete your coursework instead of commuting; and you can hit the beach as soon as your day is over. Plus, you'll be in a familiar, supportive community full of exciting enrichment programmes to enhance your college experience.

It's the perfect blend of convenience, great education, and fantastic support for your journey ahead.



"I chose Petroc as it offered the course I wanted to do in order to achieve my career goals, and it was in a convenient location for travel."

Hermione, Health and Social Care Level 2

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE
petroc.ac.uk

QUALIFICATION OPTIONS

Choosing the right qualification is an important step towards your future, and at Petroc, we're here to help you find the best route to match your aspirations and learning style.

Explore the different qualification options below to see which pathway suits you best. Our experienced Advice & Guidance Team are always available to offer support if you need guidance.

A Levels

A Levels are an excellent choice if you prefer a more academic style of learning. Typically studied over two years, most A Levels are assessed through exams, with some including coursework elements.

Choosing A Levels allows you to focus on specific subjects you're passionate about and explore new areas not available at GCSE. They provide a strong foundation for university and require independent study, preparing you for higher education.

At Petroc, students usually take three A Levels, with the option to study a fourth in exceptional circumstances. Alongside classroom learning, you'll have the opportunity to join specialist academies like **VETMED, Law, or STEM**, enhancing your knowledge and career prospects. All students take part in work experience and work-related learning to support your progression and employability skills along with Petroc Boost - a 12 week enrichment programme - designed to enhance your learning experience and features choices such as Astronomy, Creative Media, Criminology and French - please see page 118 for further details.

Explore our A Level courses on [page 16](#).

Aim Higher Academy - New for 2025

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Find out more here and on [page 17](#).

If you don't quite meet the GCSE entry requirements for A Levels, our **Step Up to A Levels (SUTA) programme** can help prepare you for Level 3 study. Find out more here and on [page 16](#).



Vocational courses

Vocational courses combine **practical learning** with classroom-based teaching and will equip you with practical skills and hands-on experience, to prepare you for real-world jobs by making you highly employable.

These courses provide **valuable work placements and work experience**, helping you develop essential workplace and employability skills that employers look for. By choosing a vocational path, you will gain vocational qualifications assessed through a **mix of assignments, coursework, and exams** to give you a strong foundation for career success, allowing you to progress into further study, university, apprenticeships, or even go straight into employment.

These courses include work experience or industry placements. Available at **Levels 1, 2, and 3**, each stage provides a clear progression route:

- **Level 1:** A broad introduction to a subject area (one year).
- **Level 2:** A more focused study of a subject (one year).
- **Level 3:** In-depth knowledge in a specific field, including T Levels (typically two years). Equivalent to three A Levels, you will receive a qualification after year 1 and then the full qualification after year 2.

Most businesses request Level 3 qualifications when looking for new employees, so we will encourage you to progress in your chosen subject, achieving a Level 3 qualification as a minimum where appropriate.

Explore our vocational courses on [page 38](#).

Find out more





T Levels

If you're passionate about a specific career and ready to take your skills to the next level, a T Level could be the perfect choice for you. T Levels are two-year qualifications that give you **hands-on experience** in your chosen industry while you study. Designed in collaboration with employers, they equip you with the **skills and knowledge that businesses are looking for** - meaning you'll be ready to step into the world of work and make an impact.

T Levels blend classroom learning with practical experience. You'll spend around **80% of your time learning at college and the other 20% working directly with an industry partner** through an industry placement of at least 315 hours (the equivalent of around 45 days). This provides a really valuable experience of your chosen industry area, equipping you with relevant and up-to-date skills in preparation for your next steps - whether that is direct employment, an apprenticeship, or further study at university.

These qualifications are developed with input from employers to teach you all the skills that meet the needs of today's job market. A T Level is also **equivalent to three A Levels**, giving you a well-rounded qualification that helps you move smoothly into the workforce or continue your education.

Check out our T Level courses from **page 38** and start planning your future today!

Apprenticeships

If you're ready to start working and earning while learning, an apprenticeship could be the perfect route for you. Apprenticeships combine **on-the-job training** with **off-the-job learning**, meaning you gain practical experience while studying towards a recognised qualification.

As an apprentice, you'll spend **80% of your time working** with an employer and **20% in training**, so you still benefit from a college learning experience. Assessment methods include **work observations, tests, and portfolio-based evidence** collected throughout the programme.

Most apprenticeships last around **18 months**, and after completion, you can progress to **higher or degree-level apprenticeships** to further develop your skills and qualifications.

Explore our apprenticeship opportunities from **page 38**.

Foundation Apprenticeships

A Fast Track to Your Future

New and available from August 2025

We're excited to launch Foundation Apprenticeships - an all-new route designed to get you career-ready, fast. Whether you're leaving school at 16 or still figuring out your next steps, this is your chance to build real skills and get stuck into real work, right from the start.

A Level 2 programme that blends paid work experience with hands-on training in key industries, you'll gain practical skills, develop workplace confidence and earn while you learn - all in as little as 8 months.

What you'll get:

- A real job from day one
- Training focused on job-specific knowledge and skills
- A strong stepping stone to further training or full-time work
- Support to build the confidence and behaviours employers want

Sectors available from August 2025:

- Construction & Built Environment - Building Services, Onsite & Finishing Trades
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Social Care
- Digital - Infrastructure, Software & Data

Foundation Apprenticeships are perfect if you want to get working, get qualified and get ahead.

Start shaping your future - the smart way.

Things to consider when choosing a course:

- What style of learning do you prefer (practical, classroom-based, or a mix)?
- What subjects do you enjoy and do well at?
- What career are you aiming for, and what qualifications are needed to get there?

We're here to help you make the best decision for your future. Explore your options, speak to our team, and take your next step with confidence at Petroc!

WHICH LEVEL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

UNDERSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At Petroc, we're here to help you take the next exciting step after Year 11. Whatever your starting point, Petroc has a pathway to help you grow, build confidence, and progress through qualification levels. Our courses are designed to give you the skills, knowledge, and experience that employers and universities are looking for at a pace which suits you.

Understanding what level or qualification is suitable for you can sometimes feel confusing, so we've created a quick-glance guide to the different levels available - and their related entry requirements.

Find out more



Entry Level:

Entry Level courses help you take the first step towards work or a Level 1 course. They include personalised goals to support your progress to help you move forward and you will continue to study English and Maths.

Entry requirements: No formal qualifications but you will have a one-to-one interview to discuss your learning needs.

Types of course: Progressive Skills, Foundation Year, ESOL, Supported Internship.

Progression: You can move onto a Level 1 study programme, onto the Preparation for Independent Living & Work study programme, or a Supported Introductory programme.

Level 1:

Level 1 courses give you the chance to learn new, hands-on skills in many industries, to get started and build practical knowledge that can lead straight into a job or further training. We focus heavily on developing your employability, independence and confidence to allow you to thrive in your chosen industry.

Entry requirements: Predominantly GCSEs at Grade 2 or equivalent, preferably including Maths and English Language. Please check our website for further information.

Types of course: BTEC Level 1 Diploma, Certificate, Project Search, Functional Skills.

Progression: You can progress onto Level 2 courses such as vocational qualifications, Functional Skills, apprenticeships, or employment.



Level 2:

Level 2 qualifications will start to provide further focus on a subject that can support the transition to a Level 3 qualification, apprenticeship and employment.

Entry Requirements: Predominantly GCSEs at Grade 3 or equivalent, preferably including Maths and English Language. Please check our website for further information.

Types of course: Level 2 BTEC, Diploma, GCSE, Apprenticeship, Academic Progression, SUTA.

Progression: You can move onto a full time Level 3 vocational course, such as a BTEC, Diploma or T Level, an apprenticeship or employment. From SUTA and Academic Progression you can progress onto any Level 3 qualification.

Level 3:

Level 3 courses will set you on a path to university, higher apprenticeships or skilled employment.

Entry Requirements: Predominantly GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent, including Maths and English Language. Please check our website for further information.

Types of course: A Levels, T Levels, BTECs, vocational qualifications, advanced apprenticeships, and Access to Higher Education Diplomas.

Progression: You can progress onto university, an apprenticeship or onto employment.

LEVELS 4-6 are university-level qualifications:

Level 4:

Foundation degree (Year 1), honours degree (Year 1), higher apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship, HNC, HND, professional qualifications.

Level 5:

Foundation degree (Year 2), honours degree (Year 2), higher apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship, professional qualifications.

Level 6:

Honours degree (Final Year), degree apprenticeship.



Petroc provides a wide variety of degree-level programmes in subject areas ranging from education, engineering, health, animal conservation, creative media and health & social care. Find out more here.



Please remember that the entry requirements detailed above are a guide. During the application process, we will ask you about your predicted grades and these will be used to offer you the most appropriate level course. If you then achieve a higher or lower grade, we may adjust the level of your course accordingly to help you attain your best result. If you do not achieve a GCSE grade 4 in Maths and/or English Language, you will continue studying these subjects alongside your chosen entry level, Level 1 or Level 2 courses.

Some courses require specific or additional grades so please see the individual course details for more information. As always, further information and help can be found on our website, or you can contact our dedicated Advice & Guidance Team.

GCSE GRADING

New Grading Structure

Old Grading Structure

9	A*	6	B	3	D	U	U
8		5		2	E		
7	A	4	C	1	F		
					G		

Standard Pass



Upcoming
Open Events!

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME AT PETROC

A LEVELS, T LEVELS AND VOCATIONAL COURSES

To succeed in your future career, it's not just about getting the right qualifications - you'll also need to be confident with digital skills, build a solid understanding of Maths and English, gain real-world experience with employers, and develop the personal and study skills that help you grow in confidence and character.

That's why every student on our A Level, T Level and vocational courses receives their own structured Study Programme designed to support development, help build the skills employers and universities value, and prepare you for the next step - whether that's further study, an apprenticeship or jumping straight into a job you love.

YOUR ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION/S

MATHS AND ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT (if you have not achieved GCSE grade 4)

WORK EXPERIENCE & INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

TUTOR SUPPORT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABILITY

ENRICHMENT



"The teachers were really good - they got me the grades I needed and were really approachable and helpful."

Eleanor



SUPPORT

POTENTIAL

DEVELOPMENT



YOUR TIMETABLE

Below are some examples of timetables for A Level and vocational courses.

These are just a guide but show the likely mix of lesson time, enrichment time and independent study time that will make up your week. You will also have plenty of opportunities for breaks when you can relax with friends in one of our many social spaces!

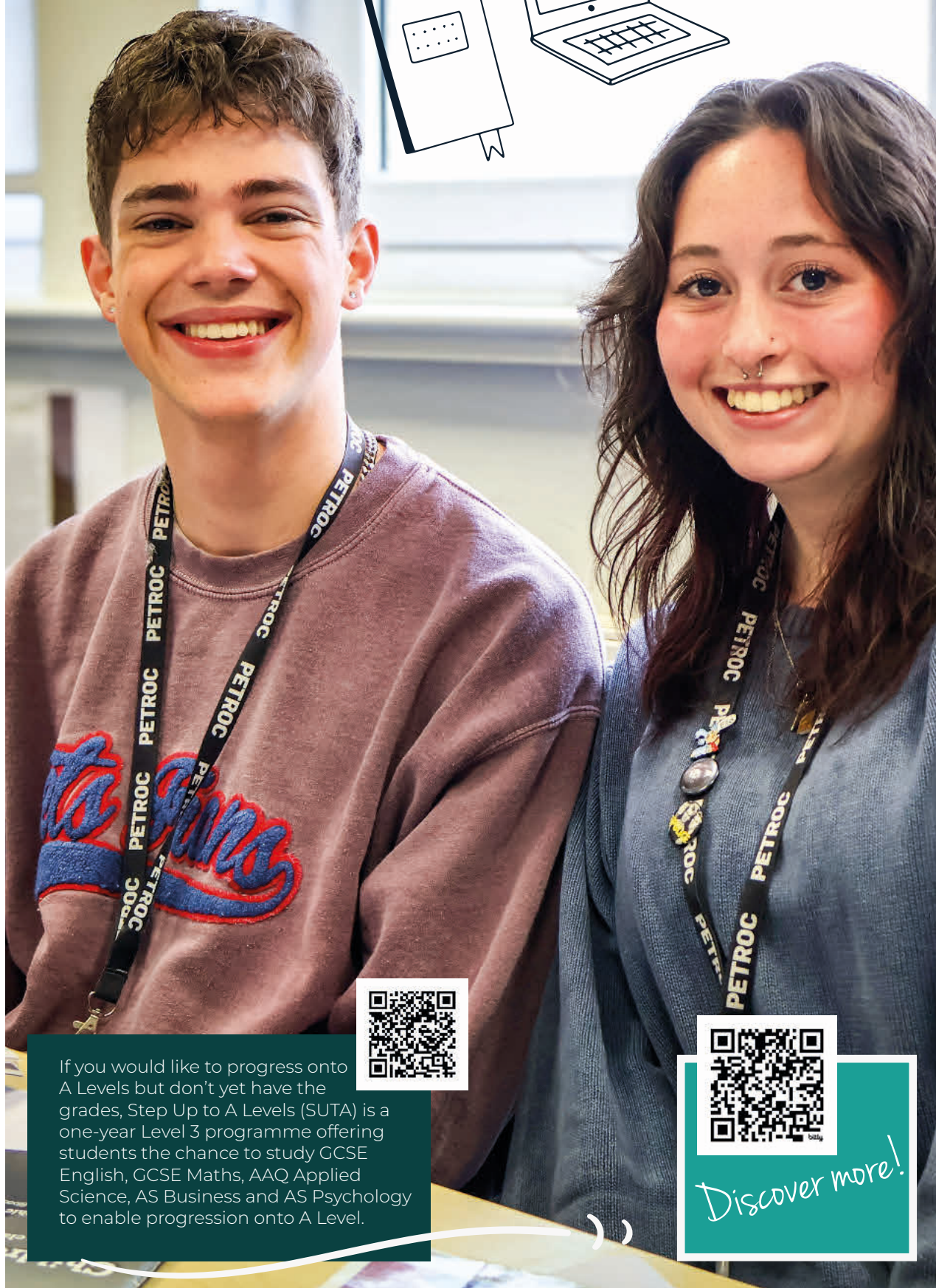
Example A Level Timetable					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:55 - 10:25	Work Experience Full Day	Subject 1 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs
10:30 - 12:00		Subject 2 1.5hrs	Subject 2 1.5hrs	Subject 1 1.5hrs	Subject 3 1.5hrs
12:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30		Tutorial 1hr	Subject 1 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study 1hr	Petroc Boost 1hr
13:00		Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs		Subject 3 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs
13:30 - 15:00		Subject 3 1.5hrs	Recommended Independent Study or Sport / Enrichment 2.5hrs		
15:05 - 16:35				Recommended Independent Study 1.5hrs	Subject 2 1.5hrs

"I enjoy having breaks in between lessons, this is really useful and I can utilise my time to study and revisit topics I am unsure of."

Elouise, A Level English Language, Business and Psychology

Example Vocational Timetable					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-10:00	Directed Study	Work placement	Lesson	Directed Study	Lesson
10:00-11:00	Lesson		Directed Study	Digital Learning	Lesson
11:00-12:00	Lesson		Lesson	Lesson	Directed Study
12:00-13:00	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	Lesson
13:00-14:00	Digital Learning		Lesson	Tutorial	LUNCH
14:00-15:00	Lesson		Sport / Enrichment / Academy	Lesson	Lesson
15:00-16:00	Directed Study		Sport / Enrichment / Academy	Directed Study	Directed Study

A LEVELS



If you would like to progress onto A Levels but don't yet have the grades, Step Up to A Levels (SUTA) is a one-year Level 3 programme offering students the chance to study GCSE English, GCSE Maths, AAQ Applied Science, AS Business and AS Psychology to enable progression onto A Level.



Discover more!

WHAT ARE A LEVELS?

A Levels are a fantastic next step if you've enjoyed certain subjects at GCSE and want to continue exploring them in more detail, especially if you're considering university in the future. Petroc offers a wide range of subjects including some which you may not have had the opportunity to study before, such as Law, Psychology, Economics and Environmental Science. There is also the opportunity to study A Level French, German and Spanish online.

A Levels are highly respected qualifications that open doors to many university courses, apprenticeships, and career paths. Even if you're still exploring your future options, choosing A Levels keeps those pathways open.

Studying A Levels at Petroc offers a more academic style of learning, perfect if you enjoy classroom-based study and want to develop strong research, critical thinking, and independent learning skills. These are the qualities that top universities and employers are looking for.

If you're curious, ambitious, and eager to push your potential, A Levels could be the right fit for you.

TAKE YOUR A LEVELS FURTHER

At Petroc, your A Level experience is about more than just great teaching and top results - you will have opportunities to enrich and broaden your subject learning through mentoring, field trips, overseas travel, and all A Level students will be expected to engage in work experience and work-related learning activities through our Boost Programme to support career progression. Boost programmes include Anthropology, Astronomy, Business, Creative Media, Criminology, Italian, Law, Politics, Medic Academy and Sustainability - all tailored to help you explore your subject in greater depth, build new skills, and gain valuable insight into university life and the world of work.

You can also choose to take on an **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** alongside your A Levels. This is your chance to research a topic you're passionate about, develop your writing and project management skills, and create something that truly showcases your independence - all of which look fantastic on university applications and CVs.

With our academic enrichment options and sports academies, you'll be empowered to stretch yourself, think bigger, and shape a future that's uniquely yours.

AIM HIGHER ACADEMY

For ambitious students aiming for top universities and career success.

Our exclusive Aim Higher Academy is designed for high-achieving students (GCSE average grade 6 or above) who are ready to push themselves academically and gain real-world industry experience - all in partnership with the University of Exeter.

Key Features:

- **University of Exeter Partnership** - Access to university resources, guest lectures, and academic workshops.
- **Industry Engagement** - Network with leading employers and explore potential career pathways.
- **Work Experience** - Gain hands-on experience through career-focused placements.
- **Personalised Support** - Benefit from tailored learning plans and one-on-one guidance from expert tutors and advisors.

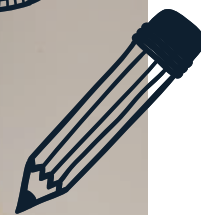
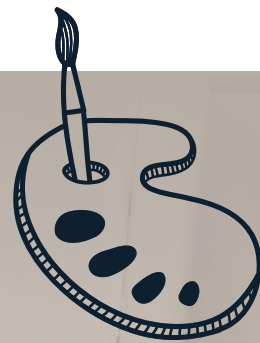


CHOOSING YOUR A LEVELS

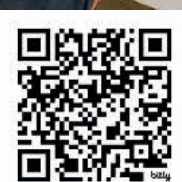
Most students choose **three A Levels** or a mix of two A Levels and a vocational option such as BTEC Sport, AAQ in Construction & the Built Environment, or AAQ Health and Social Care. In some cases, high-achieving students may be able to study **four A Levels**. Choosing the right subjects is a big step towards shaping your future, so take time to explore your options and think ahead. Here are some key things to consider:

- **Follow your interests:** Consider which subjects you enjoy and do well in at school. If you're passionate about a subject or already achieving strong grades, you're more likely to succeed and stay motivated.
- **Discover something new:** Don't be afraid to explore subjects you haven't studied before. Use this prospectus and our website to learn more about what each course involves.
- **Check entry requirements:** If you already have a career or university course in mind, check if specific subjects or grades are required for entry. Our Advice & Guidance Team can help you understand what's needed.
- **Stay flexible:** Not sure what you want to do yet? That's okay! Pick a balanced combination that keeps your options open for university or work later on.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



FIND OUT MORE ONLINE
petroc.ac.uk





"I love the freedom given for the coursework and taking advantage of the resources available."

