

## Newsletter

January 2026

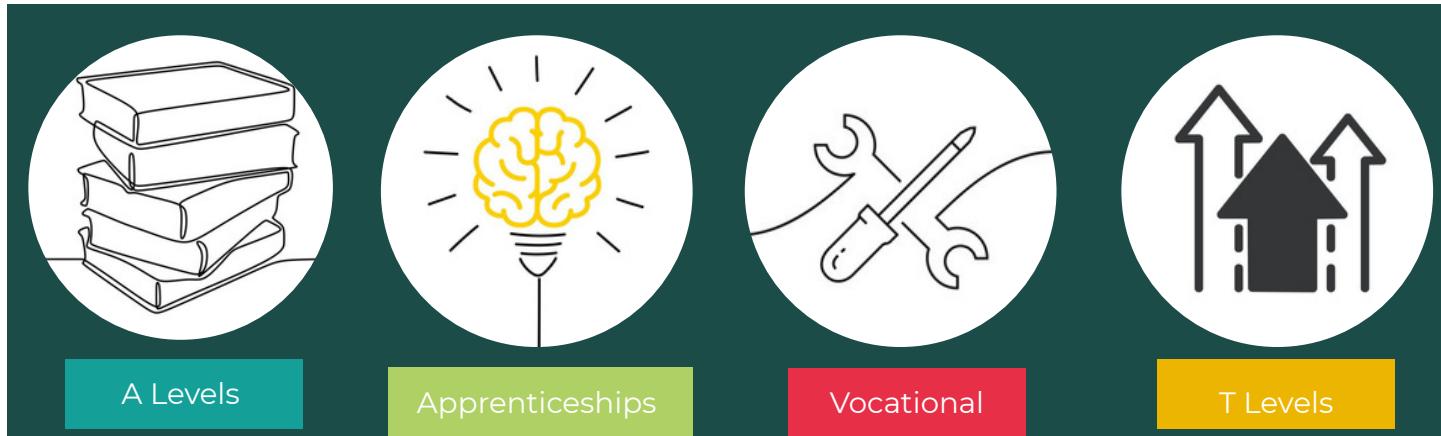


### Hello!

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful break and are excited for the year ahead.

As we look ahead to 2026, now is a great time to start exploring what you might like to study after Year 11 and start taking your first steps towards making it happen.

It can be overwhelming knowing where to start or what to study but there are plenty of courses to suit everyone and there is plenty of support on hand to help you with these next steps.



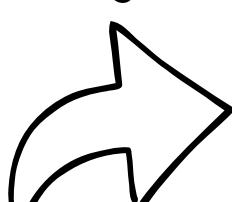
### Open Events

Our upcoming Open Events are:

