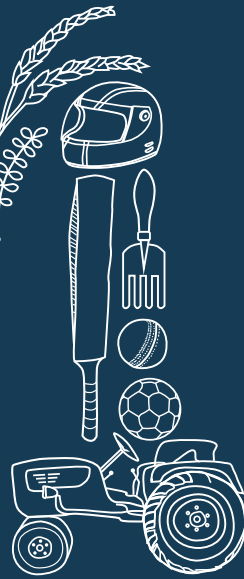




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2023/24

Student Achievements. Campus Developments.
Opportunities for all to succeed.



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Principal's Welcome

Since my appointment to the role of Chief Executive and Principal in September 2023, I have seen the enormous amount of incredible work our Myerscough team, both staff and students, do every day. Their teamwork, care, resilience and dedication is outstanding. Thank you to every one of you for supporting each other, and our wider Myerscough community.

We continue to enjoy enormous success at Myerscough College and University Centre, from individual student achievements to wide-ranging campus developments and national awards. Students have worked towards this for a long time and the results this year reflect the commitment and hard work of the students and staff of Myerscough College.

We also invested three new Honorary College Fellows.

Our students and staff are at the heart of our College and University Centre and being at Myerscough is more than just a job or a qualification. We believe in providing a supportive, enriching, ambitious and nurturing environment so that everyone can be the best that they can be. The many industries that we serve continue to report significant skills shortages and opportunities to forge a variety of interesting and exciting careers.

Myerscough offers not just high quality academic, vocational and professional education but the opportunity to change lives through a holistic experience of course enrichment, study trips and visits, high quality work experience, community work and charity fundraising. This broad ranging experience builds confidence, resilience, communication skills and life skills, which enables our students to progress into their chosen careers.

This is demonstrated by our 97% positive destinations by our further education students and 98% of our degree students progressing into education, training or employment within six months of graduation.



We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive College and are proud to continually demonstrate our commitment to and embedding of the principles of FREDIE – fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion and engagement.

Many of the industries we support are reporting significant skills shortages and opportunities are available to forge an exciting and interesting career based on their studies at Myerscough. On behalf of all the Governors and staff of Myerscough College, congratulations to every student on their success, and we wish them good luck on the next stage in life. We look forward to what they will achieve in the future.

We also look forward to welcoming our next cohort of students, as we deliver the sector-leading education both they and their future employers demand, sending on their way to their dream careers in the land-based, sport, science and engineering industries.

This celebratory brochure identifies a number of both collective and individual staff and student success stories, and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

Very best wishes

Wes Johnson

Chief Executive & Principal



Myerscough life

Another tree-mendous Myerscough Arbor Day



Myerscough College hosted a special day of celebration of all things trees, in the fourth 'Arbor Day UK'.

The annual event is huge celebration of trees, those that work with trees (arborists), and recognition of a hugely important global industry.

The day featured a number of VIP guest speakers, and also saw an official tree planting event at the centre of the College campus to mark the occasion, where special guest Sharon Durdant-Hollamby, President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters, was invited to plant a swamp cypress.

Prestigious golf course operator launches Greenkeeping Academy with Myerscough College



Myerscough College has launched a Greenkeeping Apprenticeship Academy in partnership with prestigious operator, Marriott Golf.

As one of the world's premier golf operators, Marriott Golf manages the golf experience for over a million golfers each year, including five beautiful courses in England and the South of Wales, where successful candidates are based.

The Marriott Greenkeeping Academy offers an opportunity for an apprentice greenkeeper to join the company at the chain's country club properties across the UK.

Apprentices ensure the course looks at its best, whilst learning a variety of cutting techniques, spraying and disease control as well as how to operate a variety of machinery.

Myerscough launch new 1894 Gallery



Myerscough's new creative space, the '1894 Gallery', officially opened.

The new gallery, inside the main teaching block of Myerscough's Bilsborrow campus, features regularly changing photography exhibitions from the College's creative design and greenspace students.

The gallery was opened to an audience of special VIP guests, enabling staff and students to showcase their work.

Myerscough's triple crown sportsturf tutor



Each of the last three winners of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award all share something in common.

What unites Jason Norwood, Matt Milligan and James Gaskell, was the tutelage of Andy Kenworthy, who won Myerscough College's Tutor of the Year award, and who is rapidly gaining a reputation as one of the UK's leading turf management educators.