Delilah, A Level Art, Craft & Design



TURN YOUR CREATIVITY INTO A CAREER

Do you love being creative? Are you dreaming of a job where no two days are the same? Studying an A Level course in Creative Industries is your first step into one of the UK's fastest-growing and most exciting sectors - worth over £100 billion a year and bursting with opportunity.

Choose **Art, Craft & Design A Level** to explore a wide range of artistic styles and techniques. You'll experiment, express yourself, and develop your own creative voice through your preferred artistic specialism, which may be traditional art processes or more design-based activities such as fashion, textiles, millinery, footwear, jewellery, product design, furniture, architecture, graphic design, film and photography.

Or go for **Media A Level**, where you'll get hands-on experience with the world of TV, film, music, gaming, advertising, and social media. You'll dive into how media works - and how it shapes the world around us.

With expert tutors, inspiring spaces, and industry-focused projects, you'll grow in skill, confidence, and ambition. Whether you're heading to university or straight into work, this course gives you the foundation to build a creative future.



In early 2025, the UK government announced a **£60 million** funding boost to support creative and cultural organisations across the UK!¹



The average salary for an Advertising Manager is **£36,880**²



Your Future Could Look Like:

- Graphic Designer
- Fashion or Jewellery Designer
- Architect
- Illustrator
- Interior Designer
- Media Producer

¹ Gov.uk

² Glassdoor



ART, CRAFT & DESIGN A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

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Into fashion, photography, architecture or fine art? This A Level gives you the freedom to create work that's totally you. From sketching to sculpture, you'll get hands-on with 2D and 3D materials, developing your own unique style while experimenting across different creative disciplines.

You'll explore artists, test out new techniques, and build a personal project that shows off what you can do. There are two parts to the course:

Component 1: Personal Investigation

- Discover artists and art movements
- Try out loads of techniques and materials
- Build a project around your own interests
- Finish with a final piece and a short write-up

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

- Pick a brief that excites you
- Research, experiment, and refine your ideas
- Create an impressive final piece

Plus, you'll also get the chance to visit galleries and exhibitions to get inspired - something past students have always loved!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course will give you the knowledge that can be applied to any creative career.

MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB028

Obsessed with film, music, or social media? A Level Media Studies lets you dive into the world behind the screen - analysing how media shapes the way we think, while learning how to create your own content too.

You'll develop real creative and practical skills while exploring how media products are made, marketed and consumed.

You'll study:

- Film Industry - From blockbusters to indie hits, discover how movies are produced and promoted
- Advertising & Marketing - Learn the tricks that brands use to grab your attention
- Music Videos - Explore how they're made, who they target, and even create your own
- Newspapers & Radio - Dig into how traditional media is evolving in the digital age
- Media Language, Representation & Audiences - Decode the messages behind the media and explore how different groups are portrayed

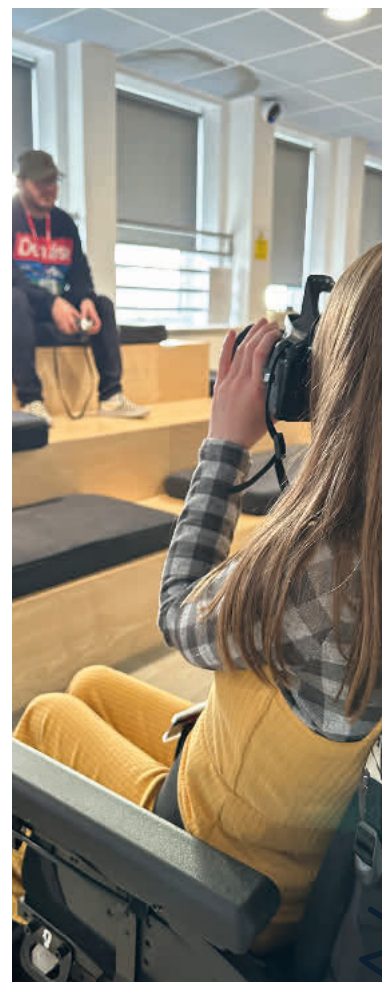
You'll also boost your research, analysis and problem-solving skills - all while flexing your creativity.

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PROGRESSION

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LANGUAGES & COMMUNICATION



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"All three of my lecturers were incredible, they have close relationships with their students. All of them are amazing at teaching, you can tell they're passionate about their topics."

Charlotte, A Level Psychology, English Language & Biology



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

If you're passionate about stories, enjoy writing, or love a good debate - these A Levels are for you. Whether you dream of being a journalist, author, teacher or content creator, studying Language and Literature at Petroc will sharpen your skills and open the door to exciting futures.

Choose **English Literature** to immerse yourself into powerful texts, explore themes, characters and context, and develop the kind of critical thinking universities and employers love. Or take **English Language** to discover how language evolves and how it shapes the world we live in - perfect for those thinking about careers in teaching, publishing, or media.

Fancy a creative, hands-on course?



The Publishing sector contributes approximately **£11 billion** to the UK economy and supports around 84,000 jobs.¹



The average salary for a Copy Writer is: **£29,339**²

¹ Public First

² indeed.com



Where Could It Take You?

- Publisher
- Journalist
- EFL Teacher
- Foreign Correspondent
- Translator
- Secondary School Teacher



ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB012

Ever wondered how babies learn to talk, why accents matter, or whether men and women really speak differently? On this course, you'll explore the fascinating world of language - how it shapes our identity, influences society, and evolves over time.

You'll analyse a wide range of texts, from social media posts to speeches, and uncover the hidden techniques writers and speakers use to engage their audience. Topics include language and gender, accents and dialects, child language acquisition, and the history of English. You'll also get creative, producing your own original writing and conducting an independent language investigation on a topic that interests you.

English Language complements subjects like literature, psychology, sociology, law, and media, boosting your skills in analysis, communication, and critical thinking - essential for university and careers in journalism, education, marketing, and beyond. If you love exploring how language works in the real world, this is the course for you!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB013

Love literature? This is the course for you! If you're passionate about reading and want to dive deeper into classic and modern texts, A Level English Literature is the perfect choice. You'll explore powerful stories, poetry, and plays, sharpening your analytical skills and discovering new ways to interpret literature.

Throughout the course, you'll study a mix of iconic works, including *The Great Gatsby*, *Othello*, and poetry by Carol Ann Duffy. You'll learn how to compare texts, analyse unseen pieces, and explore themes like love, power, and identity.

In your second year, you'll take on even more thought-provoking texts, such as *The Handmaid's Tale* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, while also choosing two texts for a personal coursework project - giving you the freedom to follow your own literary interests.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

FRENCH A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB015

Want to speak French like a pro and use it in your future career? Whether you're dreaming of working in global business, diplomacy, or just want to bring a bit of French flair to your life, this A level course is your launchpad. Learn online with NEC and dive into everything from grammar and vocab to French films, literature, and real-world issues—no matter your current level.

Get stuck into topics that matter to you:

- Language Skills: Speak, read, write, and listen like a pro
- The Changing Family
- The Digital Society
- The Role of Volunteering
- Culture

You'll build skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, all from home. Perfect if you're planning uni studies in languages, linguistics, or international relations - or aiming for careers in translation, teaching, or international business.

This programme will be timetabled in line with all other A Level subjects, lessons will be delivered by an online lecturer.

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GERMAN A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FT668

Love languages? Take A Level German and bring your future to life.

With live online lessons led by a specialist German tutor, you'll learn just like your other A Level subjects - on your normal timetable, with full support and access to all the resources you need. You'll still be in the classroom with your mates, but your tutor joins you online for interactive, engaging sessions every week.

Get stuck into topics that matter to you:

- Language Skills: Speak, read, write, and listen like a pro
- Youth culture and healthy living
- Travel, the environment, school life
- Future careers

At the end of the two years, you'll sit formal exams, just like any other A Level.

This programme will be timetabled in line with all other A Level subjects, lessons will be delivered by an online lecturer.

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PROGRESSION

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SPANISH A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB002

A Level Spanish isn't just a subject - it's your passport to over 20 countries and 450 million Spanish speakers! Whether you're dreaming of backpacking South America, working abroad, or just want to flex your language skills, this course gives you the tools to make it happen.

What you'll dive into:

- Language Skills: Speak, read, write, and listen like a pro
- Cultural Vibes: Chat about identity, equality, immigration, and more
- Film & Lit: Study the bold *Volver* (Almodóvar) and gripping *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* (Lorca)
- Hot Topics: Explore tech, youth culture, and politics across Spanish-speaking countries

With expert support and loads of chances to practise, you'll gain real confidence to use Spanish in class, at uni, and in the real world. Plus, it's a smart move if you want to pick up other languages like Italian or French later on.

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MATHS & SCIENCE

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"Petroc helped me progress onto my Level 4 apprenticeship and I'm really excited about it. The lecturers were really good, the practical side of my course and the opportunities and facilities were excellent."

Madeleine, A Level Biology, Chemistry & Maths



INTO NUMBERS, EXPERIMENTS OR CRACKING THE CODE OF THE UNIVERSE? THIS IS WHERE YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) can take you almost anywhere - from launching rockets to saving rainforests. At Petroc, you can choose from a powerful mix of A Levels, including **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Computer Science, and Maths.**

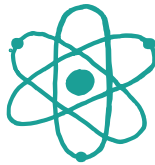
Your study experience in any of these subject areas will build essential skills - from analytical thinking and problem-solving to creativity, collaboration and digital confidence - all of which top universities and employers are hunting for.

You'll also have the chance to join our Aim Higher and Petroc Boost programmes, such as the Medics

Academy, where you'll explore your passions even further with expert-led workshops, projects, and real-world insight to help shape your future in science, medicine, tech, or engineering.

Our specialist labs come fully equipped with everything from cloud chambers to dissection kits, giving you plenty of hands-on experience as you bring theory to life.

Whether you're planning to study at a top university or go straight into industry, STEM subjects give you the tools, knowledge and confidence to thrive in our fast-moving world.



The UK is projected to require approximately **382,000** additional research and development professionals by 2027¹



The average salary for a Finance Manager is **£47,524**²

¹ University of Cambridge ² indeed.com



Where Could It Take You?

- Aerospace Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Conservation Ecologist
- Data Scientist
- Mathematician
- Secondary School Teacher



BIOLOGY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB004

Biology is all around us - from breakthroughs in medicine to the secrets of life itself. This exciting course covers genetics, biochemistry, physiology, and gene technology, while developing your practical skills through experiments, fieldwork, and hands-on learning.

Year 1 highlights:

- Master key lab skills - planning, analysing, and evaluating
- Learn about cells, enzymes, membranes, and transport systems
- Study how living things exchange materials and move substances
- Explore biodiversity, evolution, and disease, with a field trip to North Devon's UNESCO biosphere reserve

Year 2 highlights:

- Understand how the body communicates, stays balanced, and produces energy
- Study genetics, inheritance, ecosystems, cloning, and sustainability

Whether you're aiming for a career in science, medicine or environmental work, this course builds the skills and knowledge you need to take the next step.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course will give you the knowledge that can be applied to any science career.

CHEMISTRY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB005

Want to unlock careers in medicine, pharmacy, or veterinary science? A Level Chemistry is your gateway! This hands-on, exciting course builds on GCSE knowledge and dives into new areas like spectroscopy and transition metals.

In Year 1, you'll explore:

- Atomic structure & bonding
- The periodic table
- Reaction rates

About a third of the course focuses on organic chemistry - studying how molecules like alkenes and alcohols react.

In Year 2, you'll tackle:

- Aromatic compounds & amines
- Reaction mechanisms & chemical tests
- Advanced calculations, including pH & spectroscopy

If you love problem-solving and experimenting, this course will challenge and inspire you!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course will lead you into a huge range of science-based degree courses or related careers.

COMPUTER SCIENCE A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB264

Want to shape the future with tech? A Level Computer Science gives you the skills to code, solve problems, and understand the power of data. From algorithms to AI, you'll learn how computers work and how to make them work for you.

Year 1:

- Programming & data structures
- Problem-solving & logic
- Computer systems & networks

Year 2:

- Algorithms & databases
- Big data & functional programming
- Your own hands-on coding project

You'll master programming languages, data representation, and the tech behind digital media. If you love problem-solving and innovation, this course is your launchpad into the world of computing!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course will lead you into a range of Computer Science-based degree courses or related careers.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB014

Curious about how the planet works and how we can protect it? If you're into science, nature, or saving the world (literally), A Level Environmental Science is for you. You'll explore real-world issues like climate change, pollution and how we feed a growing population - and find out how science helps us solve global problems.

This course mixes biology and geography to look at how humans interact with the environment - and what we can do about it. You'll study:

- Ecosystems and the physical world
- Pollution, water use and natural resources
- Energy and its global impact
- Farming, fishing and forestry

Get hands-on with lab work, local field trips (like Croyde seashore and Paignton Zoo), and even an overseas adventure - past students went to Iceland!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB026

Love a challenge? A Level Maths builds on your GCSE knowledge and takes you deeper into the world of patterns, logic and precision thinking.

You'll explore pure and applied maths, using scientific calculators and software to crack problems and spot trends. If you're confident with algebra, you'll feel right at home.

In Year 1, you'll cover:

- Pure Maths - Algebra, trig, sequences, calculus and more - the essential toolkit for big-picture thinking
- Statistics - Work with real data, explore distributions and use tech to test your ideas
- Mechanics - Forces, motion and Newton's Laws - great for anyone into physics, engineering or problem-solving

In Year 2, you'll go deeper: advanced calculus, more complex data, and mechanics that tackle real-world systems - from rockets to rollercoasters.

This course is great prep for uni, apprenticeships or careers in engineering, computing, economics, and more - anywhere clear thinking and problem-solving matter.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

PHYSICS A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB035

From black holes to quantum particles, A Level Physics takes you deep into the mysteries of matter, energy, and space. It's the ultimate subject for curious minds - and a launchpad for careers in science, tech, engineering, medicine, and more.

In Year 1, you'll cover:

- Forces, Motion & Energy - Understand how things move, break and behave
- Electricity - Dive into the systems that power the world
- Waves & Quantum Physics - From sound and light to the strange behaviour of subatomic particles

In Year 2, things get even more exciting:

- Fields - Explore electric and magnetic forces behind everything from motors to galaxies
- Circular & Harmonic Motion - Understand the physics of orbits, swings and vibrations
- Particles & Nuclear Physics - Get to grips with atoms, radiation and the building blocks of matter
- Medical Physics - Learn the science behind MRI scans and imaging tech
- Modelling the Universe - Pull it all together to explore how the cosmos works

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

SPORT BTEC

(A LEVEL EQUIVALENT)

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

North Devon | FTB197

Serious about sport? Make it part of your A Level mix. Whether you play, coach, or just love all things sport, this course lets you dive into how the body works, how to train effectively, and what a career in sport could look like - all alongside your other A Levels.

What you'll cover:

- Anatomy & Physiology - Learn how your muscles, bones and energy systems power performance, with hands-on sessions that bring it all to life
- Practical Sports Performance - Show off your skills as a player or performer. Analyse techniques, tactics and how to improve
- Fitness Training - Create training plans, assess health data and recommend ways to boost fitness and wellbeing
- Careers in Sport - Build your CV, prep for interviews, and explore real job roles in the sports and fitness industry

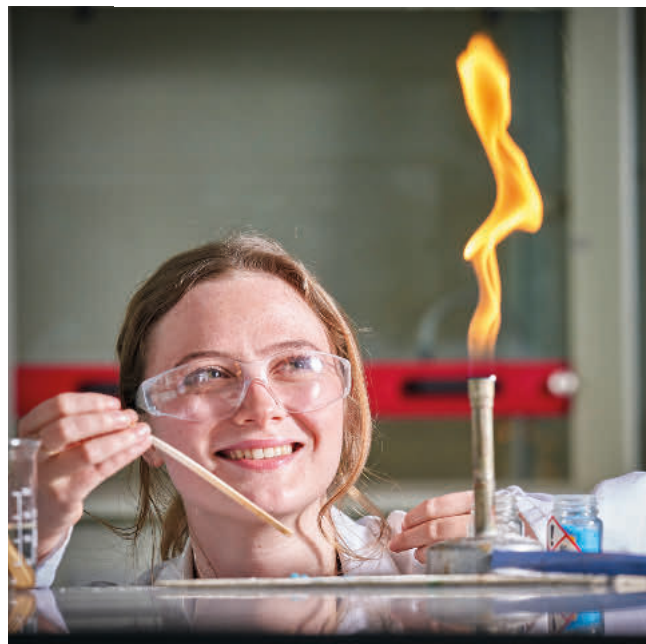
This course is worth one full A Level and gives you the UCAS points you need for uni, apprenticeships, or a career in sport.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

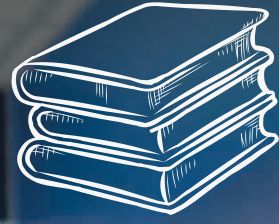
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PROGRESSION

This course will give you the knowledge that can be applied to any sport related career.



SOCIAL SCIENCES



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"You get to meet new friends and build great relationships with your teachers and lecturers. The content is fresh and different from what you learn at school, and all the staff are so welcoming."

Poppy, A Level English Language, Psychology & Sociology



CURIOUS ABOUT PEOPLE, POWER, THE PLANET OR THE PAST?

Consider the big questions that shape the world around us how societies function, how leaders rise, how economies grow, and how history continues to influence today. Whether you're into **business, geography, economics, history, law, politics, psychology, sociology, or classical civilisation**, these subjects are all about exploring the world, challenging ideas and making change.

You'll develop your research, analytical and debating skills, explore topics you're passionate about, and build a strong foundation for university or the world of work.

From tackling real-world issues to understanding how laws are made or how global systems operate, these subjects give you the tools to shape the future.

Expect passionate discussion, independent thinking, and plenty of opportunities to dive deeper through our specialist **Petroc Academies** and **Petroc Boost programmes**, such as our Law & Politics and Bar Mock/Law academies, designed to help you grow your skills, your confidence, and your future opportunities.



Approximately **55,500** clinical and other psychologists were employed across the UK in 2024.¹



The average salary for a Solicitor is **£49,849**²

¹ Statista.com

² indeed.com



Where Could It Take You?

- Civil Servant
- HR Officer
- International Aid Worker
- Psychologist
- Paralegal
- Solicitor



BUSINESS A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB341

Want to master the world of business? Studying A Level Business gives you the skills to analyse real-world companies, make smart decisions, and understand how businesses grow and compete. From ethical dilemmas to cutting-edge tech, you'll explore what makes businesses thrive in today's fast-changing world.

This course is perfect for anyone with a passion for business - whether you love strategy, problem-solving, or understanding how money moves.

Key topics include:

- What is business?
- Financial decision-making
- Strategic direction & change

You'll also sharpen your data skills, learning how to interpret key figures like ratios and percentages to make informed business decisions. Ready to take on the business world?

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course will give you the knowledge that can be applied to any business-related career.

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB007

Heroes, myths, and power struggles - step into the epic worlds of Ancient Greece and Rome.

In Year 1, you'll:

- Journey through Homer's Odyssey, packed with gods, monsters, and adventure
- Explore Roman politics and meet power players like Julius Caesar and Cicero

In Year 2, dive deeper:

- Discover how Augustus used art, architecture, and propaganda to control Rome
- Unpick Virgil's Aeneid - an epic tale or clever political spin?

