

PETROC™

YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

February 2021



We hope you've had a good start to the term.

Whether you are in school or studying from home, we are available to offer advice and support right up until September when you join us as a college student.

It has been a difficult year, and it's important to put your health and wellbeing first. You also need to keep one eye on the future so that you can continue to progress towards your goals and are ready for that next exciting step - college life!

With half term fast approaching, don't forget that we are here to make sure you are up to date with preparing for college, and to give you some help if you need it...

College countdown checklist:

These are the main things you'll need to complete over the next few months to get college-ready for September!

- 1 Research our courses and attend one of our virtual open events
- 2 Apply for a course(s)
- 3 Look at other potential options if needed
- 4 Attend a course interview/advice and guidance call
- 5 Receive/accept your course offer
- 6 Apply for college transport
- 7 Apply for college Bursary/check eligibility
- 8 Order books/equipment for course
- 9 Start college September 2021!

How is your checklist going? By now you should have completed an application and may have already received your course offer. If you haven't applied yet, keep reading, as there are some more tips to help you!



What happens after applying?

Once you've applied for college, you can track your application by logging into your **myPetroc student account**. You can log in through our website by clicking on the 'student' log in and entering your account details. These are emailed to you when you apply. You can also download the myPetroc app for quick and easy access.

How to log into the myPetroc app

ENTER USERNAME

After you apply for a course you will be emailed an 8 digit student ID - eg 12345678.

Your username is this followed by the petroc email address, eg:

12345678@petroc.ac.uk

ENTER PASSWORD

This is your date of birth in this format: Dobddmmyy

1st February 2004 = Dob010204

You can then set your own password



If you have applied for an A-level course...

If the subject combination choices look good and your predicted grades support these choices, then we will email you to confirm that we have offered you a place on the course. We aim to do this within 28 days of applying.

We may invite some learners to telephone interviews. This may be because you have chosen more than three subjects, we might like to know more about why you have chosen certain subjects, or we want to discuss predicted grades. Please be assured these interviews are about making sure you are on the right course for **you**.

Over the next few months, every A-level applicant will be invited to a series of live webinar events, where you will have further opportunities to ask questions about studying A-levels at Petroc.

If you have applied for a vocational or apprenticeship course...

We will email you to arrange a suitable interview and discussion time - we aim to do this within 28 days of receiving your application. This will be with a subject specialist who will talk you through the course and answer any questions you might have.



Before the course discussions, it's a good idea to think of the reasons why you want to do the course, what careers you're interested in, and during the discussion take the opportunity to ask about trips and visits as well as work experience.

If you have been made an offer on one of these courses, and you have some more questions about your course it's no problem at all. Just get in touch by emailing facultyadmin@petroc.ac.uk at any point between now and September and we will call you back for a chat and provide more information.

Still looking at your options?

Not 100% sure you have applied for the right course? Struggling with subject choices?

Here's how we can help:

SPEAK TO A COURSE SPECIALIST AT OUR OPEN EVENT ON 24 FEBRUARY

As part of the next open event, you can book a 1:2:1 chat with a subject lecturer. This could be really useful if you would like more specific course details to help with your decision. Maybe you are not sure which A-level subjects to choose, or you just want a second chat with a vocational course tutor to make sure you are 100% happy with your course choice.

There will also be live streams on the evening, and useful information on all your course options.

Book your 1:2:1 appointment by Monday 22 February.

Slots are on a first-come basis so don't miss out - book now on: [virtual-open-event-feb.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/virtual-open-event-feb)

CHOOSING A-LEVELS - TOP TIPS

Deciding which A-levels to pick can be tricky - especially when there are over 27 to choose from! Our A-level specialist, Jon Price, is here to give you some tips and advice on how to select A-levels to create the perfect programme for you. **Watch the video here.**

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NORTH DEVON | VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY
FROM 5PM

Book a chat with our subject lecturers

Register online at virtual-open-event-feb.eventbrite.co.uk

Petroc is here to help you decide your next steps from the comfort and safety of your own home!

Join us for our North Devon Virtual Open Event on **Wednesday 24 February** between **5:00 and 7:30pm**, on your phone, tablet or computer.

Whether you have already decided what subjects you want to study, unsure if you have chosen the right course, or are yet to apply, Petroc is here to help find the perfect course for you.

BOOK A CHAT WITH ONE OF OUR SUBJECT LECTURERS

During the event, our expert lecturers from all subject areas will be available to chat to you. Discuss courses in more detail, get the answers to any questions you have, and get advice to help you make the most informed decision about your next steps.

To **book a 15 minute slot** simply click the link below and follow the instructions.

LIVE Q&As

Throughout the evening, you will be able to tune into a host of LIVE Q&A sessions on all subject areas from A-levels to vocational qualifications, and T-levels to apprenticeships. **Register now** to receive details on how to access these LIVE Q&A sessions.

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT SITE

We have updated our Virtual Open Event Site with **new** content. Explore the range of courses we offer in more depth, meet our amazing subject specialists, get advice from current and former students, and find out what college life is like outside of the classroom. Get a feel for the college by taking a virtual 360° tour of our industry-standard facilities. Even if you have already attended before, each event will provide new information and features, so try and attend as many events as possible.

NEED FURTHER SUPPORT?

Find out more about the support available to you, and speak LIVE to our friendly Information, Advice & Guidance Team via our Live Chat service - available throughout the evening.

Don't miss out - register today!

Book a chat today: virtual-open-event-feb.eventbrite.co.uk

Student life at Petroc

As much as coming to college is about the course and studying, it is also about the social clubs and activities where students can connect, have fun, build friendship groups, share experiences, and create change.

PETROC STUDENT UNION:

In last month's newsletter we introduced you to Petroc Student Union (PSU). As a student of Petroc, you will automatically become a member of our Student Union. The Union is run by students to support all students with aspects of college life such as clubs, social and fundraising events.

PSU is here to make sure every student has the best experience possible, whether that's keeping up your hobbies or trying something completely new. There's always something social going on here at PSU, such as Film Fridays, LGBT+ discussion group, inspirational talks, sports clubs, debating groups, and much more!

Meet our Petroc Student Union team and learn what they do by checking out their **short fil**



Enrichment

Petroc offers a great range of clubs and activities to get involved in alongside your studies, where you can meet new friends, learn new skills and make the most of everything college life has to offer.

Some of the things on offer from the Enrichment programme...

Do you want to be the next Greg James or Clara Amfo? Join our very college radio, Fresh FM. and you'll learn how to manage your own programme slot each week!

Are you a budding writer/editor/reporter? Show off your writing skills on our student newsletter, **The Vision**.

- Other activities include:
- Learn new skills in our photography club.
- Make a difference in social and environmental projects.
- Support your body and mind on one of our many wellbeing or sport activities.

Check out everything on offer to students here: **Enrichment Activities at Petroc**



Petroc Academies

ACADEMIES:

As a student at Petroc, you have the opportunity to become part of one of our amazing professional, academic or sport academies to support and enhance your course, to help with your future career and application to university, or to just try something new! Academies pictures



Our academies are open to all students whatever your level, course or skills!

Explore our academies here.

See you again next month for another update and more news from Petroc!

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