Andy's working day begins at 6am, when he logs onto the online platform that enables him to view the portfolio of the students he is visiting that day. He looks at the weather and considers what stage in their development the students are at. With an idea of some activities in mind, he sets off around 7.30am to visit learners at their golf clubs, usually visiting two or three each day.

With three successive Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winners in a row, the accolades show that Myerscough is the best place to study for a career in the sportsturf industry.



Major showcase exhibitions for Myerscough floristry students

Myerscough College floral design degree students hosted their major exhibitions of the year.

A week-long event saw exhibitions, installations and displays at a number of venues, including Blackburn Mall, Marriott Hotel Preston, The Chapel Ormskirk and Blackburne House Group in Liverpool.

Students were on hand to talk to the public about the meaning of their floral art pieces, and the inspirations behind them.

Degree students share their research at Graduate Showcase



University Centre Myerscough's annual Higher Education Graduate Student Showcase was a huge success.

The event, held at Myerscough's HE Centre, provided students, staff, employers, family members and industry partners, the chance to see what University Centre Myerscough graduates have been working on as part of their studies.

The aim of the event is to provide a development opportunity for graduates to share their research and ideas from their final projects.

Degree programme learners from a range of programmes including Animal Studies, Agriculture & Countryside, Equine Studies, Veterinary Nursing and Arboriculture, Floristry and Photography all took part, showcasing their final year work.

Equine degree students present research at national conference



University Centre Myerscough equine degree students attended the annual Alltech-Hartpury Conference.

The conference is designed for Higher Education students, providing an opportunity to experience writing and submitting research, going through the review and revisions process, through to delivering a theatre presentation to a full conference audience or producing a scientific poster to present.

Three Myerscough students presented their research, superbly showcasing their hard work.

Myerscough farriers celebrate qualifying at national awards ceremony



A number of Myerscough College Farriery students were recognised for more than four years of hard work during the industry's national registration ceremony.

The Worshipful Company of Farriers and the Farriers Registration Council presented diplomas to newly qualified apprentices from across the country at a ceremony held at the Apothecaries' Hall in the City of London.

They can all now use the prestigious 'DipWCF' after their names, and officially work as a practicing qualified farrier.

All the students had to go through a vigorous advanced training programme, taking more than four years to complete, with their final exams, which determined if they qualified or not, taking place in their final year.



Myerscough foundation learners thrive on Supported Internships

A scheme aimed at getting young people who need extra help to move into employment, run by Myerscough College's Foundation Learning department, continues to go from strength to strength.

Supported Internships are work-based study programmes where students with an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan), and between ages of 16-25, gain the employability skills they need to be work ready. Myerscough supports students to kickstart their career by exploring different job opportunities, guest speakers, whilst student immerse themselves in our bespoke career programme as well as tailored support and work placements.

A number of Myerscough's current group of foundation learners are undertaking a supported internship programme, working at a number of local businesses, all significantly benefitting and improving their life skills and employment prospects.

Agricultural engineering students recognised with national awards



Two University Centre Myerscough agricultural engineering students were recognised with national awards.

Jack Ball and Matthew Brown were recognised by the IAGrE – the Institution of Agricultural Engineers.

Jack won the IAGrE CNH Industrial Award – presented on the basis of a dissertation or thesis undertaken by an undergraduate or postgraduate student as part of their studies demonstrating innovation and practical application in the land-based industry.

Meanwhile Matthew was given the IAGrE Safety Award – recognising innovation in safe design or operation of equipment or processes by students in the land-based sector.

Myerscough veterinary nursing tutor recognised for teaching excellence



A Myerscough College and University Centre veterinary nursing tutor was recognised for her excellence in teaching.

Helen Clarke was named as a winner in the Veterinary Nursing Educator of the Year Awards, for her hard work and dedication, organised by Central Qualifications (CQ).

The annual awards celebrate the commitment and hard work of staff who support veterinary nursing students, recognising their talent, skill, and dedication. They are open to anyone involved in training and educating veterinary nurses in the UK, with the winners nominated by students and fellow professionals.

Helen has been part of the veterinary nursing team at the college for nearly 20 years, helping generations of nurses complete their courses.

Myerscough student battles serious illness to win prestigious agriculture award



An inspirational Myerscough College student who completed her studies despite battling serious illness was recognised with a prestigious agriculture award.

Isabelle King completed her Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma programme in agriculture, aspiring to gain a triple distinction, despite battling two serious illnesses during her studies.

She was named Myerscough Agriculture Student of the Year by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society at the annual Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate.