If you're into mythology, ancient history, or how power really works, this course brings the classical world to life - and sets you up for uni and beyond!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This subject prepares you for a much wider variety of potential careers, as this course is a demonstration of your academic ability.

ECONOMICS A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB010

Ever wondered how money moves, why prices rise, or what drives big business decisions? Economics is all about understanding the choices we make - whether as individuals, businesses, or entire countries. From globalisation and migration to marketing and management, this exciting course connects theory to real-world challenges, giving you the skills to navigate today's fast-changing world.

In Year 1, you'll explore how markets work (and sometimes fail!), consumer choices, enterprise, and the role of banks in our economy.

By Year 2, you'll dive deeper into globalisation, the labour market, government policies, and the financial sector's impact on our lives.

Economics opens the door to high-paying careers in business, finance, and beyond. Ready to make smarter choices for your future? This is the course for you!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course will lead you into a range of Economics-based degree courses or related careers.

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB016

Want to make sense of the world around you? Geography explores real issues - climate change, global power, human rights - and helps you see the bigger picture.

What you'll explore:

- Globalisation - Who benefits as the world connects?
- Coasts - How they change (plus a local field trip!)
- Diverse Places - From North Devon to Bristol, see how culture, money and people shape our towns
- Water & Energy - Tackle global insecurity and our energy future
- Superpowers - How big players influence the world
- Tectonics - Earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis - what's the real risk?
- Health & Human Rights - See how conflict, aid and justice shape global development

You'll build real-world skills - fieldwork, data analysis, independent research - and be set for uni or a global career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

HISTORY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB021

Love epic stories, power struggles and finding out what really shaped today's world? History takes you from medieval drama to Cold War tension, all while building sharp analytical skills.

What you'll study:

- Wars of the Roses & Henry VII (1450-1499) - Treachery, battles, and rival royals (think real life Game of Thrones)
- Germany 1871-1991 - Empire, war, dictatorship and democracy. Go beyond the Nazis to see how Germany shaped (and was shaped by) modern Europe

Independent Study: Choose your own 3,500-word historical investigation:

- Modern Russia - From Tsars to Stalin, dive into the roots of modern global tensions
- The Crusades - Religion, warfare and culture collide in this medieval clash

By Year 2, you'll dig deeper, debate stronger, and master source analysis - ideal prep for university or any career that values critical thinking.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

LAW A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB025

Want to argue your case like a pro or get to grips with how the legal system really works? A Level Law gives you a strong foundation in one of the most respected career paths around.

Over two years, you'll explore how laws are made, applied, and challenged - and what they mean for real people and society.

You'll cover:

- The English Legal System - Discover how courts, judges and trials really operate
- Law & Morality - Debate tough topics like euthanasia, abortion and the death penalty
- Substantive Law - Dive into criminal, contract and tort law - essential for legal careers (and everyday life)

You'll analyse real-life case studies, sharpen your problem-solving skills, and learn to think like a solicitor or barrister. Plus, we'll support you with exam techniques to help you ace your assessments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

POLITICS A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB260

Do you know who really runs the world - and why it matters? A Level Politics dives into the ideas, systems and debates that shape our lives, from Parliament to protest movements.

You'll explore how governments work, how people drive change, and why ideologies like liberalism, conservatism and socialism still spark global debate.

Over two years, you'll study:

- UK Politics & Government - How Britain's political system works and where power really lies
- Comparative Politics - See how UK politics compares to global giants like the USA
- Political Ideologies - Unpack big ideas like liberalism, socialism, conservatism and nationalism
- Power & People - Discover how individuals and institutions shape society - and challenge the status quo

Politics connects to everything - law, history, economics, sociology - and helps you make sense of the world today.

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB036

Ever wondered why we think, feel and act the way we do? If that sounds exciting, A Level Psychology is the course for you. From memory mysteries to mental health and even criminal behaviour, this subject explores what makes us human.

Topics include:

- Cognitive Psychology: How memory works and why eyewitnesses get it wrong
- Developmental Psychology: From baby bonds to adult relationships
- Psychopathology: Understanding and treating mental disorders
- Social Psychology: Why we conform, obey or rebel
- Sex & Gender: What shapes identity and behaviour
- Schizophrenia: Causes, symptoms and treatments
- Forensic Psychology: Criminal profiling and preventing reoffending

Expect plenty of debates, experiments and teamwork. By the end, you'll think like a psychologist and be ready for uni or careers working with people.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB037

Curious why society works the way it does? A Level Sociology explores people, power, and how our world shapes everyday life - from families and schools to crime and beliefs.

You'll tackle big questions like:

- How have families changed over time?
- Is the education system fair?
- Why do people commit crimes, and who decides what's 'deviant'?
- How do beliefs shape society today?

Over two years, you'll study:

- Families & Households: How family life has evolved and why it matters
- Education: The role of schools and equality in learning
- Crime & Deviance: Causes, patterns, and meanings behind law-breaking
- Beliefs in Society: Religion, science, spirituality, and their impact

You'll also explore key sociological theories and research skills to analyse society like a pro.

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VOCATIONAL COURSES, T LEVELS & APPRENTICESHIPS

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All vocational courses at Petroc are assessed through a grading system that includes Pass (P), Merit (M), Distinction (D) and Distinction star (D*). Achieving a D* is equivalent to achieving 3 A Levels at grade A*, offering the same number of UCAS points.



Discover
our courses!



WHAT ARE VOCATIONAL COURSES?

If you're looking for a more hands-on approach to learning, our vocational courses could be the perfect fit. Designed for students who prefer practical learning over traditional classroom study, these courses combine theory with real-world experience to help you build valuable skills for the future.

We offer a wide range of subjects across Levels 1-3, all taught in industry-standard facilities that reflect real working environments. From a fully equipped automotive garage and engineering workshop to a childcare training room, animal care centre, restaurant, hair and beauty salons, and even a simulated hospital ward - you'll be learning in spaces that prepare you for the world of work.

Whether you're aiming to start a career straight after college or progress to university, our vocational programmes give you the confidence, experience and qualifications to take the next step.

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are high-quality Level 3 qualifications that combine classroom learning with valuable on-the-job experience. Designed in partnership with leading employers, T Levels equip you with the up-to-date skills and knowledge that industries need to grow and develop their businesses.

You'll spend 80% of your time in college learning core theory and technical skills, and the remaining 20% - at least 45 days - gaining hands-on experience through an industry placement. This unique mix gives you a real insight into the world of work and helps build the confidence, competence and employability skills employers look for.

T Levels are ideal if you're aiming for a skilled career and want a more practical, employer-led alternative to A Levels. They're particularly suited to academically strong students who want to take the next step towards a specific profession or higher-level study.

APPRENTICESHIPS - EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Apprenticeships offer a fantastic way to start your career by combining real work with structured study, so you'll gain hands-on experience and get paid. It's a great choice if you're ready to step into the world of work but still want to continue learning and gaining qualifications.

You'll spend around 80% of your time in the workplace, learning directly from professionals, and 20% in the classroom, building the knowledge behind the skills. Apprenticeships can last from one to four years, depending on the level and industry.

With programmes ranging from Level 2 upwards, they are available in a wide range of sectors, including construction, engineering, business, childcare and more.

With over 90% of apprentices staying in employment after completing their course, it's a proven pathway to a successful and sustainable career.

It's important to know that **you'll need to secure an apprenticeship role with an employer to begin your training**, so we strongly encourage students to start exploring opportunities early. As a backup, we also recommend applying for a full-time college course in your chosen subject to keep your options open while you search.

ENHANCE YOUR LEARNING WITH ACADEMIES & ENRICHMENT

Alongside your vocational course, you'll have the chance to take part in one of our specialist Academies, Sports Academies and a range of enrichment activities. These are designed to help you explore your subject in more depth, build new skills and strengthen your CV or university application.

Whether you're aiming for higher education or heading straight into the workplace, these extra opportunities give you a valuable edge - helping you stand out and feel even more confident about your next steps.

AIM HIGHER ACADEMY

For ambitious students aiming for top universities and career success.



Our exclusive Aim Higher Academy is designed for high-achieving students (GCSE average grade 6 or above) who are ready to push themselves academically and gain real-world industry experience - all in partnership with the University of Exeter.

Key Features:

- **University of Exeter Partnership** - Access to university resources, guest lectures, and academic workshops.
- **Industry Engagement** - Network with leading employers and explore potential career pathways.
- **Work Experience** - Gain hands-on experience through career-focused placements.
- **Personalised Support** - Benefit from tailored learning plans and one-on-one guidance from expert tutors and advisors.

ANIMAL CARE



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"I really enjoy all of my lessons due to the large amount of interesting topics which can help us in the real world, including but not limited to training of animals, handling and restraint, and other fun topics."

Riley, Animal Care and Management



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Love animals? Turn that passion into your future.

Whether it's fluffy, feathered or scaled - if you're wild about animals, Petroc's Animal Care & Conservation courses are your first step into a growing industry packed with exciting career paths. From zookeeper to conservationist, we'll help you turn your love for animals into real-world skills and meaningful work.

At Petroc, we're proud to offer the leading animal care provision in North Devon, and you'll learn in our brand-new, purpose-built Animal Care Centre, with hands-on experience in exotic habitats, a fully

equipped vet room, small mammal areas, outdoor enclosures and even an aviary for our bird of prey! Alongside practical training, you'll build knowledge in animal health, welfare, behaviour and handling.

Our students have gone on to become aquarists, animal centre managers, welfare officers and conservationists - and many progress to university-level study, including degrees in Animal Conservation.

If you care about animals, we've got everything you need to make a difference.



There will be **3.8%** more
Zookeeper jobs in 2029¹



The average salary for
an Animal Behaviourist
is **£37,947**²

¹ Career Pilot

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Animal Welfare Officer
- Countryside Ranger
- Dog Trainer
- Marine Biologist
- Veterinary Nurse
- Zookeeper



INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA IN LAND BASED STUDIES (ANIMAL CARE)

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB648

Do you have a passion for animals? Our Introductory Diploma course will give you a hands-on introduction to animal management studies, with at least 2 weeks of real-world experience in an animal care setting. You'll have access to our brand-new animal care centre with industry-standard rooms for rodents, reptiles, aquatics, and outdoor enclosures for goats and chickens. With expert lecturers guiding you every step of the way, you'll gain the practical skills and knowledge needed for a successful career in animal care.

What you'll explore:

- How to handle different species (from reptiles to goats)
- How to safely transport animals
- Managing environments
- Understanding animal behaviour
- Lots more!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can progress to a Level 2 BTEC in Animal Care, an apprenticeship, or start working in an animal-related job.

TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL CARE

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB654

Love animals and want a career caring for them? This one-year Level 2 Animal Care course is the perfect starting point if you're passionate about working with animals and want to turn that into a career. You'll get hands-on with a wide range of animals while learning how to care for them properly, and gain the skills that employers and colleges are looking for.

What you'll explore:

- Animal feeding, housing, and health
- Animal handling and behaviour
- Safety in animal-related workplaces
- 150 hours of real work experience in an animal care setting
- You'll also build key maths, English and digital skills that the industry values.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to the Level 3 Animal Care course, or step straight into work in the animal care industry. You'll get expert support throughout to help shape your future in this exciting field.

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB633

Love animals? Turn your passion into a career with a T Level in Animal Care! This exciting course mixes classroom learning, hands-on experience, and real-world industry placement to get you job-ready. You'll explore animal health, behaviour, and welfare, while also learning about sustainability, ethics, biosecurity, business and more.

In your second year, you'll specialise in Animal Management and complete a minimum 315-hour industry placement - perfect for getting stuck in and building your CV.

What you'll explore:

- Animal health, behaviour & welfare
- Sustainability & biosecurity
- Ethics & supply chain management
- Business and enterprise skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Finish this course and you could be working in conservation, kennels, animal charities, training animals, or even moving on to a uni-level course!

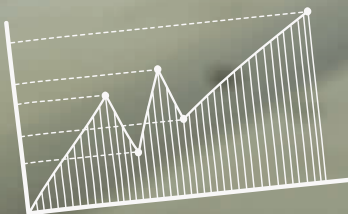
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BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT



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"The placement experience was a positive and helpful factor to put on my CV and learn more about the industry."

Charlie, T Level Management & Admin



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Got a head for ideas and a hunger to succeed? Whether you're dreaming of launching your own brand, managing a project, or climbing the corporate ladder, our Business, Management and Marketing courses give you the skills, knowledge and real-world experience to make it happen.

At Petroc, you'll learn how business really works - from marketing and finance to project management and digital strategy. You'll get stuck into real projects, hear from industry experts, and take part in work placements that build your confidence and your CV. Even if you're still deciding on your path, the skills you'll gain are valuable in every industry.

Taught by lecturers with real business experience, our courses cover everything from the essentials of enterprise to the latest in branding, social media, and data analytics. You'll also benefit from guest speakers, networking events, and hands-on learning that prepares you for work, uni or an apprenticeship.

Whatever your ambition - from entrepreneur to executive - our Business & Management programmes are built to help you stand out and succeed.



Approximately **1.17 million** jobs were within the financial services sector in early 2024, representing **3.1%** of all UK jobs.¹



The average salary of a Business Manager is **£40,114**²

¹ Commons Library ² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Business Advisor
- Credit/Financial Risk Analyst
- Events Management
- Financial Advisor
- Marketing Director
- Stock Market Trader



INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB655

Are you dreaming of a career in business? Our exciting one-year introductory course gives you the skills you need to kickstart your journey! With plenty of support from your tutors, you'll have all the guidance you need to plan your next steps and build your future in business.

What you'll explore:

- Organising your work
- Marketing products
- Working in teams
- Researching business ideas
- Communicating with customers

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

By the end of the course, you'll be ready to progress onto Level 2 Business & Administration or dive into an apprenticeship to gain hands-on experience.

ACCOUNTS/ FINANCE ASSISTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | AB01

Want to earn while you learn? As an Accounts/Finance Assistant, you'll work with industry professionals doing hands-on tasks like bookkeeping, checking payments, and handling data.

You'll learn to:

- Understand how businesses and finance work
- Use accounting software and systems
- Master basic bookkeeping and reports
- Communicate clearly with teams and clients
- Stay organised and spot mistakes

Plus, you'll build key behaviours:

- Be a team player
- Stay professional
- Focus on customers
- Keep learning and improving

Finish the apprenticeship with real experience and the chance to join the IAB or ICB. Get your foot in the door of the finance world!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship such as the Level 3 Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship.

BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB484

Ready to kickstart your career? The Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Business is your perfect starting point! Designed to give you the knowledge, skills, and work experience needed to progress onto your chosen T Level, this course helps you build a solid foundation in business and administration.

This course includes the Extended Certificate in Business, setting you up for further study and higher-level skills.

What you'll explore:

- Enterprise in the business world
- Business finance & marketing principles
- Project management basics
- Effective business communication

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing this course, you'll be ready to progress onto a business-related T Level and take your career to the next level!

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | AB32

Good with numbers? Love solving problems? As an Assistant Accountant Apprentice, you'll dive into real financial work like helping with budgets, reports, and year-end accounts - all while earning a wage and working towards a respected Level 3 qualification. It's the perfect first step into the world of business and finance.

You'll build expert knowledge in:

- Business finance and how companies manage money
- Double-entry bookkeeping, VAT returns, and financial reporting
- Management accounting to support key decisions
- Ethical standards and working professionally in finance
- Using accounting software and IT systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

As well as ensuring full competency as an Assistant Accountant, this standard provides the foundation for progression into a number of career paths.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR - ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | AB33

Want a job that opens doors to every industry? Whether you're into fashion, finance, healthcare or tech, business admin is at the heart of it all. On this apprenticeship, you'll build real-world skills in organisation, communication, and problem-solving - all while getting paid and working with experienced professionals.

You'll develop skills in:

- Using IT and managing documents
- Communicating clearly with colleagues and customers
- Planning and running projects
- Making smart decisions and staying organised
- Keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

This apprenticeship may be a gateway to further career opportunities, such as management or senior support roles. The course can lead onto a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship or the FdA in Business and Administration.

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB389

Ready to level up your business skills? Kickstart your career with a T Level in Business Support! This course is your all-access pass to the world of business, blending classroom learning, real projects and a 315-hour industry placement to get you career-ready.

In Year 2, you'll specialise in Business Support, developing the skills top employers are looking for.

What you'll explore:

- Business context & behaviours
- People, finance & project management
- Quality, compliance & policies
- How to work smart and stay professional in a fast-paced world

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Whether you want to go straight into work, start an apprenticeship, or continue to uni - this course sets you up for success!

NATIONAL FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB059

Are you looking to take the next step in your career in business? This course will give you all the key knowledge and skills you need to understand and succeed in the world of business. You'll develop practical skills by creating your own start-up business, planning marketing strategies, and mastering customer service.

What you'll explore:

- Marketing
- Finance
- Customer service
- Events
- Apply your learning in real-world work experience

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can progress to an Extended Diploma in Business, start an apprenticeship, or head into the workplace. You can even move on to a business degree after the Extended Diploma!

TEAM LEADER/ SUPERVISOR - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB152

If you're someone who enjoys taking the lead, solving problems, and working with others, this apprenticeship is the perfect way to turn those skills into a career. You'll build the confidence and know-how to become a brilliant team leader or supervisor, learning how to guide your team to success and deliver real results.

This flexible apprenticeship is run in partnership with Mindful Education and blends online learning with regular catch-ups with your college tutor - so you can train while you work, with support every step of the way.

You'll cover key responsibilities such as:

- Leading projects and seeing them through
- Tackling problems and finding solutions
- Supporting and developing your team
- Managing plans, workloads and resources
- Helping the business achieve its goals

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

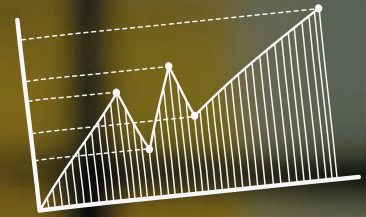
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NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship.



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CONSTRUCTION



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"It is a more mature environment with friendly staff! I have found it to be a positive experience to gain assistance with any academic issues you may have."

Oliver, Diploma in Electrical Installations



BUILD YOUR FUTURE FROM THE GROUND UP

Got a passion for building, designing, or creating? Whether you see yourself laying bricks, crafting timber, managing sites, or designing sustainable spaces, our construction courses will give you the practical skills and industry knowledge to turn your ambition into a career.

At Petroc, you'll train in fully equipped workshops using the latest tools, machinery, and environmental tech - including retrofitting techniques and green construction innovations. From bricklaying and carpentry to site management and surveying, our hands-on courses offer real experience and direct insight into one of the UK's most in-demand industries.

Led by experienced professionals who've worked across the trade, our tutors will support and guide you to master the technical skills employers are looking for. You'll also gain structured work experience, helping you develop confidence, build your CV and get a foot in the door of the industry.



As of 2024, the construction sector employed around **2.14 million** people.¹



The average salary of a Project Manager is **£48,886**²

¹ Statista

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Architect
- Bricklayer
- Construction Site Worker
- Facilities Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Structural Engineer



BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Entry Level | Duration: 1 year

 Tiverton | FTT645

This hands-on course is perfect if you've had a tough time in school and want a fresh start. You'll build skills, boost your confidence and start thinking about your future - all while learning the basics of construction in a supportive environment.

As part of your study programme, you'll also work on your English, maths, life skills and earn an extra short qualification to help get you job-ready.

By the end of the course, you'll walk away with a City & Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate in Construction - and a whole load of new skills.

