

# YEAR 11 PARENTS NEWSLETTER October 2020 Edition



Hello, I'm Sam Newton, the School Liaison Advisor here at Petroc. I work in partnership with secondary schools to ensure that pupils have the best possible access to course and college information, and can make informed decisions about their future.

## *Countdown To College!*

Now that your child is in Year 11, we at Petroc will be working more closely with your child's school to ensure that pupils have the information they need to find and apply for a course that is right for them. In this edition of the newsletter, we have explained your child's next steps so that you know what to expect and how to support your child to prepare to start college in September 2021.

We would like to assure parents that despite the current circumstances, your child's application to college this year will not be affected. We have adapted as an organisation and are committed to helping pupils find the perfect course. We want them to have a positive first college experience, so they can look forward to starting college next year.

## *Next Steps Guide*

### **1** ATTEND A COLLEGE OPEN EVENT

Open events provide a valuable opportunity to look into all the different course options on offer at college. This term, the open events are being held virtually, with course videos, live chat Q&A, Youtube streams and webinars to help parents and pupils to explore Petroc. For dates of all our open events and to register, please visit: [www.petroc.ac.uk/events/open-events](http://www.petroc.ac.uk/events/open-events)

### **2** APPLY FOR COLLEGE

When your child has found the course for them, they are then ready to apply. Course applications are made via our website and help and guidance on applying can be found on the school leavers page: [www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/leaving-school](http://www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/leaving-school)

Once an application has been received, we will contact applicants by email to arrange a time to call, discuss the course and make sure it is the perfect course for them.

## Applications advice and tips!

We encourage pupils to complete an application during autumn term, so that they can secure a place at college and then focus on their GCSEs. If your child is concerned about choosing the wrong course, don't worry; the application is flexible throughout the year and pupils can change their choices at any point - just let us know that your child is interested in another option.

If, after looking into course options and attending our virtual open events, your child is still unable to decide upon a course, our friendly Advice and Guidance team are here to help. We provide course advice, careers appointments and other guidance to prospective students in order to help them find their perfect course.

To contact the Advice and Guidance team, or to arrange a 1:2:1 appointment, please visit: [www.petroc.ac.uk/support-help/guidance-centre](http://www.petroc.ac.uk/support-help/guidance-centre)

### **3** DOWNLOAD THE MYPETROC APP

Once your child has applied for a course, you will both need to download the myPetroc App. You and your child can use this app as an easy way to track the progress of the application and also upload documents i.e. GCSE results.

Next year, around May/June 2021, you will be contacted to prompt your child to apply for things like transport passes, the bursary, or buy any kit needed for the course – more information to follow on this in the next update.

**For more information for parents please visit our parents page at:**  
[www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/im-a-parent-guardian](http://www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/im-a-parent-guardian)

**You can also follow us on our Petroc official facebook page for the latest news and updates.**

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