Not long after her programme started, Isabelle was diagnosed with Lyme Disease, battling through a number of debilitating symptoms to carry on her course.

Then she started experiencing severe headaches, which was found to be a benign brain tumour which was successfully treated.



Myerscough gardens win Gold at Southport Flower Show

Two Show Gardens built by staff and learners from Myerscough College were awarded Gold at the annual Southport Flower Show.

The prestigious annual event sees Myerscough bring to life the two winning entries in the annual Schools Design-a-Garden Competition.

The competition received hundreds of entries from lots of budding gardeners and the designs were judged by a team of professionals.

The two winning designs were brought to life for the show under the direction of Myerscough College's horticulture and landscape apprentices, and then on display during the show to the tens of thousands of visitors who attended.

Myerscough student's achievements celebrated at Cumbria Farmer Awards



A Myerscough student had her achievements celebrated at the Cumbria Farmer Awards.

Charlotte Elliott was a finalist in the category of Agriculture Student of the Year.

18-year-old Charlotte spent the last year completing a City & Guilds Level 3 in agriculture at Myerscough, moving away from her home, at the family farm at Bank House, near Penrith, at the age of 16 to pursue her dream career.

Myerscough and M-Sport continue partnership



University Centre Myerscough continue their relationship with M-Sport and their FIA World Rally Championship winning team.

Renewing the successful partnership last year provided further opportunities for students in the competitive world of motorsport.

Myerscough and M-Sport have long been at the forefront when it comes to improving the prospects of talented youngsters with aspirations of a career in motorsport.

Learners studying for degrees in Motorsport Competition Car Technology and Motorsport Management and Logistics will have an opportunity to work at M-Sport's state-of-the-art headquarters over the summer as part of an apprenticeship-style training programme.

Myerscough and UCLan sign partnership to educate future vets



Myerscough College and University Centre and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have joined forces to help educate the veterinary professionals of the future.

The two institutions signed a partnership to allow UCLan's new veterinary medicine students to access academic expertise and sector leading animal facilities.

UCLan's undergraduate and postgraduate students travel to Myerscough to undertake practical, hands-on animal handling skills across a range of species, including farm, equine and exotic animals. They also have access to the quality-assured Myerscough farms.

The two education providers will also collaborate on wider animal-based teaching, with veterinary nursing, farriery, and animal behaviour and welfare courses being delivered by Myerscough.

Academics from UCLan and Myerscough are also working together to undertake a number of research projects.

Students in the first cohort of BVMS Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences and MSc Veterinary Physiotherapy & Clinical Rehabilitation courses also have timetabled sessions at the Bilsborrow Campus.



Myerscough supports mental health and wellbeing

Myerscough College continues its commitment to staff and students by being part of a national mental health and wellbeing charter.

The charter, which was been created by the Association of Colleges, in conjunction with mental health experts, is an 11-point document, which includes commitments to:

Promoting equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma

Providing appropriate mental health training for staff

Providing targeted individual mental health support where appropriate

Myerscough believes that every student and staff member deserves to work, study and train in an environment that supports them to be healthy, happy and secure. That is why Myerscough College was proud to sign the AoC Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter.

The College takes this commitment seriously and whilst we have a great track record, we are always keen to do more. This charter provides a clear direction of travel that our students and staff can hold us to account as we continue to work together to support their health and wellbeing whilst they are with us.

Myerscough staff head to Ghana to train tractor drivers & chainsaw operators



Myerscough staff headed to Ghana to train locals in land-based skills including chainsaw operation and tractor driving.

James Willoughby and Steve Slater from Myerscough's Preston campus, along with Steve Williams, arboriculture tutor from our Cumbria centre in Penrith, spent a week in Afram, as part of a partnership with Myerscough's Adult Skills team and Mere Plantations, with the aim to provide their staff in the country with extra skills, improve the calibre of the local workforce and increase income for the local forest fringe communities.

The week involved chainsaw and tractor driving skills and operations, health & safety, PPE, the importance of daily machine maintenance, as well as hands-on forestry skills in the company's plantation forest, including safe felling techniques, coppicing, skidding, and carrying out vital risk assessments.

An unforgettable South Africa experience for animal studies students



A group of University Centre Myerscough animal studies staff and students enjoyed an unforgettable time working in South Africa.

The group visited KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa with Gap Africa Projects to take part in the Zulu Land Conservation experience.