What you'll learn:

- Health and Safety in Construction
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Painting and Decorating
- Bricklaying
- Plus: how to prepare for further learning, get ready for interviews, and work well in a team.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After successfully completing this Construction Multi Skills and Retrofit programme, learners may be able to progress onto a Level 1 study programme.

BRICKLAYING

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB118

Build Your Future in Bricklaying!

Want to get hands-on and learn a skill for life? This Level 1 Certificate in Construction Skills (Bricklaying) is the perfect starting point! Get real experience, master essential techniques, and lay the foundation for a career in the construction industry.

What you'll learn:

- Intro to the construction industry
- Health & safety on-site
- Brick & block walling techniques.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move up to a Level 2 construction course or kick-start your career with an apprenticeship!

CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB123

Craft Your Future in Carpentry!

Want to master a hands-on trade? This Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery Qualification is your introduction to the world of woodworking. Learn essential skills, work with real materials, and build the foundations for a career in construction!

What you'll learn:

- Construction industry & building principles
- Health & safety on-site
- Carpentry & joinery techniques
- Joints, timber technology & frame construction

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move up to a Level 2 construction course or start your career with an apprenticeship!

CERTIFICATE IN MULTISKILLS

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 Tiverton | FTT315

This Level 1 course is the perfect starting point if you're looking to build a future in the trades. You'll learn the basics in carpentry, bricklaying, painting and decorating - gaining real, hands-on experience from day one.

What you'll get to grips with:

- Staying safe on site
- Using hand and power tools
- Trying out different trades
- How construction sites run
- Teamwork that gets the job done

By the end of the course, you'll have a solid foundation in construction - and the skills to take your next step with confidence.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move up to a Level 2 construction course or start your career with an apprenticeship!

BRICKLAYER - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | AB25

Love being hands-on? Enjoy working outdoors and creating something real? As a Bricklaying Apprentice, you'll learn how to build everything from walls and arches to full houses and commercial buildings. Whether it's a new build, a renovation, or something more decorative - you'll get stuck into real projects and earn while you learn.

You'll gain skills in:

- Laying bricks, blocks, and mortar like a pro
- Reading plans and setting out structures
- Working safely with tools, heights, and heavy materials
- Mixing materials and knowing what to use (and when!)
- Creating curved walls, arches, chimneys, and decorative brickwork
- Understanding building types, insulation, drainage, and sustainability
- Using modern methods like rapid-build and reinforced systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship.

BRICKLAYING

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB642

Build a Solid Future with Bricklaying!

Want a hands-on career in construction? This Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying gives you the skills to build, repair, and shape structures, from walls and arches to houses and beyond! Gain real industry experience and become a key part of any construction team!

What you'll learn:

- Construction principles
- Building cavity and solid walls
- Setting out buildings
- Constructing arches & piers
- Includes structured work experience

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Advance to a Level 3 construction course or start earning with an apprenticeship!

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY (SITE CARPENTRY) - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | AB30

Fancy working with wood and building structures from the ground up? This apprenticeship gives you hands-on experience preparing and fixing building components, from new builds to repairs. You'll gain essential skills and knowledge, all while earning on the job.

What you'll learn:

- Safe work practices and health & safety
- Using tools and materials effectively
- Working independently and as part of a team
- Installing and repairing doors, windows, roofs, and partitions
- Measuring, cutting, and finishing timber products
- Reading plans and working to commercial standards

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

On completion of this course, you may wish to progress onto the Advanced Apprenticeship Standard in Carpentry and Joinery, or secure employment as a Site Carpenter or Architectural Joiner.

CONSTRUCTION (ARCHITECTURAL JOINERY)

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB638

Kickstart your career as an Architectural Joiner with the Level 2 Technical Certificate! If you want to work in the construction industry, specifically as an architectural joiner, this qualification is perfect for you. Architectural joiners craft timber products like doors, frames, and windows, essential components of any construction project.

What you'll explore:

- Principles of construction
- Planning and preparation for joinery production
- Use of woodworking machinery
- Production, assembly, and finishing of architectural joinery components
- Plus, you'll gain valuable work experience with a suitable business in the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Start a career as a site carpenter with a house building or property development company, pursue an apprenticeship in site carpentry or progress to further Level 3 training to advance your skills.

SITE CARPENTRY

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB641

If you love working with your hands, this Level 2 Carpentry Diploma is your next step. You'll learn the theory behind modern construction, then get stuck into practical tasks - from structural frameworks to detailed finishing work. It's the perfect mix of classroom learning and hands-on skill building.

You'll also gain real experience through structured work placements.

What you'll explore:

- Construction Principles
- Structural and Non-Structural Carpentry
- Timber Technology
- Circular Saw Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto a Level 3 course, an apprenticeship, or straight into the trade. Ready to build your career? Let's go!

AAQ NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB040

Fancy a career in architecture, surveying, civil engineering, or project management? The AAQ is a brand-new, next-level course that mixes hands-on experience with technical know-how - perfect for anyone who's into designing, building, or shaping the world around them.

Take it alongside two other A Levels and over two years, you'll dive into real-world topics like:

- Health & Safety in Construction
- Building Design & Technology
- Sustainable Construction
- Digital Surveying
- Maths for Construction

You'll even run your own project - putting everything you've learned into action in a real construction scenario. Designed with top industry pros, this course gets you ready for uni or the workplace.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

PROGRESSION

This course can lead to a wide range of degree programmes or open doors to various career opportunities.

CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN, SURVEYING & PLANNING) - ARCHITECTURE T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB370

A T Level in Construction (Design, Surveying and Planning) is the perfect entry into the world of Architecture!

This course blends classroom learning with practical skills and an industry placement - giving you the experience employers are after. You'll dive into the world of construction with topics like design, technology, surveying, law, sustainability, construction, maths and more

What you'll explore:

- Construction principles & technology
- Design, surveying & graphical detailing
- Health & safety, building regs & law
- Science, sustainability & business
- Tendering, estimating & construction maths

In your second year, you'll specialise in Surveying and Design for Construction and the Built Environment, plus complete a 315-hour industry placement to build real-world experience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Gain a head start for careers in construction and architecture, or progress to uni-level study!

CRAFT CARPENTRY AND JOINERY - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | AB246

If you're hands-on, love building things, and want a career where no two days are the same, this Craft Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeship is for you. You'll get stuck into real construction projects - from new homes to heritage renovations - and gain the skills the UK needs to build greener, smarter, and better places to live, learn and work.

As an apprentice, You'll learn to:

- Work safely and sustainably on building sites
- Read plans (including digital ones) and bring them to life
- Organise tools, materials, and your team
- Master fire door systems, advanced cutting, splicing, and fitting techniques
- Lead on-site and make sure work meets top quality and legal standards
- Work closely with clients and the wider construction crew
- Check your own and others' work - because the details matter

This is your chance to shape the world around you - one beam, joint, and building at a time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

On completion of this course, you could continue learning with a higher-level apprenticeship, or secure employment as an Advanced Site Carpenter or Advanced Architectural Joiner.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



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Discover more!



"Each project we work on is enriching and offers opportunities to build my teamwork, confidence and my love for acting."

Faith, Extended Diploma in Performance (Performing Arts / Music)



WHAT CAN I EXPECT? BRING YOUR TALENT TO LIFE

Got a passion for performance, creativity, or telling powerful stories? Whether you're into acting, directing, design, animation, photography, music, or media, our Creative Industries courses will give you the skills, tools, and confidence to go pro.

At Petroc, you'll train like a creative professional from day one. Our industry-led courses offer hands-on experience, live projects and access to incredible creative spaces - including specialist media studios, purpose-built art studios, a live performance venue, recording booths, 3D printers, darkrooms, Apple Mac suites and more. You'll collaborate with other creatives, explore your unique style, and build a showstopping portfolio or showreel along the way.

Our expert lecturers - all with real-world industry experience - will help you grow your confidence, master your craft and explore exciting career options in everything from fashion and fine art to social media, game design, music production and live theatre.

Whether your dream is the West End, a film set, a design agency or a digital brand, this is where it all begins.



UK music sales reached a record-breaking **2.39 billion** in 2024!¹



The average salary of an Art Director is **£47,742**²



Future Careers...

- Actor
- Choreographer
- Composer/Songwriter
- Digital Marketer
- Fashion Designer
- Photographer

¹ Mix Mag

² indeed.com



UAL LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ART, DESIGN AND MEDIA

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB651

Love drawing, photography, media, or design? This hands-on foundation course is your chance to experiment, create, and develop your skills across a range of exciting creative disciplines! Whether you dream of being an artist, designer, or media creator, this course helps you find your style and build your portfolio for future study or a creative career.

Through practical workshops and industry-style projects, you'll gain technical skills, experiment with materials, and develop your visual communication and creative thinking.

What you'll explore:

- Fine Art - Drawing, painting & mixed media
- Graphic Design - Digital & print-based techniques
- Photography - Capture & edit stunning images
- Media Production - Video, animation & storytelling

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto Level 2 Art & Design or Creative Media, or another creative pathway.

UAL LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN MUSIC, PERFORMING AND PRODUCTION ARTS

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB649

Love performing, music or dream of working behind the scenes? Whether you see yourself on stage, in the studio, or running the show from backstage, this course is your ticket into the world of performance and production. Get creative, build confidence, and start your journey in the arts!

You'll work on real projects, have the opportunity to perform live, and collaborate with others in exciting, hands-on workshops in Nexus, our pro-level performance space, featuring a full stage, dressing rooms, lighting rig, sound system, rehearsal booths, Protocols studio, and a live-streaming setup with 4K cameras. You'll also get creative in our media suites and performing arts studio.

What you'll explore:

- Music Composition & Vocal Performance - Find your voice and write your own music
- Acting & Dance - Boost stage presence and performance skills
- Stagecraft & Production - Dive into lighting, sound, and set design

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to a Level 3 Music or Performing Arts course if you are ready, or another Level 2 creative pathway.

UAL LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB473

Unleash your creativity with Art & Design! Passionate about art and design? This Level 2 diploma is the perfect starting point into a creative career! Developed with industry experts, this course helps you build essential skills, experiment with materials, and bring your ideas to life. Get hands-on experience and develop a unique portfolio to kickstart your future!

What you'll explore:

- Get creative in a variety of disciplines from drawing and painting to fashion and textiles!
- Master materials, techniques & processes
- Refine your artistic and communicative skills through personalised projects
- Discover the power of contextual research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry requirements and full Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move up to our Level 3 Art & Design Extended Diploma to refine your skills even further!

UAL LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION & TECHNOLOGY

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 **North Devon** | **FTB475**

Love media, design, or storytelling? This course is your first step into the exciting world of creative media! Learn industry skills, experiment with different techniques, and work on real-world projects in film-making, photography, game development, and sound design.

You'll tackle industry-style projects, combining skills in graphic design, film, photography, and more!

What you'll explore:

- Creative media methods & production techniques
- Audio & visual technology
- Interactive media & game development
- Understanding audiences & presenting projects

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto our Level 3 Media course and take your creativity even further!

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 **North Devon** | **FTB047**

Turn your passion for art into a career! This Extended Diploma in Art & Design is your chance to explore everything from painting and fashion to fine art, photography, and ceramics, all in a dedicated studio space. Experiment, refine your skills, and build a portfolio that sets you apart!

What you'll explore:

- Techniques to enhance your technical skills
- Master creative processes
- Develop your unique artistic style
- Work on live briefs and industry projects
- Explore specialist industries with the creative world
- Showcase your work at our yearly exhibition!
- Take part in valuable work experience

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Step into a specialist degree, freelance career, or apprenticeship after completing this course!

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION & TECHNOLOGY

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 **North Devon** | **FTB268**

Do you have a passion for film, photography, gaming, or content creation? This two-year Creative Media course could be your first step towards an epic career in the media industry, whether it's directing videos, designing games, building brands or running your own podcast.

Try out loads of different skills or focus on the one area you love most! You'll work on real projects, build a strong portfolio, and develop the kind of skills employers and universities love.

What you'll explore:

- Creative Media Production
- Visual & Interactive Media Tech
- Media Production & Technical Skills
- Design & Research Skills
- Critical & Contextual Awareness
- Audio Production

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to university, launch your own freelance media brand or head straight into work in film, social media, VFX, game design, and more!

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB629

Ready to turn your love for music into a career? Our UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production gives you the skills to excel in the music industry. From live performance techniques to advanced sound design and music production, this course covers it all. This course is the perfect foundation for your future in music!

What you'll explore:

- Learn how to rehearse for live shows
- Create original music
- Master production tools and techniques (Including Pro Tools & Logic Pro)
- Perform on the stage
- Develop live sound and lighting skills
- Develop your critical listening skills.
- Enhance your music theory knowledge
- Develop your business, marketing and content creation skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can go on to university, or kickstart your career as a session musician, sound engineer, or composer.

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB630

Unleash your creativity with Performing Arts! If you love acting, dance, musical theatre, or production, our Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts is your chance to develop your skills across all these exciting areas. You'll learn through practical classes, live performances, and hands-on production work!

What you'll explore:

- Voice and Vocal Techniques
- Improvisation
- Dance Styles
- Acting
- Singing
- Audition Techniques

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can progress to higher education or dive straight into the performing arts industry!

UAL LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB046

18+ and finished your Level 3 course but need more time to work on your portfolio? If you're serious about a creative career and want to build a standout portfolio for uni, the UAL Foundation Diploma in Art & Design is your next step. This exciting course pushes your ideas, sharpens your skills, and gets you thinking like a true artist, ready for Higher Education and beyond.

You'll experiment, create, and be inspired by a range of concepts and artists as you discover your unique creative voice.

What you'll explore:

- Drawing & Painting
- Fashion & Textiles
- Illustration & Graphics
- Photography
- Animation & Printing
- 3D Design

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

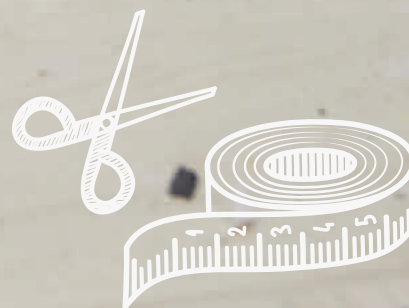
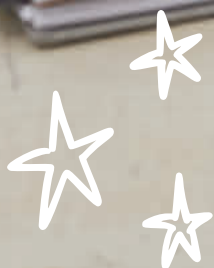
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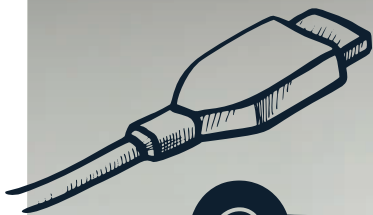
Progress onto a specialist uni course or step straight into a creative industry career, from fashion to film, design to digital!

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"The opportunities Petroc provides for its students are great. I also really enjoy the trips, projects, and experiences they offer."

Daniel, T Level Digital



CODE, CREATE, INNOVATE - YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Love tech? Fascinated by gaming, coding, or building the next big app? Whether you dream of becoming a software developer, ethical hacker or tech entrepreneur, Petroc's Digital & Technologies courses will give you the skills to launch your future in one of the world's fastest-growing industries.

Our courses are hands-on, high-tech, and future-focused to adapt to the constantly expanding and evolving industry. You'll use industry-standard hardware and software to explore areas like coding, cybersecurity, app and game development, digital design, and networking. Combined with the work placements within the courses, you will gain valuable work experience before you've even finished college.

Whether you want to start your own business, join a cutting-edge company or progress to university, your time at Petroc will set you up for success. Former students have gone on to thrive in software development, game design, IT support, website building, and mobile apps, and some are even running their own tech start-ups.

From data and design to cyber and code - the digital world needs you. Let's build your future.



The UK tech sector contributes over **£150 billion** to the national economy, making it the fastest-growing sector in the country.¹



The average salary for a Software Engineer is **£48,484**²

¹ Computer Weekly

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Computer Hardware Engineer
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Games Developer
- Robotics Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Web Designer



ESPORTS

Level 1/2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB657

Love gaming? Ready to turn that passion into a career? Our Level 1 Esports course is your first step into the fast-paced, billion-pound world of competitive gaming. Whether you want to play, host, or shoutcast, this course has got you covered.

Although we're running this course at Level 1, you'll actually walk away with a Level 2 qualification as you'll spend more time diving into Esports compared to other colleges.

What you'll explore:

- An intro to Esports, exploring how the industry works and the careers on offer
- Health & Wellbeing to keep your body and mind game-ready
- Shoutcasting to master live commentary and audience engagement
- Designing an Esports event

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Whether you're aiming to be a pro player, event organiser, or Esports content creator, this course gives you the foundation to launch your journey in the industry. After completing this course, you can progress to a Level 2 Digital Technologies, Level 2 Business and Marketing or Level 2 Creative Media course.

TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB080

Obsessed with tech? If you're into gadgets, coding, design or how the online world works, this Technical Diploma in Digital Technologies is your launchpad into an exciting digital career. This one-year course is built with top industry input, giving you hands-on skills, real work experience and the digital know-how employers are after.

Choose your own path with optional topics like programming, digital media, cyber security, database development and more.

What you'll explore:

- Digital Devices & Systems
- Online World & Digital Safety
- Design, Code & Create
- Digital Skills for the Workplace
- Real-world Work Experience

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Nail this course and you're all set to move up to the Level 3 Digital T-Level, where you'll dive even deeper into this fast-moving industry and unlock even more exciting career options.

DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB366

Code your future with a T Level in Digital Production, Design & Development! This course mixes theory, real-world projects, and a 315-hour industry placement - so you're not just learning, you're doing. You'll build skills in coding, data, cyber security, digital environments, and more - everything today's tech industry is looking for.

In Year 2, you'll dive deeper with an occupational specialism in Design and Development - perfect for future developers, designers, or digital innovators.

What you'll explore:

- Problem-solving & programming
- Data & digital environments
- Cyber security
- Tech legislation & emerging trends
- Business context & real-world applications

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Go straight into a digital career or level up with further study in computing, software, or IT systems.

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"I had a lovely friendship group, and we all got on really well with the teachers. It was a great experience, and the course was so much fun"

Baileigh-Rae, T Level in Education & Childcare - Assistant Teaching



INSPIRE LITTLE MINDS - START YOUR JOURNEY IN EARLY YEARS AND EDUCATION

If you love working with children and want to make a difference in their early development, Petroc is the perfect place to start. Whether you see yourself in a nursery, primary school, or supporting children with additional needs, our Education & Childcare courses give you the skills, confidence, and experience to thrive.

You'll gain hands-on training in our life-like childcare suite and complete extensive work placements - including a minimum of 750 hours for T Level students - giving you real experience with real children. There are even opportunities to travel to Sweden and see the world-renowned Forest School approach in action.

From child development and safeguarding to working with families and assessing progress, you'll build a strong foundation in both theory and practice, all guided by our expert lecturers with years of experience in the field.

After your course, the opportunities are endless - from becoming a nursery nurse, early years educator, or teaching assistant to progressing into primary teaching, SEND education, or child nursing. If you want to go further, our childhood-related degree-level courses will help you take that next step.

Start your journey towards a rewarding career shaping the future, one child at a time.



As of August 2024, there were **61,200** childcare providers registered with Ofsted.¹



The average salary of an Education Manager is **£38,840**²

¹ Gov.uk

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Childminder
- Early Years Play Leader
- Forest School Leader
- Nursery Manager
- Primary School Teacher
- Special Educational Needs Teacher



CARING FOR CHILDREN

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB650

Start your journey in education and early years! Are you interested in working with children? Our Level 1 programme is the perfect way to kick off your career in education and early years. You'll combine classroom learning with hands-on experience, gaining essential knowledge and skills to help you move onto further study or work in the field.

