

PETROC NEWS LETTER

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Hello,

National Apprenticeship Week has taken place this month and Petroc has been delighted to launch “**100 apprentices in 100 days**” - a new initiative working with local companies to create new apprenticeship opportunities within the local area. We have a large number of students who continue to exceed the limits throughout their apprenticeship and we are so pleased with the relationships we have built with local businesses to provide our students with the best experiences.

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INVEST IN THE FUTURE - PLEDGE AN APPRENTICESHIP TODAY!



MEET THE APPRENTICESHIP TEAM



Hi, I'm Hayley and I work as part of the Apprenticeship Team! Here are some of my top tips when starting an apprenticeship and the best parts of them...

5 things an employer is looking for in an apprentice:

- Drive and determination.
- Good communication skills.
- A willingness to learn.
- Loyalty to the company - Ensuring you are committed to the company and attending both the college and work setting.
- Having an understanding of professionalism and how to behave in the workplace.

5 best things about apprenticeships:

- Earn whilst you learn
- Providing a clear pathway and progression route into the industry
- The ability to gain a degree level qualification, without accumulating any debt
- A good entry point into your desired career
- Professional hands on support

AREAS OFFERING APPRENTICESHIPS ACROSS THE BARNSTAPLE AND TIVERTON CAMPUSES

Petroc offers many opportunities for apprenticeships in roles working for 4 days during the week and then you would come to college for a day a week. The Tiverton campus offers a carpentry and joinery apprenticeship:

petroc.ac.uk/courses/detail/craft-carpentry-and-joinery-apprenticeship

However, if you live closer to the North Devon Campus we have these apprenticeship opportunities which you could study. Your job could be in your local area and then you would only have to travel to Petroc's North Devon Campus for one day a week.

- Business and Management
- Education and Childcare
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Social Care
- Motor Vehicle
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Construction
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality and Catering
- Accountancy



APPRENTICESHIP TALENTPOOL

At Petroc we have a team you can speak with, to support you throughout your journey of finding an employment opportunity. There are regular drop in appointments, which can be **booked online** to discuss your options. Advice can be provided surrounding:

- Careers Skills (interview skills, application skills, CV writing skills).
- Skills scanning.
- Apprenticeship job search and applications.
- Apprenticeship FAQs.

The next dates for the Talent Pool, available between the times of 3pm-6pm include:

Thursday 6 March 2025 | **Thursday 3 April 2025** | **Thursday 1 May 2025**

These sessions get booked up quickly so **please register** to avoid disappointment.

PROJECT SEARCH (EXETER)

Do you want to start working but not sure if you are ready for an apprenticeship?

Project SEARCH is a supported internship for people with a learning disability or Autistic Spectrum Condition who want a job. In order to join the course, you must have an EHCP and be motivated to work and learn on the job. The programme will be based at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, five days a week from 8:30am–3:30pm and is supported by two full-time onsite Project SEARCH staff as well as onsite mentors.

As a Project SEARCH intern you will do three 10-week placements in the hospital, where you will be taking on a real role in the hospital and will be supported to be up to speed within that role as soon as possible.

Whilst on placement there is comprehensive support available and you will be coached in new skills and reflect on your work at the beginning and end of every day in the project SEARCH training room.



BOOK A TOUR

If you require any further support or would like a tour or visit of the campus, please contact schoolliaison@petroc.ac.uk and we can arrange a convenient time.

Best wishes,

Heather & Aimee

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