All students were involved in carrying out conservation work within and outside of Nambiti private game reserve and at Zingela safari and river company. Activities including game and 'big five' monitoring, reptile and invertebrate trapping, practical conservation work and biodiversity assessments.

Myerscough apprentice recognised in Student Greenkeeper of the Year



A Myerscough College apprentice was recognised for the quality of his work in the annual Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year awards.

The event celebrates the best student greenkeepers in the country, with Myerscough boasting five finalists in total.

Ryan secured the runner up position at an event.

Ryan works at Lees Hall Golf Club in Sheffield, where he is Deputy Course Manager, while completing his Level 3 Advanced Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship Standard.

Each year the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards celebrate the next generation of talented and dedicated greenkeepers.



Gold again for Myerscough Gardens at North West in Bloom

Myerscough College's Gardens received a Gold Award at the 2023 North West in Bloom competition.

Myerscough was named as a Gold Award winner in the category of the North West's Best Small Tourist Attraction/ Visitor Centre, at the annual event, held at the University of Bolton Stadium.

Myerscough Plant World and Gardens has now won a Gold Award in the category nine times in the last eleven years, including for six consecutive years between 2012 and 2017.

The Regional Awards are judged by a panel of industry experts who look at factors such as horticultural excellence, community involvement, environmental friendliness and sustainability.

The award recognises not just Myerscough's beautiful gardens but the wider experience in the College's Plantworld centre and the inviting Garden Tea Rooms.



Ceri Furber won Worldskills Bronze in landscaping, after competing alongside the other finalists from across the country to be crowned the UK's best young landscaper.

Finalists underwent a process of regional heats and intensive training before competing in the finals.

Ceri, along with the seven other finalists, had just 16.5 hours to build a twelve square metre project piece from scratch with elements including paving, decking, fencing, brickwork, lighting, water feature and planting.

Designed by industry experts, the WorldSkills UK Competitions equip apprentices and learners with the world-class skills needed to help UK businesses better compete globally.



Myerscough awarded Quality in Careers status, after a thorough evaluation process.

The Quality in Careers Standard is an excellent achievement and recognises the quality and breadth of careers provision on offer.

It is coordinated by Complete Careers (Career Mark), a Licensed Awarding Body for the National Quality in Careers Standard, and is designed to recognise an organisation's commitment to their students' future, as well as raising levels of motivation, attainment and aspiration.



A Myerscough College arboriculture apprentice won a national award.

Gabriella Jardin reached the final for the inaugural Land-Based & Environment Learner of the Year Awards 2023 in the category of Arboriculture, Forestry and Woodland Management.

This exciting new awards programme sees Landex and Lantra working in partnership to recognise the talent, successes, and achievements of individual learners in the land-based and environment industries.

Gabriella is only the Royal Horticultural Society's second female arborist, working at RHS Bridgewater in Salford.

Myerscough's higher education programmes rated Silver by Teaching Excellence Framework



University Centre Myerscough achieved a prestigious Silver award in an assessment that highlights excellence in teaching and learning across higher education providers in the UK.

The award, which confirms Myerscough as the best land-based institution in the North of England, was made by the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) in recognition of the quality of provision in Myerscough's foundation and full honours degree undergraduate study programmes.

The TEF Panel judged that both the student experience and student outcomes at University Centre Myerscough are typically very high quality. Further, the panel agreed that Myerscough's approach to supporting students in their success and progression was outstanding.

The TEF report on University Centre Myerscough states: "The panel found all student experience features to be very high quality for most groups of students and courses.

"The panel found student outcomes features to be very high quality for all groups of students and courses, including students from underrepresented groups, and courses.

"The panel also found there to be some outstanding quality student experience and student outcome features."



The aim of the TEF award is to provide learners with better information about higher education institutions they may wish to study at, as well as recognising and rewarding excellent teaching which meets the needs of industry.

A rating of Silver means the institution has demonstrated very high quality teaching standards and student outcomes from all backgrounds. The rating is valid for the next four years, from September 2023.

Other areas of excellence highlighted by the report, which can be read in full on the Office for Students website, include:

Myerscough embeds effective approaches and delivers a very high-quality academic experience for its students.

Myerscough sets out a student-centred approach to teaching with extensive hands on and experiential learning aligning to subject areas.

Very high-quality teaching, feedback and assessment practices are embedded across the institution.

Myerscough deploys and tailors approaches that are highly effective in ensuring its students success in and progress beyond their studies.