What you'll explore:

- Key areas like child development
- Supporting play for babies
- Health & safety when working with young children

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing this course, you can progress to a Level 2 course in Education & Early Years or other Level 2 courses to take your career even further.

CERTIFICATE IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY SETTINGS

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB662

Would you love to work with children? This one-year Level 2 course is your perfect starting point.

Get stuck into real childcare skills, from play-based learning to looking after babies, all in our fully equipped training room with lifelike dolls and hands-on activities.

What you'll explore:

- Child development,
- How to create fun learning activities,
- Keeping children safe and healthy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Gain real experience in nurseries and schools. Taught by expert tutors, this course sets you up for further study or a job in childcare.

SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING (TA)

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB109

Love working with kids and want to make a difference in the classroom? This hands-on course is perfect if you're 17+ and want to kickstart your journey as a Teaching Assistant. You'll gain real classroom experience while learning the essentials of child development, behaviour, and how schools run, all while building confidence and practical skills that employers value. You'll also spend at least two days a week gaining work experience in a real school or nursery setting.

What you'll explore:

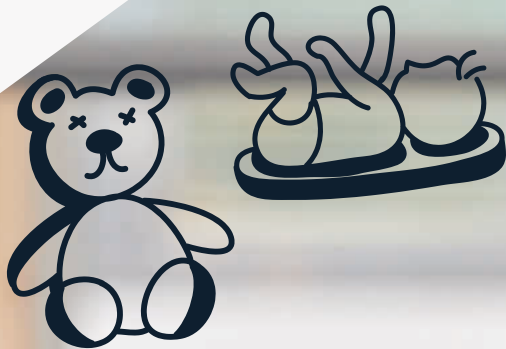
- How schools and colleges work
- Child and young person development
- Safeguarding and health & safety
- Equality, inclusion & positive behaviour
- Building relationships with pupils
- The role of play in learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Move into a classroom support role or progress to a Level 3 qualification in education.



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EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR - ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB182

If you're caring, creative and want to make a difference in children's lives, the Early Years Educator Apprenticeship is the perfect start. You'll gain hands-on experience helping young children grow, learn and thrive in nurseries, pre-schools, schools or as a childminder, all while earning a nationally recognised qualification.

This apprenticeship gives you the skills, knowledge and confidence to plan fun learning activities, support children's development, keep them safe and build strong bonds that help them feel secure and happy. You'll learn how to work with parents and professionals, tackle challenges like behavioural issues or special needs, and be ready to jump into a full-time childcare role when you finish.

What you'll learn:

- How to support children's learning and development
- Planning activities that are fun, educational and inclusive
- Safeguarding and keeping children safe
- Health, safety and hygiene routines
- Communicating with families and working in a team
- Encouraging speech, play, creativity and social skills and more

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS:

Progress to job roles such as Room Leader, Deputy Manager, or even the Manager of an early years setting.

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE (EARLY YEARS) T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB470

Love working with kids? Shape little lives with a T Level in Early Years Education! This hands-on course is all about supporting children under five. You'll mix classroom learning with real experience in a childcare setting, achieving at least 750 hours of placement to build confidence and skills employers love.

In your second year, you'll specialise as an Early Years Educator, gaining the tools to make a real impact from day one.

What you'll explore:

- Child development & safeguarding
- Observation & assessment
- Working with parents, families & carers
- Theories of child development
- Multi-disciplinary team skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Launch your career in early years care or take the next step into further study or university.

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE (TEACHING) T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB367

Want to make a difference in the classroom? Step into teaching with a T Level in Education! Get ready to inspire young minds. This T Level combines classroom learning with real experience in a school or education setting, including a minimum 315-hour placement over two years.

In your second year, you'll specialise in Teaching - gaining practical skills and confidence to support learners of all ages.

What you'll explore:

- Child development & supporting learning
- Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)
- Safeguarding, wellbeing and health & safety
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

This T Level opens up a wide range of careers in education, or you can choose to continue your journey with further study or teacher training.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHING & LEARNING IN SCHOOLS (TA)

Level 3 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB110

Want to work with children and make a real difference? This course is the perfect step into a rewarding career in education. You'll gain hands-on experience in real school and college settings while building the skills employers look for. Learn how to support children with learning, behaviour, wellbeing, and development, all while working towards your dream job. You'll spend at least two days a week on placement, applying your knowledge in the real world.

What you'll explore:

- Child Development
- Safeguarding
- Supported Learning and SEND
- Speech, Language and Transitions
- Health, Behaviour and Emotional Support
- Literacy & Numeracy support
- School Systems and Organisation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Step straight into work as a Teaching Assistant or learning support role, or progress to a teaching degree.



ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING



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"I knew someone else who had had a good experience on the course, so I thought it may be a good route to try. I made some good friends on the course and have a good laugh whilst also learning."

Niall, Diploma in Electrical Installations



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Fancy a career where no two days are the same and your skills are always in demand? Good electricians and plumbers are like gold dust and will always be in demand. They are the trades that have a reputation for providing highly skilled operators.

Whether you want to fix homes, power businesses, or run your own company, our hands-on electrical and plumbing courses provide the skills, experience and confidence to start strong in these high-demand trades. You'll learn everything from installation and testing to health and safety and understanding job specs across a range of real-world scenarios.

Train in state-of-the-art workshops, kitted out with the latest tech and tools that the industry uses. With guidance from our expert, industry-qualified lecturers, you'll gain the practical know-how and insider insight employers love.

These one-year diplomas are the perfect next step whether you're heading for an apprenticeship, looking to go straight into work, or want to build your own business in the future.

Power up your future - start your trade journey at Petroc.



The plumbing, heating, and air conditioning installation industry is projected to grow at a compound annual rate of **2.8%** reaching **£24 billion** by 2024-2025.¹



The average salary for an Electrical Designer is **£43,557**²

¹ Ibis World

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Building Services Engineer
- Electrician
- Heating and Ventilation Engineer
- Plumber
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineer
- Solar Panel Electrician



DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB492

Want to work in the Electrical industry? This Level 1 qualification is the perfect starting point, helping you develop hands-on electrical skills and preparing you for further training in Electrotechnical fields. Get practical experience, industry insights, and essential skills to take your first step into this high-demand sector.

What you'll explore:

- Electrical wiring, terminations and fabrication techniques
- Construction industry structure and site preparation
- Electrical science & technology
- Sustainability in domestic dwellings
- Safe working practices in construction

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

- Progress to Level 2 & 3 Electrical Installations Diplomas
- Explore opportunities in sustainability & green technologies

DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING STUDIES

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB096

Thinking about a future in plumbing? Get hands-on and start building the skills you need for a career in the plumbing trade! This course is perfect if you're practical, like working with your hands, and want to learn the basics to kick off your journey.

You'll also boost your English, Maths and IT skills alongside tutorials to support your progress.

What you'll explore:

- Plumbing systems and how they work
- Safe working practices
- Environmental protection systems
- Copper pipework - learn and demonstrate essential skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

By the end of the course, you'll have the core knowledge and practical skills needed to move into an apprenticeship or continue your training with further study in plumbing.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB474

If you're hands-on, love solving problems, and want a future as an electrician, this one-year Diploma in Electrical Installation is the perfect place to start. Learn real skills that employers look for and set yourself up for an apprenticeship or straight into a job in the building services industry.

Taught by industry pros, this course gives you a solid understanding of how electrical systems work in real-world settings.

What you'll explore:

- Get to grips with the key skills and knowledge needed to become a qualified Electrician
- Installing Wiring Systems and Enclosures
- Electrical Installations Technology
- Scientific Principles

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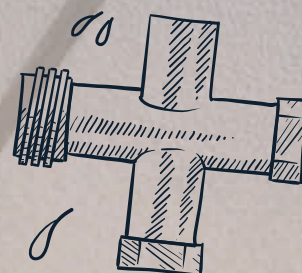
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NEXT STEPS:

Complete this course and you'll be ready to move onto a Level 3 qualification, or land yourself an Electrical Apprenticeship and start building your career as a fully qualified Electrician.



The average salary for a Plumber is **£36,151**¹



¹ indeed.com

PLUMBING

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB465

Start your plumbing career today! Dive into a hands-on, high-demand career? Our one-year Technical Certificate in Plumbing will equip you with the skills and knowledge employers are looking for.

What you'll explore:

- Hot and cold water systems
- Drainage
- Renewable technology
- The principles of construction
- All while gaining real-world experience through work placements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can progress to an apprenticeship or jump straight into a plumbing job!

ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB659

Build your career in plumbing with the Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma! Ready to take your plumbing skills to the next level? This qualification is designed for those looking to build a successful career in the plumbing industry, expanding on the knowledge gained in the Level 2 course.

Throughout the course, you'll be encouraged to gain practical experience through industry work, ensuring you're career-ready by the end of your studies!

What you'll explore:

- Advanced plumbing knowledge and skills in areas like plumbing installation, drainage, and central heating systems
- A mix of practical hands-on experience and theoretical learning
- Opportunities to work with industry professionals and employers, gaining real-world insight into the plumbing and gas sector
- Industry-set assignments, demonstrations, and work experience to boost your learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

You could start your career in the plumbing and heating industry, pursue Higher Education to expand your expertise further or progress onto higher-level courses or apprenticeships to specialise in specific areas.

INSTALLATION ELECTRICIAN/ MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | AB35

Love hands-on work? Get paid while you learn a trade that's always in demand! As an apprentice Electrician, you'll learn to install, maintain and repair electrical systems in homes, businesses and big industrial sites, working on real projects that power the world around you.

There are two main paths:

- Installation Electricians handle the set-up, testing and maintenance of low voltage (under 1000v) systems and equipment.
- Maintenance Electricians focus on keeping systems running smoothly, repairing faults and working with high-tech automation.

What You'll Learn

- Fit and connect cables and wires safely and correctly
- Install and test wiring systems in buildings and environments
- Spot and fix electrical faults
- Understand key electrical principles and wiring regulations
- Organise workspaces and plan jobs

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

On completion of this course, you will be fully qualified, but you can also progress to a Foundation Degree.

PLUMBING AND DOMESTIC HEATING TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB181

Looking for a hands-on job that pays while you train? As a Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician Apprentice, you'll learn how to install, service and maintain everything from bathrooms to boilers, whether you're in someone's home or on a busy building site.

Get stuck in with real plumbing systems, electrical components, heating tech and cutting-edge environmental solutions. With a strong focus on customer service, safety and quality, you'll build a future that's professional, practical and full of potential.

What you'll learn:

- Health & Safety
- Core Plumbing Systems
- Electrics & Controls
- Discover how physics and engineering power the systems you install
- Eco-friendly solutions and how to install them
- Learn safe systems for combustion, ventilation and flues
- Customer Service & Communication

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

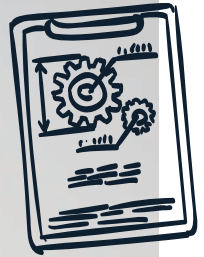
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NEXT STEPS

Upon completion, you can be a Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician or progress to a higher apprenticeship.



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"The lecturers were really good, the practical side of my course and the opportunities and facilities were excellent."

Mathilda, T Level in Engineering, Manufacturing, Process & Control



BUILD YOUR FUTURE WITH CUTTING-EDGE SKILLS

Got drive, ambition and a flair for innovation? Petroc is the perfect launchpad for your career if you're passionate about engineering or manufacturing.

At Petroc, you'll develop hands-on skills in CAD, 3D printing, fabrication and welding, alongside manual machining. Our industry-standard facilities give you access to advanced electronics design, new technologies, and robotics, while our purpose-built workshops feature CNC machinery, inspection rooms, fabrication bays and VR welders.

Taught by professional engineers with real-world experience, our courses prepare you for a wide range of careers, from CAD technician and site engineer to aerospace engineering, or even for progressing to a higher-level engineering course right here at Petroc.

Discover a future where your technical skills unlock endless opportunities in global industries - from pharmaceuticals to aeronautics and beyond. Your journey in engineering and manufacturing starts now.



Approximately **6.3 million** people are employed in engineering and technology occupations in the UK, representing nearly one-fifth (19.2%) of the workforce.¹



The average salary for an Engineering Project Manager is **£55,065**²

¹ Engineering UK

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Aerospace Engineer
- CAD Technician
- Environmental Engineer
- Locksmith
- Nuclear Engineer
- Welder



CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB493

Want to get hands-on with engineering and explore exciting career paths? The Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Technologies is your first step into this high-tech world! Gain practical skills, explore different engineering careers, and build confidence in key areas like maths, science, and CAD design.

What you'll explore:

- Engineering fundamentals and career insights
- Hands-on training in cutting, forming and assembling materials
- Joining techniques and essential maths/science for engineering
- Computer-Aided Drawing (CAD) experience

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

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NEXT STEPS

Progress to Level 2 Engineering, an Apprenticeship, or Light Vehicle Maintenance

CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB070

Got a passion for engineering? This Certificate in Engineering Operations is your fast track to a high-tech career! Whether you aim for a Level 3 T-Level, an apprenticeship, or hands-on industry experience, this course gets you there.

Designed with top businesses and colleges, you'll gain technical knowledge & practical skills, real-world industry experience, essential maths, English & digital skills, as well as personal development & career support.

What you'll explore:

- Engineering environments and safety
- Maths, science and business skills
- Lathe and milling machine operations
- Welding principles and CAD design
- Bench fitting and hands-on machining

Train in our Engineering Centre of Excellence, featuring state-of-the-art CAD facilities, 3D printing, CNC machining, welding workshops, and more!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Progress to a T-Level, apprenticeship, or straight into industry. Get hands-on, get skilled, and get ahead!

ENGINEERING OPERATIVE (FABRICATION) APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | AB230

This hands-on apprenticeship is ideal for those looking to build a career in fabrication and engineering. As an Engineering Operative apprentice, you'll gain the essential skills needed to work safely and effectively in a fabrication environment. You'll learn to interpret technical drawings, operate hand and power tools, use fabrication machinery, and carry out tasks such as cutting, forming, and assembling metal components.

Delivered through a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning, this qualification provides a strong foundation in engineering principles, health and safety, and workplace communication. You'll be supported by experienced professionals and gain valuable insight into real-world engineering projects.

Upon successful completion, apprentices will be equipped with the practical skills and technical knowledge to progress within the industry or move on to advanced engineering qualifications. This is a great first step toward a rewarding and skilled career in metal fabrication.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through an advanced level apprenticeship.

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ENGINEERING FITTER - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB131

Are you into how things work and up for a challenge? As an Engineering Fitter apprentice, you'll learn how to build, repair, and fine-tune complex mechanical systems. Whether you're into electrics, mechanics, or control systems, this apprenticeship gives you the skills to become a crucial part of any engineering team.

You'll get stuck into using tools and machines, interpreting technical drawings and assembling components to high specs.

What you'll learn:

- Materials, tools, and how to use them safely
- Key design, manufacturing and assembly principles
- Engineering maths, quality checks, and industry standards
- Health & safety, planning, and working efficiently
- Read and follow technical drawings
- Build, test and inspect components
- Communication and problem solving

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completion of the qualification, you can progress to become a Chartered Engineering Technician (EngTech) or advance to a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship and enrol on a related HNC or FdSc programme.

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING & CONTROL T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB071

Interested in how things work? Build the future with a T Level in Engineering & Manufacturing! This hands-on course blends classroom theory, practical skills, and a 315-hour industry placement to get you ready for the real world of engineering.

In your second year, you'll specialise in Machining and Toolmaking, mastering the tools and tech behind modern manufacturing.

What you'll explore:

- Essential maths, science and mechanical principles
- Electronics, mechatronics and control systems
- Quality management and health and safety
- Stock, asset management and the evolution of engineering
- Professional behaviours and responsibilities

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to uni, an advanced apprenticeship, or head straight into a career in the engineering and manufacturing industry!

MACHINING TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB183

Love solving problems, working with high-tech machines and getting hands-on? As a Machinist Apprentice, you'll work side-by-side with skilled engineers, learning how to shape metal and other materials into precision components used in everything from aerospace to motorsport.

You'll learn to set up and run CNC and manual machines, including lathes, mills and grinders, producing parts that have to be spot on, down to the tiniest measurement.

Years 1: Foundation Skills

Spend three days a week learning:

- Milling, turning, bench fitting
- Engineering maths & science
- Business improvement techniques
- Hands-on skills in real workshop settings

Years 2-3: Specialist Knowledge

Deepen your understanding and sharpen your skills with:

- Advanced machining theory and techniques
- Complex component production using single and multi-axis CNC machines
- Work-holding, tooling, setting feeds/speeds and quality checking

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon successful completion of this course, you can advance to a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship and enrol on a related HNC or FdSc programme.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB132

Got a sharp eye for detail and a head for how things work? As a Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician Apprentice, you'll learn how to keep vital machinery and equipment running safely and efficiently. From fixing faults to performing checks, you'll be the person who keeps the wheels turning - literally.

You'll train on real industrial kit, learning the skills to inspect, maintain and repair everything from motors and pumps to high-tech control systems.

What you'll learn:

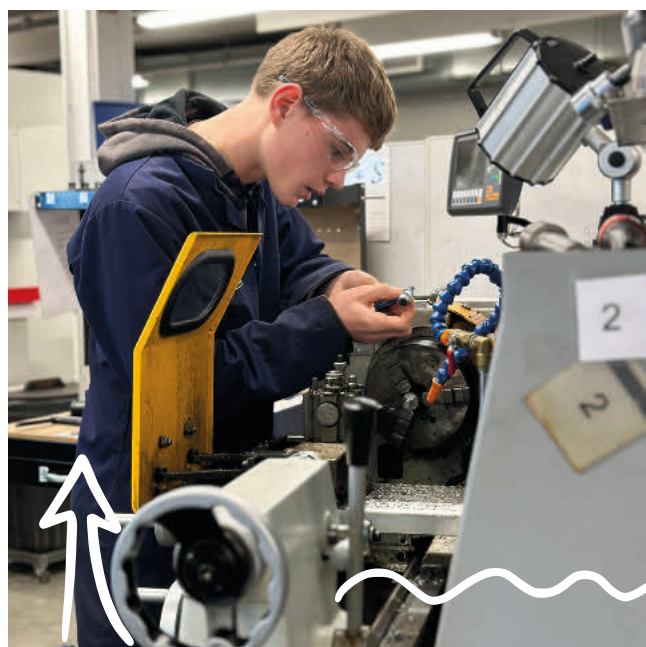
- How equipment operates and how to keep it running
- Industry health & safety standards and environmental regulations
- Maintenance processes and procedures
- The engineering theory behind the tools and techniques you'll use every day
- How to spot and fix faults in machines, tools and systems
- Understand technical documents and job specs
- Inspect, test and maintain equipment to meet operational standards
- Keep clear records and communicate what's been done to the right people

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

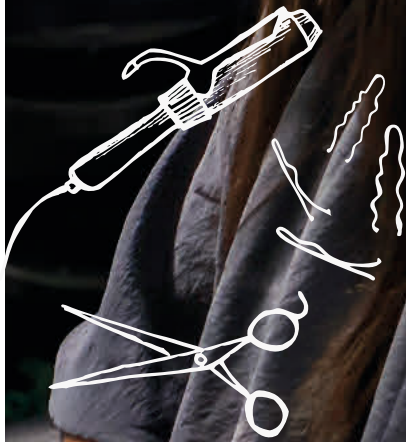
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NEXT STEPS

Upon successful completion of this course, you can advance to a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship and enrol on a related HNC or FdSc programme.