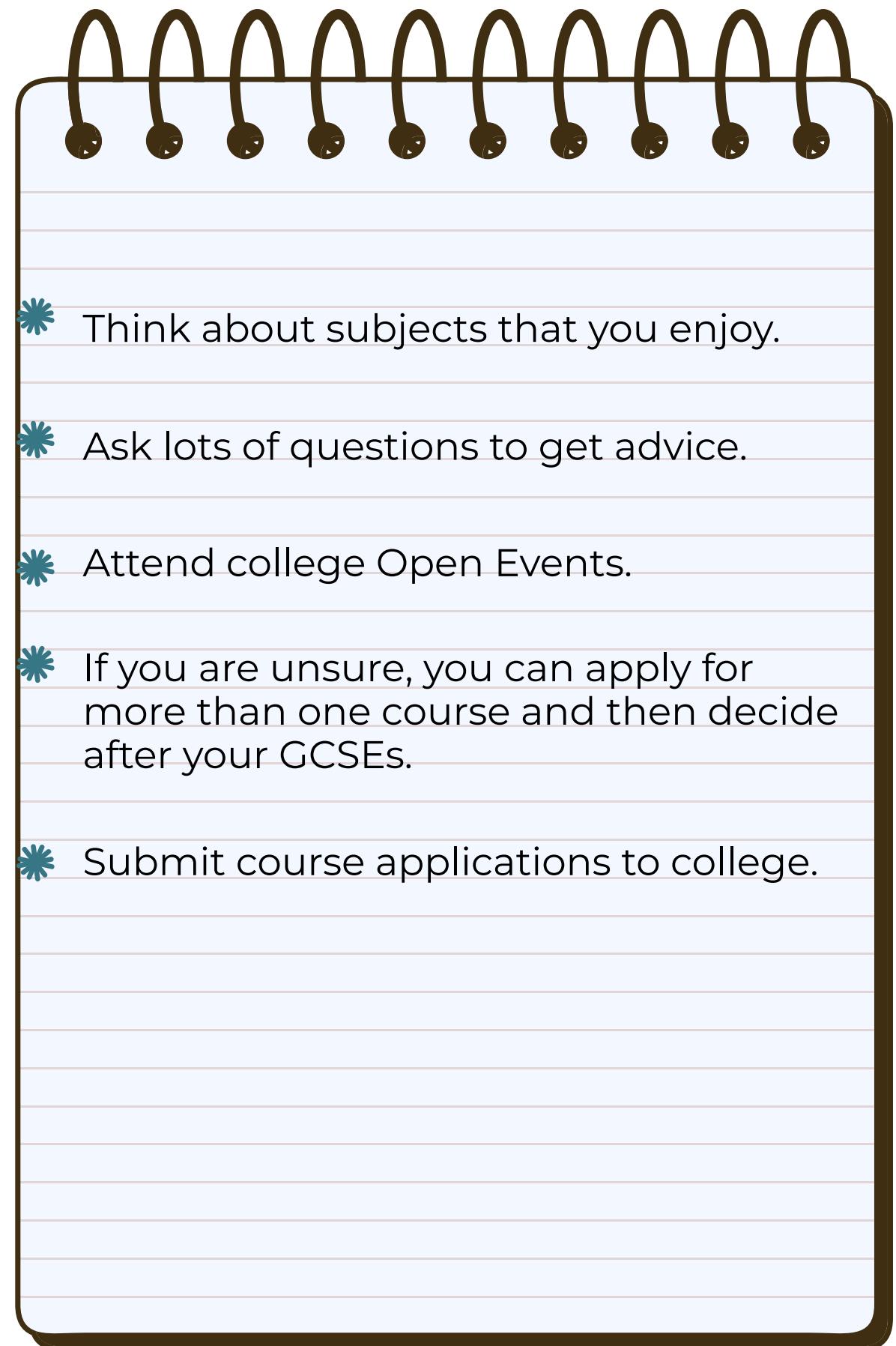
- 25 February 2026 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 28 March 2026 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you would like to attend one of our Open Events, you can register via the QR code below or by visiting our website.

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### Tips on choosing your course:



## What happens once you apply?

- After your application is confirmed, North Devon College will email you to invite you to an interview with the course lecturer. This is for the lecturer to talk to you and ask a little bit more about your learning needs. It's also a chance for you to ask any questions you might have too.
- If the interview is successful, you will receive an offer by email, for you to accept.
- If you are not offered a place on your first choice, a member of staff will be available to talk through your options, helping to find a suitable course.



If you have any further questions or are still unsure about your options after school, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via email at [schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk).

Best wishes,

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## College Merger

As of Monday 5 January 2026, Exeter College and Petroc College officially merged, with Petroc returning to its former name of North Devon College.

### What does this mean going forward?

- A bigger, stronger college, aiming to create more opportunities and a connected learning experience for learners across Devon.

### What do I need to do?

- Nothing! It is business as usual.
- Your application and course stay exactly the same.
- If you are yet to apply, you can continue to do so through our website and apply in the normal way. Our website is still [petroc.ac.uk](http://petroc.ac.uk) for now!