Inspiring Excellence

Our Strategic Plan sets out our priorities over the next few years.



Myerscough has undergone many positive changes in recent years and the period covered by this Strategic Plan also promises to be one of significant development.

Our students and staff are at the heart of our College and University Centre and being at Myerscough is more than just a job or a qualification. We believe in inspiring excellence in a supportive, enriching, ambitious and nurturing environment so that everyone can be the best that they can be.

We invite staff, students and partners to work with us in shaping and realising the future of Myerscough College as we transform students' lives and our community through first class education, training and support.

Wes Johnson

Chief Executive & Principal

Vision Statement

Our vision is to:

- Be the leading college in the land based, science, engineering and sports sectors
- Be the natural choice for students, staff and employers
- Provide a highly skilled, creative and technical workforce
- Deliver excellent outcomes through inspirational and inclusive learning and services
- Build sustainability into all we do

Myerscough Values

Our Myerscough values directly support our Strategic Goals:

Learning:

Our delivery will be high quality and innovative with students at the heart of decision making.

People:

We will enable staff and students to fulfil their potential whilst promoting resilience, leadership, accountability and teamwork.

Sustainability:

We will provide a happy, healthy, safe, supportive and sustainable environment in which to live, work and study.

FREDIE:

We will advance FREDIE: Fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion, engagement in all we do.



Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Learning



To provide excellence in learning we will:

- Design, deliver and recruit with integrity to land based, engineering, science and sports qualifications in line with local, regional and national economic skills needs.
- Provide excellent teaching, applied research and scholarly activity that creates curious and aspirational learners, improves achievement and transforms lives.
- Enable students at all levels and contexts to develop their personal development and employability skills to enable them to achieve their aspirations and full potential.
- Develop high level technical, creative and digital skills in staff and students.
- Provide outstanding resources which are safe, industry relevant, cutting edge and standard setting.



Strategic Goal 2: People



Our greatest assets are our people. To support them we will:

- Attract, retain and invest in high quality people through providing a supportive environment where staff feel listened to and valued.
- Promote and advance FREDIE principles with a culture of fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion, engagement.
- Provide a safe, secure, healthy and supportive environment to live, work and study.
- Develop strategic partnerships with universities, schools, local / devolved authorities, employers to enhance skills and productivity and align with local, regional and national skills needs.
- Promote and embed a culture of ambition, innovation, resilience and high performance supported by coaching and supportive challenge.

Strategic Goal 3: Sustainability



To support the College's long-term sustainability we will:

- We will deliver ongoing value for money, including outstanding financial management and planning, which will effectively and efficiently enable quality outcomes for learners, good governance and the robust stewardship of College funds.
- Deliver an annual plan that allows for ongoing investment in our resources.
- Review College services and estate to improve resources, produce efficiency savings, financial, cyber and digital resilience and agility.
- Promote and embed a green / sustainability agenda across all activities.

Graduation & Fellowships

Myerscough student success celebrated as new Honorary Fellowships awarded.

Myerscough College and University Centre celebrated student success of the last academic year with a day of graduation ceremonies.

Myerscough's degree students completing their study programmes in 2023 have been recognised for their achievements, while further education students at a number of Myerscough's centres were celebrated at their own special ceremonies.

Alison Robinson, who was attending her final graduation ceremonies as Chief Executive and Principal before her retirement, said: "Graduation is where we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students from around the world, whether studying on-campus or online.

"It's a day to celebrate, to join with families, friends and Myerscough staff to mark the end of one stage of life's journey and reflect on the next. It is a day that students have worked towards for a long time and the results reflect the commitment, hard work and dedication of students and staff at University Centre Myerscough.

"I hope you have enjoyed life as a Myerscough student and taken full advantage of the many opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom during your years with us. It is these wider experiences which will have developed you as individuals, enhanced job opportunities and established friendships that will last a lifetime."

Myerscough also announced the awarding of its latest Honorary Fellowships.

Sharon Durdant-Hollamby, Rick Shiels and Allan Foster have all accepted the highest honour that the College can bestow.

They have now been inducted into Myerscough's elite group of inspirational people and join a very exclusive club that contains names from the world of business, sport and entertainment.



Allan Foster

Allan Foster is the current Chair of the Myerscough College Corporation.

Allan spent 35 years in universities – Sheffield Hallam, University of Central Lancashire, University of Manchester and, finally, at Keele University until he retired in 2005.