HAIR & BEAUTY



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"I've always enjoyed doing hair and being creative and I think the balance between being in college and in the workplace works well for me and how I learn best."

Elise, Hairdressing Apprenticeship



CREATE, STYLE, SHINE - YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Fancy a future in the hair and beauty industry? Whether you dream of creating award-winning styles for TV dramas, jet-setting on cruise ships, excelling as a celebrity makeup artist, or running your very own salon, our hair and beauty courses at Petroc will set you on the path to your perfect job!

You'll learn through a mix of hands-on practical training and expert-led theory. Based in our stylish Lifestyle Centre, you'll gain real experience working on clients in our commercial salons, barbershop and beauty therapy rooms - all equipped to industry standards.

Alongside work placements with local businesses, you'll build the skills, confidence and know-how to shine in one of the UK's fastest-growing industries. Whether you're heading for self-employment or aiming to join a big-name brand, our experienced tutors will guide you every step of the way.

Coupled with work experience placements with local businesses, our courses prepare you for every exciting opportunity with our passionate, experienced staff guiding you along the way - whether that's launching your own business, becoming a star in the world of beauty, or carving out a successful career with an established brand.



The hair & beauty industry employs around **155,000** individuals, with a substantial portion being self-employed professionals.¹



The average annual salary of a Salon Manager is **£31,030**²

¹ Ibis World

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Barber/Hairdresser
- Beauty Therapist
- Makeup Artist
- Massage Therapist
- Nail Technician
- Tattooist



DIPLOMA IN HAIR & BEAUTY (BEAUTY THERAPY)

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 **North Devon** | FTB652

Ready to kick-start your beauty career? This course is perfect if you're just starting out and want to dive into the beauty world. You'll get hands-on experience and learn the basics you need to land a job or move on to the next level.

You'll build real confidence wearing a full salon uniform for practical classes, practising on classmates first, then showing off your skills on real clients. There's a mix of practical assessments and some multiple-choice tests - nothing to stress about!

What you'll explore:

- Skincare, Hand care, Makeup & Nail Art
- Manicures & Pedicures
- An intro to the beauty industry
- How to look and act the part in a salon

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Once you pass, you can move on to the Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

DIPLOMA IN HAIR & BEAUTY (HAIRDRESSING)

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 **North Devon** | FTB653

Dreaming of a career in hair? This course is your perfect first step into the hairdressing world! If you're curious about cutting, styling and making people feel amazing, this is where it all begins. You'll build your confidence with hands-on practice and learn everything you need to move on to the next level.

You'll train in a real salon setting, working on training heads, classmates, and eventually real clients. You'll also support stylists in a commercial salon to get a taste of the job.

What you'll explore:

- Shampooing, conditioning, styling, finishing & plaiting
- Intro to the hair industry
- How to present a pro image in the salon

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Complete the course successfully and you can progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing.

BARBERING

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 **North Devon** | FTB219

Want to learn the skills to become a top barber? This Technical Certificate in Barbering gives you real experience, expert training, and a chance to work in a working barber shop while studying. From cutting and styling to client care, you'll gain all the skills you need to start your journey in the industry!

What you'll learn:

- Health & safety in the salon
- Client care and consultations
- Shampooing and conditioning
- Men's hair and facial hair cutting & styling techniques
- Opportunities to compete in competitions
- Real work experience in a barber shop

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto an apprenticeship or straight into a barbering career!

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE
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DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB602

Turn your passion for beauty into a career!

Want to master the skills of a beauty professional? This Diploma in Beauty Therapy gives you hands-on training in key treatments, from facials to makeup application. Build your confidence, gain industry knowledge, and take the first step towards an exciting career in beauty!

What you'll learn:

- Facials and skin analysis
- Manicures, pedicures and gel polish
- Hair removal techniques
- Lash and brow treatments
- Makeup application
- Anatomy, physiology and industry practices
- Develop employability skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress into employment, an apprenticeship, or a Level 3 qualification to advance your skills!

DIPLOMA IN WOMEN'S & MEN'S HAIRDRESSING

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB647

Got a creative spark and love making people feel amazing? This hands-on hairdressing course is the perfect way to kick-start your career in the industry. You'll learn real skills in a real salon, taught by expert stylists, and work towards a nationally recognised qualification while building confidence, experience and a strong CV.

You'll get stuck into everything from cutting and styling to colouring, perming and competition work, learning through a mix of theory and practical tasks, building up your skills by working with real clients in our modern, professional salons.

What you'll explore:

- Cutting, Colouring and Perming Women's Hair
- Styling and Dressing
- Health & Safety
- Client Care and Consultations
- Shampoo and Conditioning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

This course sets you up to work in a salon as a stylist, or go even further! Think senior stylist, session work on fashion shoots, cruise ship salons, or repping top brands like Schwarzkopf or Wella. You'll also build up your Maths, English and employability skills along the way, with regular assessments to help you track your progress.

HAIRDRESSING PROFESSIONAL - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | AB13

Love hair, style, and making people feel amazing? This Hair Professional Apprenticeship is your ticket into the fast-paced, creative world of hairdressing or barbering. Whether you're into colouring, cutting, styling or shaving, you'll get real salon experience, train with pros, and build the confidence to kick off your dream career.

What you'll learn:

- How to give expert consultations
- Industry codes of ethics and professional standards
- Client care, communication and salon etiquette
- Safe use of tools, hygiene, and sustainable practices
- Time management and working under pressure
- Making clients feel welcome and valued
- Keeping the salon clean and safe
- Advising on hair care and product choices

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon completion, you can progress onto a Level 3 Hairdressing apprenticeship to further your career opportunities.

ADVANCED & CREATIVE HAIR PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

North Devon | AB40

Got a passion for style and a flair for the bold? This advanced hair apprenticeship is your chance to step up, stand out, and turn your creativity into a career. You'll learn to lead, inspire, and create trend-setting looks in top salons, media, fashion, or even on cruise ships - wherever your talent takes you.

You'll level up your skills to:

- Design and create your own collection of fashion-forward hairstyles
- Use advanced cutting, colouring and styling techniques
- Carry out detailed consultations and personalise every client's look
- Stay on top of trends and promote your work across different platforms
- Work professionally, safely, and confidently - with total creative freedom

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship.

DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY & SPA THERAPY

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

North Devon | FTB210

Ready to level up your beauty career? This course boosts your skills, job prospects, and earning potential, preparing you for an exciting future in the beauty and spa industry. Learn specialist treatments like body massage, electrotherapy, spa therapies, and hot stone massage, all while working on real clients!

What you'll explore:

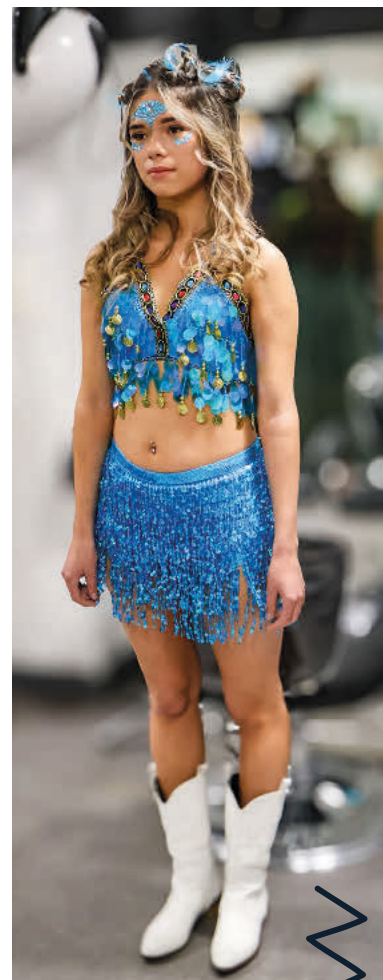
- Body and facial electrotherapy
- Spa treatments and hot stone massage
- Body massage techniques
- Anatomy and physiology for beauty therapy
- Client care, communication and sales
- Health and safety in a salon setting

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

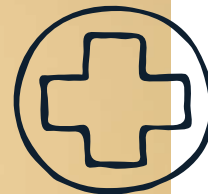
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NEXT STEPS

Progress to an apprenticeship or employment in salons, spas, or even start your own business!



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



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"Completing a T Level in Health has made it possible for me to follow a career path which I had no idea I was interested in."

Jasmine, T Level Health



MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

Are you ready for a career where every day counts? Our Health and Social Care courses are designed for young people who want to make a positive impact, working in dynamic settings like hospitals, schools, care homes, and more. From midwifery to speech and language therapy, you'll learn the vital skills needed to excel in one of the nation's most rewarding and in-demand sectors.

Our programmes combine essential classroom theory with practical work placements, giving you hands-on experience in environments such as our local hospitals, SEN schools, hospices, and nursing homes.

You'll develop key skills in teamwork, communication, and research, preparing you to work effectively with clients, parents, and care professionals.

Taught by experienced lecturers, our courses ensure you're well-prepared to step into the workplace or progress to a degree-level programme. Join us at Petroc and start your journey towards a fulfilling career that truly makes a difference.



There are approximately **21,723** care homes in the UK, housing around **418,000** residents.¹



The average salary of a Occupational Therapist is **£39,568**²

¹ nurses.co.uk

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Adult Nurse
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapist
- Counsellor
- Health Worker
- Midwife
- Social Worker



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB319

If you're interested in a future in health, social care or early years education, this Level 1 Introductory Certificate is a brilliant first step. You'll gain experience in our simulation suite, build confidence, and start developing the essential skills employers and colleges look for.

You'll also get support to boost your study skills and the chance to improve your GCSE Maths and English if needed.

What you'll learn:

- Growth and Development
- Principles and Values in Care
- Health & Safety
- Communication Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move up to a Level 2 course in Health & Social Care or Education & Childcare, or take the apprenticeship route and start working while you learn!

ADULT CARE WORKER - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | AB153

Want a job that actually means something? As an Adult Care Worker apprentice, you'll help people live safely and independently - whether it's supporting them at home, in a care centre, or in a healthcare setting. If you're caring, friendly and want to make a difference, this could be your first step into a rewarding career - and you get paid while you learn!

You'll learn how to:

- Support people with everyday tasks like eating, mobility, personal care, and social activities
- Understand care plans and adapt to individual needs
- Spot and report changes in health and behaviour
- Communicate clearly and respectfully
- Keep people safe through safeguarding, hygiene, and health & safety
- Build positive relationships with individuals, families and care teams
- Work professionally and keep developing your skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

This apprenticeship provides an ideal entry into the occupation and supports progression within the sector.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB079

If you're caring, compassionate and want a career helping others, this Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care is the perfect place to start. You'll explore what it's like to work with children, older adults, and vulnerable people - while building the skills and knowledge to support their needs.

You'll gain insight into real-world care settings and learn how to support people with empathy, respect, and confidence.

What you'll explore:

- Communication and Building Positive Relationships
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- Human Lifespan Development - physical, emotional, social and cognitive
- Safeguarding and Protection

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to our Level 3 Health & Social Care course or take the apprenticeship route and start working while you train!

HEALTH T LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB369

Want to care for others and make a real difference? Start your journey with a T Level in Health! This course blends classroom learning with hands-on experience in the health sector, including a minimum 315-hour placement to build your skills and confidence in real care settings.

In Year 2, you'll specialise in Adult Nursing, giving you a solid foundation for a career in a variety of healthcare settings.

What you'll explore:

- Working in health & science
- Managing info and data in healthcare
- Infection prevention and control
- Health and wellbeing
- Good scientific and clinical practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto a healthcare-related degree or jump into a higher level apprenticeship in nursing, care, or health sciences.

LEAD ADULT CARE WORKER - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | AB154

Want a job that actually changes lives? As a Lead Adult Care Worker, you'll be there for people when they need it most - helping them stay independent, feel safe, and live with dignity. You'll support those facing physical, emotional, and social challenges, while leading a team and taking real responsibility on the frontline of care.

This apprenticeship teaches you everything you need to guide others, support individuals, and boost wellbeing - all while earning and learning in a role that truly matters.

What you'll learn:

- Key knowledge and responsibilities
- Understand your role and the roles of others in care
- Create and adapt care plans as people's needs change
- Lead your team to meet standards and follow key regulations
- Know when to step in, take action, and make the right decisions

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship.

NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

 North Devon | FTB487

Are you passionate about making a real difference in people's lives? Our National Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care is your chance to gain a valuable qualification in this exciting and in-demand field. The course includes practical work experience, so you can apply your knowledge in real-life care settings.

What you'll explore:

- Human lifespan development
- Supporting individuals with additional needs
- Principles & values in Care
- Health & Safety
- Communication skills
- Dementia, and more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can progress to university, a healthcare apprenticeship, or begin your career as a key worker in social care.

HOSPITALITY & CATERING



Discover more!

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"I most enjoyed making new foods and learning about where they come from. Learning new techniques and professional ways to do things was also really interesting and will be great skills for my future career."

Bailea-Rae, Catering Level 2



WHAT TO EXPECT?

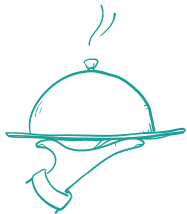
Love cooking? Dream of running your own restaurant or hotel?

If you're passionate about great food and high-quality service, our Hospitality & Catering courses are your recipe for success. From local eateries to global resorts, we'll help you get the skills and experience to make it happen.

You will train in our modern, commercial training kitchens and public restaurants, which will give you real-life experience of working in this exciting and fast-paced industry.

And our experienced lecturers will share their wealth of knowledge to develop your skills and support you through your studies and work experience.

Whether you see yourself as part of a busy catering team or aspire to becoming a head chef, hotel manager, or event manager, at home or abroad, this multi-billion-pound industry is full of opportunity - and it's booming right here in the South West. We'll help you achieve your dreams!



As of 2024, the hospitality sector employed approximately **2.8 million** individuals, accounting for **7.5%** of all UK jobs.¹



The average salary for a Hotel Manager is **£34,308**²

¹ parliament.uk

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Baker
- Catering Manager
- Chef
- Commis Chef
- Hotel Manager
- Restaurant Manager



DIPLOMA IN INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB081

Love food? Dream of being a chef? Kick-start your culinary journey with this hands-on course that's all about getting stuck in and learning real cooking skills in a professional kitchen. If you're into food, this is your chance to turn passion into a future!

Train in our Taw Restaurant kitchen using state-of-the-art equipment like combi ovens, ice-cream machines, induction stoves, and even a Thermomix! You'll grow your confidence and feel right at home in a fast-paced kitchen environment. No experience needed - just a love of cooking!

What you'll explore:

- Baking, roasting, grilling
- Stewing, braising and poaching
- All the essential chef skills you'll need in the industry

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Once you've nailed the basics, move on to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery and keep climbing the chef ladder.

COMMIS CHEF - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | AB169

If you're passionate about food and want to learn the ropes in a fast-paced kitchen, this apprenticeship is for you! As a Commis Chef, you'll gain hands-on experience preparing dishes, learning the basics of cooking, and exploring different sections of the kitchen to find where your culinary passion lies.

You'll develop key skills in:

- Preparing and cooking food to the highest standards
- Understanding how menus are created and influenced by seasonality
- Using kitchen tools and equipment safely
- Following food safety regulations and maintaining hygiene
- Working as part of a team to deliver great results in a busy kitchen environment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

On successful completion of the commis chef programme, you can move into a Chef de Partie role or Senior Production Chef role.

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB082

Serious about food? Want to be a pro chef? This hands-on Level 2 Diploma is your next step if you're passionate about cooking and ready to level up in a real kitchen. Whether you dream of running your own food business or working in top restaurants, this course gets you industry-ready with practical skills and pro kitchen know-how.

Train in our state-of-the-art Lifestyle Centre and cook in the Taw Restaurant - serving real customers with stunning views over Barnstaple!

What you'll explore:

- Cook meat, fish, poultry, soups, sauces, pastries, desserts and more
- Master knife skills and perfect your plating
- Menu planning, nutrition, food safety and kitchen organisation
- Learn about sustainability and ethical sourcing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Move on to a Level 3 Diploma, specialise in butchery, vegan cooking, patisserie, or head straight into a career as a Commis Chef, Chef de Partie, Baker or Pastry Chef, Catering Assistant or Private Chef.

No previous experience needed - just a passion for food and a drive to learn.

DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

North Devon | FTB085

Dream of becoming a chef? The Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery is your gateway to the fast-paced world of restaurants, hotels, catering, or even your own food business! Train in professional kitchens, master essential culinary skills, and learn from experienced chefs while creating dishes to industry standards.

Train in our state-of-the-art Lifestyle Centre & Taw Restaurant, gaining real-world experience while cooking for customers with stunning views over Barnstaple!

What you'll explore:

- Food safety, hygiene and kitchen regulations
- Ingredient knowledge, nutrition and menu planning
- Knife skills, food prep and presentation techniques
- Cooking methods - roasting, grilling, sous vide and more
- Bread, pastry and dessert production

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

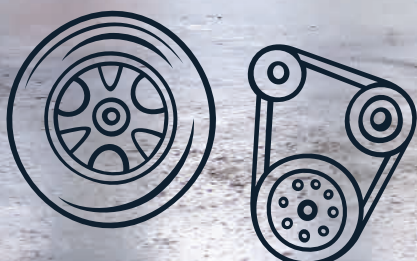
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NEXT STEPS:

- Specialise in butchery, pastry, or plant-based cuisine
- Become a Commis Chef, Chef de Partie, Baker, or Private Chef
- Gain experience in top restaurants or even start your own business!



MOTOR VEHICLE



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"I have made some great friends and learnt some new skills that I can take out into the workplace."

Tyler, Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

A great mechanic will always be in demand, so if you love cars and are fascinated by the inner workings of engines, suspension systems or chassis, one of our motor vehicle vocational courses could be right up your street.

Our fantastic training area replicates a modern vehicle repair centre with all the lifts and equipment you would find in a commercial garage. We also have our own electric car fleet, and our knowledgeable and passionate lecturers will help you develop your skills in everything from car maintenance to hybrid vehicle fault diagnosis.



In 2024, the motor vehicle manufacturing sector employed around **97,489** individuals in the UK.¹



The average salary for a Motor Mechanic is **£37,485**²

¹ Ibis World

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Auto Body Repair Technician
- Car Sales Manager
- Mechanic
- Motorsport technician
- MOT tester
- Vehicle Inspector



AUTOMOTIVE

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB111

Love cars and want to learn how they work? This Automotive Maintenance Certificate gives you hands-on experience in the motor vehicle industry. Gain essential skills, work with real tools, and explore everything from engines to braking systems - setting you up for further study or a future career!

What you'll explore:

- How engines & ignition systems work
- Using tools, equipment and consumables
- Steering, suspension and braking systems
- Wheels and tyres - maintenance and safety
- Essential health and safety training

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto a higher level qualification or an apprenticeship in the motor industry!

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB113

Kickstart your career in vehicle maintenance! Are you interested in cars? Our Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance is your chance to dive into the world of vehicle repair and maintenance. You'll gain hands-on experience and learn the essential systems that keep vehicles running smoothly, including engine, electrical, and transmission systems.

What you'll explore:

- Routine maintenance
- Engine cooling
- Fuel
- Ignition systems
- Health and safety
- Tools and materials

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Complete the course and move on to a Level 3 apprenticeship in the motor industry, with opportunities for further qualifications as you work.

MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (LIGHT VEHICLE) - APPRENTICESHIP

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | AB147

Love cars? Got a thing for fixing stuff? This 3-year Light Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship is your chance to turn that passion into a skilled career - no technical background needed (though a Level 1 in Vehicle Maintenance & Repair helps!)

You'll get hands-on from day one, working with real cars, learning from real technicians, and using real diagnostic tech - all while getting paid to train. Four days a week, you'll be in the garage with your mentor; one day a week, you'll be learning in our top-class workshops and classrooms.

What you'll learn:

- How car servicing and repair works - legally, safely, and ethically
- The inner workings of the auto industry - from how garages run to business goals
- Vehicle systems: brakes, suspension, electrics, engines, emissions, hybrids & EVs
- How to spot, understand and fix faults - from common issues to complex diagnostics
- The rules around fitting upgrades and making modifications

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of this apprenticeship, you could further develop your knowledge through a higher level apprenticeship.

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PROGRESSIVE SKILLS ACADEMY



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"During his time on the Project SEARCH programme, Adam worked hard to develop his skills and knowledge, taking advantage of every opportunity that was presented to him. Adam's hard work paid off. He secured employment at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in the medical device library, where he is responsible for cleaning and delivering equipment throughout the hospital."

Tom Webb, Lecturer



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Not sure what's next? Let's find your path together.

New for 2025, our Progressive Skills Academy programmes are designed to support young people who need a bit more time, guidance, or confidence before taking their next step - whether that's further study, training or employment.

We offer a **welcoming, inclusive environment** where every learner is supported by experienced tutors and specialist SEND staff. Whether you have an EHCP or just need a little extra help, we'll work with you to build essential life and work skills, grow your confidence, and explore your goals at a pace that suits you.

You'll enjoy hands-on learning, educational trips, and community projects - including national and international residential. We also offer **unique spaces** like sensory gardens, cafés, and enterprise zones to help you learn, socialise, and thrive.

Petroc's Progressive Skills Academy is designed to focus the learner on their destination and features three distinctive routes:

FE ACADEMY

The curriculum will be designed to support learners to progress into employment through a qualification route towards vocational and further academic courses. Formal Maths and English qualifications will be delivered at the learner's pace. The purpose of this curriculum is to get learners ready for level 1, 2 or 3 courses.

EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY

The curriculum is designed as a route into employment for learners who do not have a clear vocational aspiration but are working towards employment as an outcome. There is an emphasis on work experience and activities outside of the classroom to build up skills for independence and communication to enable skills for work or pre-apprenticeship, which could be supported by our supported Internships or Project Search programme.

INDEPENDENCE ACADEMY

For learners identified in their EHCP that need to work towards independence and a community-based destination. Maths and English are embedded throughout the journey.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN:

- Personal and social development
- Independence and life skills
- Confidence in decision-making
- Support towards employment, further study or training

We do have some learners who at college entry, it is clear that an independent outcome/destination is appropriate for them and the curriculum needs to fit that.

At the end of your programme, we'll celebrate your journey with a personalised event just for you.

No formal entry requirements - just a willingness to learn and grow. Let's build a future that works for you.



ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT

Entry Level | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB086

Ready to get work ready?

Jump into our Access to Employment course and build the skills that really matter - for jobs and life. You'll boost your Maths and English in a way that makes sense, get clued up on what employers want, and feel more confident about your next steps.

You'll learn:

Employment Skills - Learn how to do well in interviews, write a CV that stands out, and understand what it's like to work in different jobs.

Real Work Experience - Try out placements that match your interests and help you build real confidence.

Community Projects - Work with others and grow your teamwork skills.

Digital Know-How - Learn to use tech like a pro - from emails to online forms and everything in between.

You'll learn in small groups with friendly staff, in a course built for young people with SEN, EHCPs, or extra learning needs - perfect if you're working at Entry Level 3 and aiming for more independence or work.

WHY THIS COURSE?

- Supportive, small-group learning
- Real skills for real life
- Personalised to fit you

NEXT STEPS

- Level 1 courses
- Supported internships or jobs
- Volunteering
- Further Maths & English skills

FOUNDATION YEAR

Entry Level | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTT307

Not sure what's next after school?

This course is aimed at learners with an EHCP and offers three routes; we'll help you choose the best one during your interview. You'll learn in a relaxed, supportive space with people who understand where you're at - and where you want to go.

Route 1: The FE Academy

Get ready for college life! This route builds your confidence, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving - all the stuff you'll need for a future vocational course. You'll work on your Maths and English in fun, practical ways that link to real life and your career goals. With exciting projects and hands-on activities, you'll discover what you're great at and where you want to go next.

Route 2: The Employment Academy

Want to get job-ready? This route gives you real-world experience and the skills to ace your first job. Learn how to be a team player, turn up on time, and solve problems like a pro - all while working on your Maths and English in ways that actually make sense. You'll build a strong CV, gain references, and feel confident walking into any interview.

Route 3: The Independence Academy

Ready to take charge of your life? This route helps you build confidence, independence, and the life skills you need to thrive. From budgeting and travel to communication and decision-making, you'll learn how to handle everyday situations and become a positive part of your community. It's all about finding your voice, your purpose, and your future.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

Entry Level | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB243

📍 Tiverton | FTT001

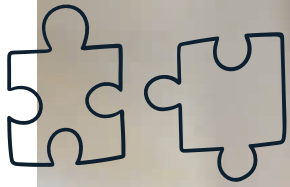
Want to get into paid work after college? If you're 16 - 24, have an EHCP, and are ready to take that next big step into the world of work - a Supported Internship could be just what you need. You'll build confidence, learn new skills, and get real experience in a job that suits your goals, all with loads of support to help you succeed.

This course is all about learning by doing - you'll spend one day a week at Petroc College building your employability skills, and the rest gaining hands-on experience in a real workplace. Whether it's in admin, hospitality, retail or something else, you'll be supported every step of the way with job coaching and personalised help.

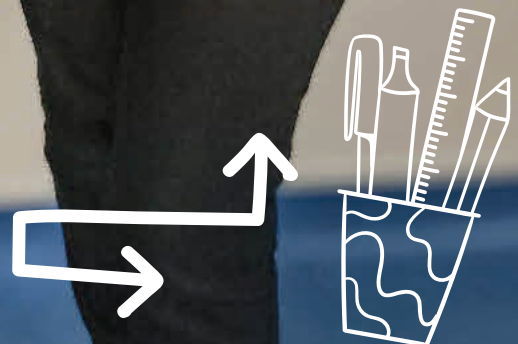
What You'll Get:

- Real work experience in a business matched to your interests
- One-to-one job coaching and support with workplace adjustments
- Essential skills training - both for the job and for life
- Help with travel so you can get to work confidently and independently
- Up to 12 months of tailored support
- Support into paid work or further opportunities when the course ends. You may even earn recognised qualifications along the way!

This is for young people aged 16 - 24 with SEND and an EHCP who are ready for employment but need a bit of extra support to get there.



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ACCESS TO FURTHER EDUCATION

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB087

Not sure what to do next? This full-time course helps you boost your English and Maths (GCSE or Functional Skills - depending on your level), build confidence, and explore a range of vocational options to discover what suits you best.

You'll also develop your digital skills - from using Word and email to staying safe online - and learn in a supportive environment focused on helping you succeed.

What you'll learn:

- English & Maths - Taught at your level with plenty of support
- Vocational Tasters - Try hands-on projects in different areas
- Digital Skills - Get confident with everyday tech

Is this course for you?

- You're working at Level 1
- You're aiming for a Level 2 course, apprenticeship or job
- You want to explore your options while building life and work skills

WHERE CAN IT TAKE YOU?

- Level 2 vocational courses
- Apprenticeships or traineeships
- Further English & Maths qualifications
- Greater independence and readiness for work

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Hands-on learning that keeps things engaging
- A supportive team focused on your goals
- Real-world skills that help you move forward

PROJECT SEARCH (BARNSTAPLE)

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB244

Ready to start your career?

Join Project SEARCH! If you've got a learning disability or are on the autistic spectrum, have an EHCP, and are keen to get into work - Project SEARCH could be for you!

This full-time, supported internship at North Devon District Hospital gives you the chance to learn real skills, in real jobs, with lots of support along the way. You'll take on three different 10-week placements in the hospital, working Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm.

You'll be trained and supported by a friendly team of Project SEARCH staff and hospital mentors, helping you get confident fast. It kicks off with a three-week induction so you feel safe, professional and ready to go.

Each day starts and ends with coaching sessions in the Project SEARCH training room - building your skills and confidence as you go. The goal? Paid work of 16+ hours per week. Some interns even get hired before the course ends! With an amazing 87% employment success rate, Project SEARCH sets you up for real-world success - whether that's at the hospital or beyond.

WINGS OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

 North Devon | FTB635

This programme, delivered with Wings College, offers a truly unique alternative education experience.

The Wings curriculum is aimed at students who want a different experience to school or large college environments. Wings offers a supportive atmosphere and a diverse range of practical options to give you inspiration for your next steps, as well as giving you improved confidence, renewed motivation and the skills to progress.

We offer a suite of qualifications designed to support you in successfully gaining a job, progressing in a chosen field, preparing you for further study and supporting the development of techniques required for independent living.

Qualifications include: Level 1 and 2 in Employability skills, Level 1 and 2 Customer service, English and Maths, Functional Skills (Entry levels to Level 2).

You will have the opportunity to undertake the following skills: carpentry, motor mechanics, design, media and technology, sports and fitness, photography and horticulture.

This is for young people aged 16-24 with SEND and an EHCP who are ready for employment but need a bit of extra support to get there. If that's you - let's get started!

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION PROGRAMME

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

North Devon | FTB513

Step Up to What's Next with APP!

The Academic Progression Programme (APP) is a full-time Level 2 course designed to boost your GCSE English & Maths while exploring Psychology, Health & Social Care, and Digital Skills.

What you'll explore:

- Improve your core GCSEs with support at the right level
- Discover how the mind works through, mental health, memory and more within Psychology
- Learn about the body, society, and care within Health & Social Care
- Build essential digital skills for study and work

This course is perfect if you've finished a Level 1 course and want to move on to A Levels, BTECs, or an Access to HE course. Gain real qualifications, grow your confidence, and get set for careers in health, psychology, education, or social care.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to A Levels, BTECs, Access to HE, apprenticeships, or entry-level jobs with training.



PUBLIC SERVICES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Discover more!

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"The college has given me lots of opportunities to gain valuable experiences, and the lecturers have helped me understand the many career paths available to me."

George, Uniformed Protective Services



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

If you enjoy supporting and working with others, have a keen interest in working outdoors or want to train as a police officer, coastguard or firefighter, we can help you achieve your ambitions!

Our Public Services and Outdoor Adventure vocational courses are both exciting and challenging, and are a perfect platform for you to explore your passions and hobbies. Our team of passionate and inspirational lecturers will provide you with hands-on experience alongside supporting theoretical knowledge to help you achieve your qualification.

We regularly make use of North Devon's beautiful coastline and natural environments as innovative teaching spaces where you will have the opportunity to develop your practical learning alongside essential teamwork and leadership skills. Students who study these courses progress onto a huge variety of careers from watersports and activity instructor, to jobs within the armed forces and blue light services.



There were **30,769** firefighters in England in 2024¹



The average salary for a paramedic is **£39,298**²

¹ ons.gov.uk

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Army Officer
- Coastguard
- Firefighter
- Outdoor Activity Instructor
- Paramedic
- Police Officer



PUBLIC SERVICES & SPORT

Level 1 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB134

Are you interested in sports or public services? This Level 1 programme is the perfect mixture and will give you the right foundation with a mix of classroom theory and hands-on learning. You'll earn both a Level 1 Award in Public Services and a Level 1 Certificate in Sport.

What you'll explore:

- Staying active through sports
- Learning about public services
- Setting and achieving personal goals

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can move on to a Level 2 course in Sports or Public Services.

PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB488

If you're interested in a career in the public services sector, whether it's the police, fire service, paramedics, or armed forces, our Diploma in Preparation for Public Services is the perfect starting point!

What you'll explore:

- Public Service Skills
- Crime
- Health & Fitness
- Teamwork
- Expedition Skills
- Emergency Incidents & Response

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing the course, you can move on to our Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services or Sport & Outdoor Activities courses.

SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB500

Love the outdoors and up for a challenge? This Outdoor Adventure course is built for thrill-seekers who want more from college than a classroom. From climbing cliffs and coasteering to mountain biking and kayaking, you'll be learning hands-on (and getting soaked, muddy, and buzzing with adrenaline). If you're looking for a course that's active, exciting and career-focused, this is it!

What you'll explore:

- Leadership & instructing
- Expedition planning
- Sporting injuries
- Event organisation
- Sports tourism & facility operations
- Health, safety, sustainability

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Go on to further outdoor qualifications, uni, or straight into jobs in adventure tourism, outdoor education or leisure.

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB099

Want a career that makes a real difference? If you're up for a challenge and interested in a future in the police, fire service, armed forces or rescue services, the Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services is your gateway into action. This exciting course blends theory with practical adventures like climbing, coasteering and canoeing, all while boosting your fitness, confidence and leadership skills.

What you'll explore:

- Citizenship & diversity
- Behaviour, discipline & emergency incidents
- Global affairs & the media
- Physical prep & wellbeing
- Criminology & sociology
- Outdoor activity skills
- Teamwork, leadership & communication
- Government & the protective services

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

After completing this course, you can move on to university or specialist training. Career routes include the Police, Fire & Rescue, Prison Service, Armed Forces, RNLI, and more. This diploma gives you real skills, experience, and direction.



SPORT, HEALTH & FITNESS



Discover more!

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"I enjoy the amount of sports content that I study in my course at Petroc. I enjoy being able to receive support from my lecturers about various topics in sport and further develop my knowledge."

James, Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports



LOVE THE OUTDOORS OR MAD ABOUT SPORT AND DREAM OF TURNING YOUR PASSION INTO A CAREER?

Whether you're coaching a football team, climbing cliffs, coasteering along the coast, building your own fitness brand, or planning your next expedition - our Sport and Outdoor Activities courses are designed for bold, motivated individuals who want more from college than just a classroom.

From kayaking and mountain biking to sport psychology, personal training and social media branding, you'll gain real-world experience, boost your fitness and build the knowledge to launch a career in the multibillion-pound health and fitness industry.

Learn at top-class facilities at the Tarka Leisure Centre, and take part in community projects, festivals, and school outreach for hands-on learning that makes a difference.

Previous students have stepped into roles such as a personal trainer, PE teacher, outdoor instructor, nutritionist or fitness content creator. Go straight into work, launch your own business, or move on to a top sports university to specialise in areas like sport science or psychology.



In 2024, there were roughly **190,000** people in the United Kingdom with an occupation in the sports and fitness sector.¹



The average salary for a Sports Coach is **£31,090**²

¹ Statista

² indeed.com



Future Careers...

- Gym Manager
- Lifeguard
- Outdoor Pursuits Instructor
- PE Teacher
- Sports Coach
- Sports Physiotherapist



SPORT

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

📍 North Devon | FTB485

Love sport? Turn it into your future! This Level 2 Certificate in Sport is your first step to making it a career. You'll get hands-on experience in fitness, leadership, and coaching, plus the chance to lead real sports sessions and develop skills that employers look for, including our sport leader development package, gaining real leadership experience in schools and community settings.

What you'll explore:

- Fitness and Anatomy
- Practical Sports Performance
- Coaching and Leading Activities
- Injury Prevention
- Personal Fitness Training

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress onto our Level 3 Sports or Outdoor Adventure courses, or take your skills straight into work!

SPORT

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

📍 North Devon | FTB102

If you're mad about sport, this course is your chance to dive deep into the world of fitness, coaching, performance, and more. You'll build your knowledge of the body, training, and leadership while exploring careers in areas like personal training, sport psychology, nutrition, and analysis.

What you'll explore:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness Testing and Programming
- Sports Leadership and Coaching
- Skill Acquisition
- Officiating, Rules and Practical Sport
- Research and Development in Sport

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to page 12/13.

NEXT STEPS

Progress to uni or kick-start a career in the ever-evolving sports industry.





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WORK EXPERIENCE

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GET CAREER-READY WITH HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE

At Petroc, no matter which course you choose, **work experience is a key part of your journey** - helping you build the employability skills, confidence, and connections that employers and universities are actively looking for.

Throughout your course, you'll take part in work experience to bring your learning to life, showing you how your studies connect to exciting career opportunities. We've built strong partnerships with a wide range of employers - like the NHS, local councils, charities, media agencies, engineering firms, accountancy and legal practices - who provide **exceptional placements** to help launch your future.

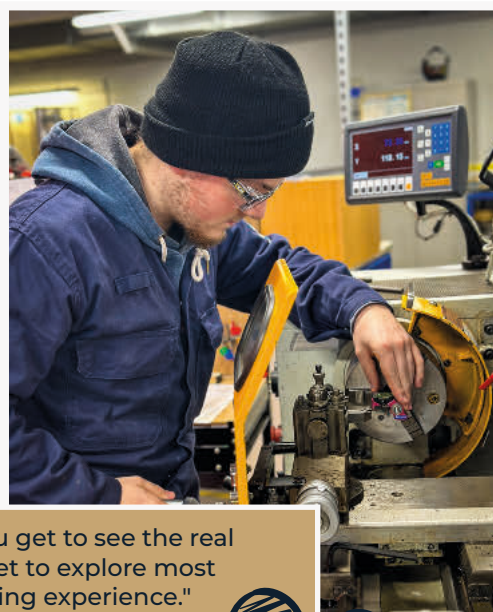
We encourage you to find your placement with an employer who inspires you.

Our dedicated Industry Placements Team and Work Experience Team are here to help every step of the way, with:

- CV and cover letter support
- Application guidance
- Support in finding a work placement

These experiences don't just build your CV - they could also lead to **job offers or apprenticeships** once your course ends. It's the perfect way to take your first step into a rewarding, successful career.

And if you're dreaming big? Some courses even offer the chance to travel and work overseas through **Petroc Go** - a fantastic way to explore new cultures, make lifelong memories, and add international experience to your portfolio.



"I enjoyed my placements at the hospital, as you get to see the real life healthcare given to real patients. You also get to explore most of the departments in the hospital, it's an amazing experience."

Evan, T Level Health

STUDENT LIFE

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MORE THAN JUST A COURSE!

Your college experience is so much more than what you learn in the classroom. It's about discovering new experiences, making new friends, developing your skills, strengthening your CV, enriching your life to help you grow, and making the most of every opportunity that comes your way.

Whether you want to boost your CV, try something different, or simply have fun, Petroc Plus offers something for everyone. From clubs and societies to sports, and academies, by the time you leave Petroc, you'll have a CV that is bursting with achievements that will set you apart.



PETROC *plus*

Discover
more!



Petroc Plus is our extensive programme of extracurricular activities that you can get involved in alongside your studies. They're a great way to make friends, learn new skills, develop existing ones, and grow in confidence.

Petroc's Boost, Explore and Compete programmes offer a fantastic range of Academies, sports academies, clubs and societies, all designed to help you discover, challenge and excel at your passions and interests. Full details can be found on our website.

PETROC BOOST

DISCOVER CHALLENGE EXCEL

These 12-week enrichment programmes are designed to run alongside A Levels and selected Level 3 programmes to enhance your learning experience and allow you to explore new interests. With a diverse and stimulating selection of programmes such as Anthropology, Criminology, Uniformed Services Academy and Medic Academy, you will learn and explore some fascinating aspects of each subject area. Find out more here.