He subsequently taught part time at Manchester Metropolitan University

and has been a consultant to a variety of companies and educational institutions globally. He was responsible for leading the development of various areas of learning support and resources, information management and IT, media production and archives and has written extensively on these topics.

He was a director of a university press and has been actively involved in scholarly publishing and the challenges this faces in a fast moving digital landscape. He served on management and governance boards at these institutions and on numerous external bodies in higher education and research. In the last decade he has served as a senior governor at Lytham St Annes High School, one of the biggest secondary schools in Lancashire, and is currently Chair of the School's Resources Committee.

His educational philosophy has always been to put the learner at the centre of all endeavours and he's proud that Myerscough's ethos is entirely consistent with this.

Allan Foster was awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the education sector.



Rick Shiels

From his humble beginnings growing up playing golf after school with his mum, to passing over two million subscribers on YouTube, Rick knows what it takes to drive the game forward and reach millions of golfers across the globe.

By his teens, Rick truly had the golf bug and was playing dawn to dusk

whenever he could, especially during his school summer holidays. He went on to study a National Diploma in Golf Studies here at Myerscough College for two years and, at 18 years old, decided that a job in golf was something that he wanted to pursue.

Rick turned pro at the age of 19 and enlisted on the three year PGA course, during which time his mindset changed, and he knew that he wanted to focus his attention on coaching. From then on he began to transition to posting his coaching content online and, from humble beginnings, his YouTube career started to take off. Rick's popularity grew and grew over the years, and he started to make a difference to the games of millions of golfers across the globe.

In 2019, Rick helped host the first ever YouTube Golf Day which raised over £15,000 for Prostate Cancer UK and only last year walked 150 miles prior to the 150th Open Championship at St. Andrews with his golf clubs on his back, raising an astonishing £115,000 for the same charity.

Rick Shiels was awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution to golf.



Sharon Durdant-Hollamby

Sharon, who was President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters until April 2023, is also a Chartered Arboriculturist and Fellow of the Institute, with experience in local government and contracting.

In 2007 she took on the role of Managing Director for a private environmental consultancy, providing arboricultural, landscape and ecological services, and since 2015 has been the Director of Sharon Hosegood Associates Ltd, an innovative arboricultural consultancy.

She is a former member of the British Standards Institute Trees Committee, a regular contributor to Trees and Design Action Group and a regular public speaker and chair, both home and abroad. With her husband Noel, Sharon hosts and produces the Tree Lady Talks podcast, covering all things tree, nature, outdoor spaces and wellbeing related through conversations with people from all walks of life.

Sharon Durdant-Hollamby was awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of her outstanding contribution to arboriculture and forestry.

Our Information...

Course Advice Mornings

Myerscough College hosts a regular series of Advice Mornings throughout the year. If you want to get a feel for the campus, come and have a look around! You'll see what a great place Myerscough is, with so many facilities for your education, leisure and social life!

Staff and tutors will be present to chat about the courses on offer, future career opportunities and the facilities and resources available to students at your chosen centre.

They'll also be able to advise about daily transport and financial support. At the Preston centre there'll also be representatives from our accommodation team, to discuss the range of residential options that are available.

Advice Mornings are usually held at our Preston, Blackburn (Witton Park), Warrington (Walton Hall), Liverpool (Croxteth Park) and Penrith (Ullswater Community College) centres on Saturdays throughout the year. Check our website for the latest dates, and also for Old Trafford events.



Let's Get Social...

For all the latest news, student success stories and developments at Myerscough College, keep in touch with us!

Like & follow our main pages across social platforms for more info and behind the scenes content on everything we get up to across our subject areas.

Search 'Myerscough College' on any of them to discover our many individual accounts run by specific study programmes.

Student Enquiries Line 0800 652 5592 or 'Live Chat' via www.myerscough.ac.uk

Your comprehensive online information source!

You'll find all you're looking for at Myerscough College

Myerscough specialises in education and training for the land-based and sports industries. We teach more than 20 different subjects, many of which might already be hobbies and activities you enjoy doing in your spare time!

Plus, there's a whole range of other subjects available that will give you the hands on, practical skills that you need to secure the job of your dreams.

The chance to travel

Another good reason for studying at Myerscough is the opportunity to work and study abroad. We have close links with many overseas colleges and three American universities, allowing a number of our students to undertake study abroad.

What's more, several of our courses provide the opportunity to work abroad on placements – so if you like travel, here's a great place to start your journey!

T-Levels

T-levels are new, government-backed, career focused qualifications – an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses.

Students spend 80% of their time at College and 20% of their time developing the skills needed for the workplace, on a 45-day industry placement. Myerscough College will be offering T-Levels in the subjects indicated opposite from September 2024, running alongside the established Level 3 Diploma programmes in each of the subjects indicated.

Students should initially apply for the current Level 3 Diploma options (via the website online application process) and then the Admissions Team and departments will contact you to discuss which route best meets your career aspirations.

Progression to university level degree courses

One of the great things about Myerscough is that, if you're looking to progress to a degree course at the end of your studies, we offer a choice of Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees at our University Centre at the Preston campus.

Higher Education opportunities exist in each of our subject areas and don't forget that by studying for a two-year Level 3 qualification it provides the opportunity to progress to a degree course either here at Myerscough or many other colleges and universities.



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Our Awards

Myerscough named College of Year in double CPA Awards success



Myerscough College's apprenticeship provision was recognised as the best in the country in an awards ceremony for the construction plant sector.

The UK's best organisations, most promising apprentices and trainees in the construction plant sector were unveiled at the Construction Plant-hire Association's (CPA) Stars of the Future Awards.

Myerscough was named overall College of the Year at the event, recognising the college's ongoing commitment to addressing the skills gap in the sector.

Praise for Myerscough's IAG provision in matrix assessment

Myerscough College and University Centre has been highly praised for the quality of its information, advice and guidance.



The matrix Standard is a unique quality standard for organisations to assess and measure their advice and support services, which ultimately supports individuals in their choice of career, learning, work and life goals.

Continued accreditation under the matrix Standard provides national recognition of the quality of the service delivered and is reviewed annually.

Myerscough shortlisted in Wyre Business Awards

Myerscough College and University Centre was named as a finalist in the Wyre Business Awards.

The awards are aimed at businesses which are located or deliver services within the Wyre area, and celebrate success stories and promote excellence within the county.

Myerscough was shortlisted in the category of Rural Business of the Year.



Open Day & Country Fair named finalist in Lancashire Tourism Awards

The Myerscough College Open Day & Country Fair was named as a finalist in Lancashire Tourism Awards.

The prestigious awards recognise and celebrate the very best that Lancashire has to offer in terms of all aspects of the tourism sector.

Myerscough's Open Day & Country Fair was shortlisted in the category of Small Event of the Year (up to 15,000 visitors).

Thousands of people were welcomed to the College's main Bilsborrow campus to enjoy the excellent weather and the hundreds of attractions on offer, in the first event of its kind held since 2019.



Myerscough named a finalist in BIBAs 2023

Two Myerscough staff members were nominated in a prestigious awards ceremony celebrating sustainability initiatives in the education sector.

Myerscough was a finalist the category of Education Establishment of the Year, following a vigorous judging process which included a detailed written submission, an interview in front of a panel of business experts and leaders from across the county, followed by a visit by the judges to Myerscough's Bilsborrow campus.

Organised by the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, the awards are referred to as 'the one they all want to win'.



Myerscough College named finalist in Educate Awards

Myerscough College and University Centre received a nomination in the prestigious Educate Awards.

The Educate Awards is the one night of the year where the excellence of educational establishments in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester is celebrated and rewarded, and is now in its twelfth year.

Myerscough was shortlisted in the category of Most Inspirational Sixth Form or College celebrating the most outstanding delivery of 16 – 18 education provision for the academic year 2022/3 including excellent outcomes and measured success for students with inspirational and high levels of teaching and learning.

Myerscough won the category in 2021.



Myerscough recognised among sector's best in Educate North Awards

Myerscough College and University Centre was recognised among the sector's best in the Educate North Awards.

The Awards is a prestigious awards event, which celebrates, recognises and shares best practice and excellence in the education sector in the North.

Myerscough was shortlisted in the category of Further Education College of the Year - an award to honour the leading further education institution within the North of United Kingdom, demonstrating outstanding performance in the areas of teaching, student experience, innovation and economic impact.

Myerscough was also nominated for the UK Apprenticeship Award - an award for the organisation that has done the most extraordinary work to promote apprenticeships across the United Kingdom.

Myerscough scoops national award for apprenticeship provision for third year in a row



For the third straight year, Myerscough College's apprenticeship provision has again achieved national recognition at the annual AAC Apprenticeship Awards.

Myerscough was named the Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care Apprenticeship Provider of the Year category, defending the title the College won in both 2021 and 2022.