PETROC EXPLORE

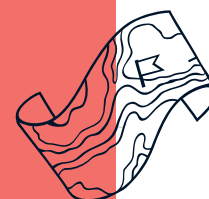
Experience Create Connect

As well as studying at Petroc, you will have the chance to explore new passions, make new friends, and develop as a person.

Whether you're into esports, debating, crafting, surfing, media, or music - there is something for everyone!. Join a sports team, start learning BSL or AI, or dive into clubs like Dungeons & Dragons, choir, yoga, netball, vehicle maintenance, book club, or the LGBTQIA+ group.

Want to get involved behind the scenes? You could be DJing on Fresh FM, our college radio station, or volunteering at our sustainable Zero Shop.

Check out our website for more details.



PETROC

COMPETE

Train Focus Succeed

Get ready to take your game - and your future - to the next level.

At Petroc, Sports Academies are a big part of college life helping to build confidence, boost mental wellbeing, sharpen focus, and enable you to develop the teamwork, resilience and leadership skills that employers and universities love.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just keen to get involved, we've got an academy to match your passion. Choose from an incredible line-up including: **Rugby, Football (Men's, Women's & Petroc Rocks), Netball, Basketball, Climbing, Surf Life Saving, Athletics & Cross Country, Badminton, Tennis, Golf, E-Sports, Fitness**

You'll train with expert coaches, meet your new teammates, and benefit from pre-season training, competitive fixtures and performance development - all alongside your studies.

Want to take it even further? Our Talented Athlete Programme is designed to support students competing at elite levels. You'll get:

- A tailored Performance Pathway
- Academic flexibility and admin support
- Access to top-class coaching and facilities
- Potential scholarships, bursaries and funding for travel, kit and competition fees

Check out our website for further information.



FIREBALL
BEACH VOLLEYBALL



THE KIDS ADVENTURE
COMPANY



NICK THORN



GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

At Petroc, you're not just a student - you're part of something bigger.

As soon as you join us, you'll become a member of the **Petroc Student Union (PSU)** - a student-led community that brings the college to life with events, clubs and campaigns. The PSU gives you a voice on the things that matter and is a great way to meet new people and get involved in shaping college life.



Want to take it further? Step up as a **Student Ambassador** - one of our friendly faces who represent Petroc at open events.. You'll help inspire future students, support your peers, and build valuable employability skills like **leadership, teamwork and confidence** - all while boosting your CV.

Whether you're organising events, leading a society, or guiding visitors around campus, you'll gain real experience that helps you stand out - at university, in job applications, and beyond.



Discover more!



As a member of the PSU, you are also entitled to student discounts and benefits such as those gained through the TOTUM card.

SUPPORTING YOU & YOUR LEARNING

Taking the next step after school is a big moment - and an exciting one! College is a fresh start, full of new opportunities, new friendships, and new experiences. At Petroc, we know it can feel like a leap into the unknown, and we're proud to offer a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where your wellbeing and success come first. Our friendly staff, expert tutors, and dedicated support

teams are here to guide you every step of the way - making sure you feel confident, capable, and ready to shine.

College is your time, your journey and your future. We're here to help you make it everything it can be.

ACCESSIBILITY

At Petroc, we're committed to removing barriers so you can focus on learning, growing, and making the most of your college experience.

Our campuses are designed to be inclusive and accessible, with ramps, lifts and wheelchair-friendly facilities throughout. We also use assistive technology across all curriculum areas to support different learning styles and needs, and together, we'll create a personalised Learning Inclusion Plan to ensure you have the tools, strategies, and resources that work best for you.



ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

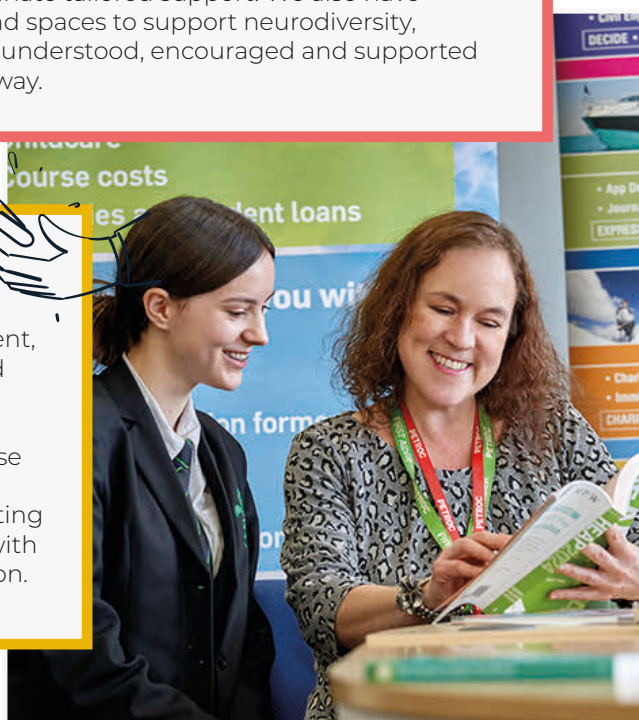
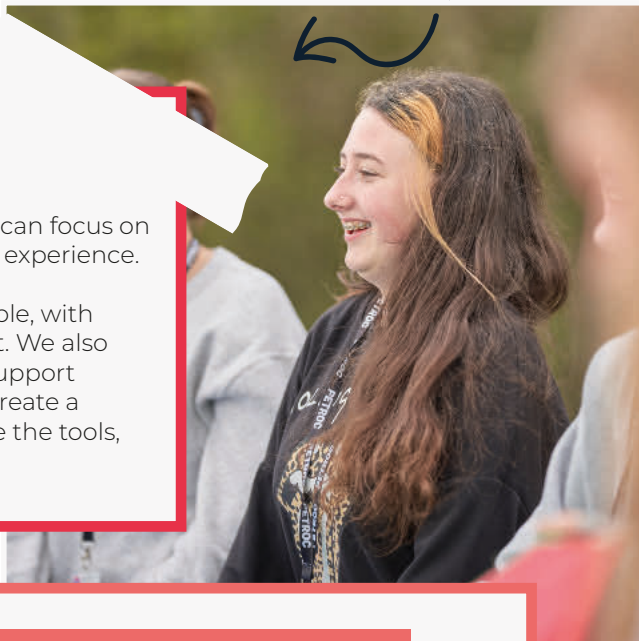
Our experienced teams are here to help with any specific learning needs or disabilities you may have, offering a person-centred approach that puts you at the heart of your journey. If you have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), our specialist teams will work closely with you to coordinate tailored support. We also have dedicated staff and spaces to support neurodiversity, ensuring you feel understood, encouraged and supported every step of the way.



CAREERS SUPPORT

Our dedicated careers specialists offers independent, impartial advice via one-to-one appointments and can help you take the next step in your career.

This includes guidance with career planning; course and subject choices; post-course options; finding apprenticeships, choosing the right university; writing a UCAS personal statement; and supporting you with job searches, applications and interview preparation.



CHILDCARE SUPPORT

'Care to Learn' is a government-run scheme for students requiring childcare support and who are under 20 years old at the start of their course.

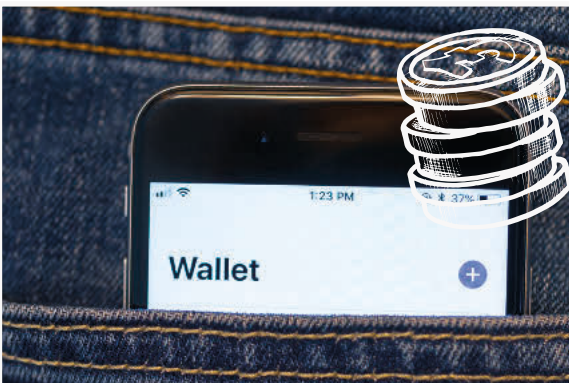
This initiative provides financial assistance to eligible students to help cover the costs associated with childcare services, enabling them to pursue their academic goals. Please contact the Advice & Guidance Centre for more information.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Education is free for all students who are aged 16-18 (on 31 August of the year you start your course). There may be additional costs for books or travel, but please do not let money matters stop you from coming to college.

We're here for every learner, so if you need financial assistance to cover the costs of studying or travel, we may be able to help. Look for more details about the Bursary Fund or bus passes on our website, or call and speak to our friendly Advice & Guidance Team for more information.



"I have enjoyed how inclusive Petroc is. There have been a lot of events, for example, the remembrance to the holocaust, and awareness for LGBT. Also, there are really nice and supportive teachers and it is a positive learning environment."

Toby

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

The protection, safety, health, wellbeing and welfare of all learners is of paramount importance at Petroc.

We follow the statutory guidance and recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare and wellbeing of children and young people. We are committed to a 'whole college approach' to safeguarding. To this end, we ensure that all staff are trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection and in preventing radicalisation.

The college also provides a comprehensive wellbeing and welfare service to students. This includes support for housing, financial needs, and the physical and emotional safety, wellbeing and welfare of our learners, all of which can impact a student's ability to study.

Petroc is an open and inclusive college that values diversity and prides itself on zero tolerance towards discrimination of any kind. Our commitment is that every student at Petroc will have the support and tools needed to achieve their fullest potential in both their personal and educational journey.





SUSTAINABILITY

Petroc is passionate about sustainability, and tackling the climate emergency is one of the aims and objectives set out in our Strategy: Towards 2025.

We believe we have a responsibility to ensure that the college - and its staff and students - are committed to environmental sustainability in Devon and beyond.

We are continually striving to improve all areas of sustainability at our campuses, including recycling and waste, travel, energy use and procurement, and we actively encourage all staff and students to join us to help protect the environment and preserve resources.

We are proud to hold a **Planet Mark certificate**, are members of the **Plastic Free North Devon consortium**, and in 2019, signed up to support the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**.



YOUNG ADULT CARERS

If you care for a family member who has a disability, a long-term serious illness, or a substance misuse problem, you may be a young adult carer.

Petroc is committed to helping young adult carers throughout their college experience and understands that looking after a loved one whilst also being a student can be challenging.

We can provide one-to-one personal and academic support, advice and guidance; a quiet space to make urgent phone calls; referrals to local services; and support from our Wellbeing Team.



TRAVEL

Our college sites are situated on good bus routes with on-site car parks and plenty of cycle shelters, so whether you plan to travel to Petroc by bus, car, bike, or foot, we can help you with routes, passes and permits. We encourage active and sustainable travel wherever possible. Find out more information on bus routes [here](#).





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



We understand that preparing for your next steps is exciting but can also seem daunting. Please do not worry - here are some answers to questions you may have, and if you have any further queries, get in touch with us.

I am undecided about which course to study. Is there someone who can help me?

Yes! We have a dedicated School Liaison team who can meet you at school to discuss your options and help you to apply as well as our friendly Advice & Guidance team who can offer advice and application assistance. We run open events throughout the year, which are a great way to come and explore our campus and talk to our lecturers about the courses available to you.

When do I apply for my course?

Applications open in October and are accepted throughout the academic year before starting in September. We recommend everyone apply as soon as possible so that interviews can take place before GCSE revision and exams start.

I can't decide on one course - can I apply for more than one course?

Yes. You can apply for more than one course to keep your options open and finalise your decision later in the academic year.

Can I apply to more than one college?

Yes, you can apply to more than one college. We would recommend you visit different colleges to get a "feel" for what suits you best.

What happens if I change my mind about my course after applying?

Just call or email us, and we will withdraw your original application and amend it to the new course you want to study.

Do I have to have an interview?

Yes, but please don't worry - this is the opportunity to meet your lecturer and discuss any queries you may have about the course. Your lecturer will ask you about why you have applied, your future plans and your career aspirations to ensure it is the right course for you.

Can I come and have a look around Petroc?

Yes, we host open events throughout the Autumn and Spring terms where you can come and explore our facilities, workshops, teaching and social spaces. Additionally, our friendly School Liaison team are happy to show you around in a private tour if you prefer.

What happens if I do not get the GCSE grades to meet the entry requirements for my course?

Don't panic! On GCSE results day, upload your results, and our team will contact you to discuss your options. We will find a course for you!

How many days a week will I have to be at college?

This varies by course, and you will be able to discuss this during your interview. Most courses run over 3 - 4 days, allowing plenty of time to fit in part-time jobs, independent study, work experience, and extracurricular activities.

When do I receive my timetable?

You will receive this during your enrolment days at the end of August.





How many people will be in my class?

Class sizes vary between 10 - 20 students per class, depending on the course.

How can I get to Petroc?

Our college sites are situated on good bus routes with on-site car parks and plenty of cycle shelters. So whether you plan to travel to Petroc by bus, car, bike, or on foot, we can help you with routes, passes, and permits. Find out more information on bus routes [here](#).



When does college start?

In September! We will let you know your start date, and you will receive your timetable and lanyard before starting, along with any other information that you need to know.

What support is available for students with learning difficulties, mental health or additional needs?

Petroc offers dedicated support for every student. If you have an EHCP, our specialist mentors will work with your school or home setting to ensure a smooth transition. Our Additional Learning Support, SEND, Wellbeing, and Safeguarding Teams also collaborate with schools, families and individuals to provide help with starting college and ongoing support throughout your time at college.

Can I change my course if I start in September and realise it's not right for me?

Yes, within the first 3 weeks of the Autumn term, if you feel the course you are studying is not right for you, you will have the opportunity to discuss transferring to another course.

I received free school meals at school; will I at college?

All students receive a free breakfast at college across all of our campuses. A bursary fund is available to support learners from low-income families and covers costs for items such as college meals, bus passes, equipment, books, residentials and trip fees. Find out more information [here](#).



Is there an opportunity to travel abroad during my time at Petroc?

Petroc Go offers students the chance to spend up to 15 days abroad, gaining valuable training and work experience across the world.

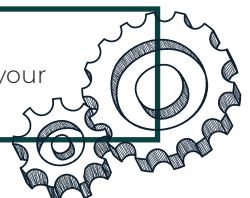
We currently partner with seven organisations to give you many opportunities, for example, learning to ski in Avoriaz, France or working with a voluntary organisation in Bali. We also provide supported work experience in Sweden, Slovenia and Spain if you have learning difficulties and disabilities.

Is there an opportunity for work experience whilst studying my course at Petroc?

All courses include work experience as an essential part of your study programme and hours will vary depending on the course studied.

Where can I find out more about Petroc?

Visit our website or contact our Advice and Guidance Team to find out more information about your courses and opportunities available to you at Petroc.



HOW TO APPLY

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COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE



1. Apply

Visit **petroc.ac.uk**, add your chosen course/s to your basket, and complete the application form. You can apply for two vocational courses and/or 3 A Levels, so don't worry if you're still undecided on the route you would like to take. An email will then be sent to you to confirm your application and provide you with an interview date, so keep an eye on your emails.



2. Interview

You will be invited to an interview with the course lecturer to discuss your chosen course and to check if it is the right course for you. This is a chance to discuss your predicted grades and any queries you may have about life at Petroc.



3. Accept your Offer

Following your interview, you will be offered a conditional place on your chosen course, subject to gaining the entry requirements needed.



4. Results Day

Once you receive your results, make sure you input them into your **myPetroc** account to confirm your place. If you don't achieve your expected grades, please don't worry; simply contact us, and we can discuss your options.



5. Attend your Enrolment Day

In August, you will attend an enrolment event to ensure you are ready to start your course. We will help you set up your student account and receive your ID card. You'll also get your timetable before the start of term.



6. Starting College

Let the fun begin! The first few weeks may feel slightly overwhelming, but we're here to support you every step of the way. If you begin your course and decide you want to change subjects, we can swap you onto something else. There will also be loads of opportunities to meet new friends and join new clubs to help you get the most out of college life.

Top Tip: Use your personal email address to submit your application - not your school email, as once you finish school you will not have access to your school email and may miss out on important information sent to you.

If you have any questions about any part of this process, just contact our Advice & Guidance Team.

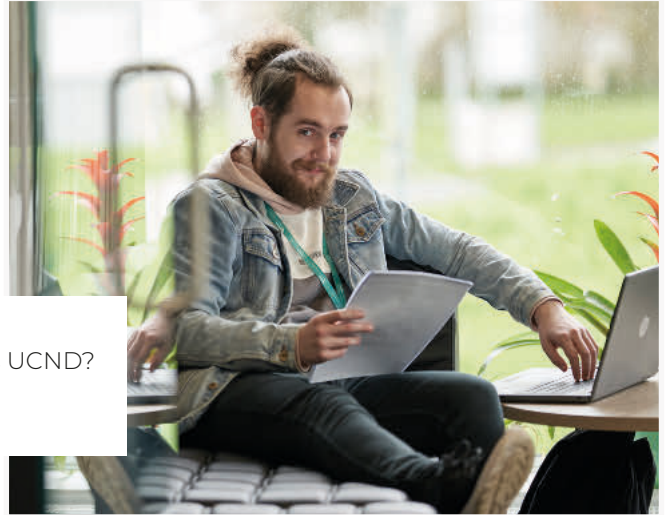




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OPEN EVENTS



Join us at an Open Event and discover what Petroc can offer you:

- Speak to our dedicated lecturers and get an insight into our courses, outstanding results, progression routes, and more.
- Experience our exceptional facilities, including our unique Animal Centre, commercial hair and beauty salons, and vehicle workshops.
- Immerse yourself in college life by visiting our social and study spaces.
- Talk to our current students and hear what they have to say about their college experience.
- Discover Petroc Plus - our array of exciting enrichment opportunities on offer to you when you're not studying - including Academic and Sporting Academies, our own Students Union, and a fantastic array of clubs and activities, whatever your interests!
- Receive valuable assistance and information from our friendly Advice & Guidance Team on questions about your application, transport, finance, and learning support services.

Our open events for this academic year will take place on the following dates:

North Devon Campus

Wednesday 15 October 2025 - 17:00 - 20:00

Thursday 4 December 2025 - 17:00 - 19:30

Wednesday 25 February 2026 - 17:00 - 19:30

Saturday 28 March - 10:00 - 12:00

Tiverton campus

Tuesday 18 November 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

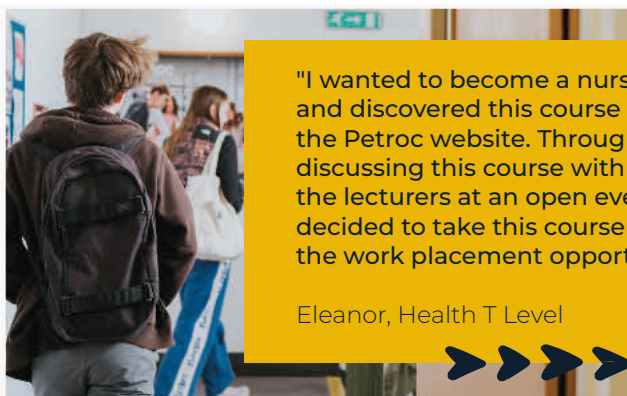
What will you discover?



Discover more!

"I wanted to become a nurse and discovered this course on the Petroc website. Through discussing this course with one of the lecturers at an open event, I decided to take this course due to the work placement opportunities."

Eleanor, Health T Level



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Any changes may result in a difference to the course fee as advertised on our website (where the student is a fee payer).

In some cases where there are insufficient enrolments, you may be offered the chance to pay a higher fee for the course to continue.

Award and assessment fees are also subject to occasional changes by the Awarding Bodies.

You will be contacted should the amount change prior to starting the courses you have enrolled on. The college cannot guarantee that completion dates and result notifications for courses that require internal and external verification will always coincide with the end dates of the courses listed.

If you require this publication in other formats or in languages other than English, please contact our Advice & Guidance Team: (North Devon) 01271 852422 or (Tiverton) 01884 235200.

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