Myerscough was also shortlisted in the category of overall national Apprenticeship Provider of the Year.

The FE Week and AELP AAC Apprenticeship Awards are a celebration of excellence in apprenticeship delivery in the UK and provide an opportunity to give the recognition employers and providers deserve.

Myerscough staff nominated in national sustainability awards



Two Myerscough staff members were nominated in a prestigious awards celebrating sustainability initiatives in the education sector.

Established in 2004, the Green Gown Awards recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges. With sustainability moving up the agenda, the Awards have become established as the most prestigious recognition of best practice within the further and higher education sector.

Myerscough received nominations in two categories -

Creating Impact - Sustainability to the FORE!: Using research and education to support the golf industry's environmental journey (John Fry)

Research with Impact - Effectively applying tree biology to an increasingly urban world (Andy Hiron)

Double national award shortlisting for Myerscough floristry



Myerscough College and University Centre floristry was shortlisted in two categories in the British Florist Association (BFA) Awards.

The awards recognise the best in the industry, with Myerscough nominated in the category of Floristry Training Provider of the Year, along with Susanna Brandon in the category of Floristry Tutor of the Year.

Now in their twelfth year, the BFA Industry Awards have established themselves as the place to be recognised within the industry.

Sports Success

Myerscough hailed as top provider by The Cricketer



For a fifth time, Myerscough College's cricket study programme at Emirates Old Trafford has been named among the best in the country by The Cricketer magazine.

The Cricketer has published its Good Schools Guide 2024, featuring its top 100 schools and providers.

All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

This included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching, and how they look to ensure cricket remains a central part of school or college life.

The centre continues to go from strength-to-strength and attracts students from all over the country who wish to combine their college education with a High Performance Cricket Programme.

Meet Myerscough's latest international cricketer



A Myerscough College Cricket Studies student became the latest player to play internationally.

Amy Seddon from Myerscough's Emirates Old Trafford centre represented France in the ICC T20 Women's World Cup qualifiers at Desert Springs in Almeria, Spain.

Amy made her international debut in May 2023, where she compiled an unbeaten 33 against Austria, the highest score of the game, to be named Player of the Match.

Amy then helped her side to wins against Sweden, Turkey, Jersey and Germany, that meant France were the European Division 2 Champions and moved on to the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup Europe qualifying regional finals against Scotland, Netherlands & Italy, where Amy played in all six fixtures.

The all-rounder now regularly opens the bowling for her country and bats in the middle order.

Myerscough College **Celebrating Success**

SUCCESS STORY: Will Still's journey to becoming Europe's youngest Head Coach



Former Myerscough College and University Centre football student, Will Still, is the youngest Head Coach in any of Europe's top leagues.

Will is in charge at Stade de Reims, in the French Ligue 1, and at just 30-years-old, has already built up a highly impressive CV in the professional game.

Will was born and grew up in Belgium and moved to England to be part of University Centre Myerscough's foundation degree study programme in Football Coaching.

After graduating, he moved into the professional game back in Belgium, starting off at Sint Truiden VV, as a video analyst. In his first season the club won the league and were promoted to Belgium Pro League (1st Division). After two months, he followed Head Coach, Yannick Ferrera, to Standard Liège, where they won the Belgian FA Cup and qualified for the Europa League in that first season.

At 25, he went on to K Lierse SK, where the club finished second in the league, just missing out on promotion, and Will had become the youngest Head Coach in the history of Belgian Football and was statistically the best coach in Belgium that season.

Now in charge at Ligue 1 Stade de Reims, Will first stepped up from his role as assistant and oversaw an impressive 0-0 draw with the reigning champions PSG in one of his first games in charge.



Will during his time at Myerscough

European adventures for Myerscough basketballers



A third season in the European Youth Basketball League saw Myerscough face teams from Slovakia, Czech Republic and Italy in the SuperFinal.

In another unforgettable experience, Myerscough student athletes headed to Levice, Slovakia, where they beat USK Prague, while also enjoying games against SVK Selection, College Basket and SBK Junior Levice, to finish in sixth place out of the teams that were invited to the 2023 SuperFinal, and the 46 teams that competed across both EYBL North and South Leagues.

Across each of the three seasons Myerscough has competed overseas it has successfully made the post-season SuperFinal by securing three-straight top four finishes, including becoming the first British basketball at any level to win a season-long European competition when it was crowned 2019-20 regular season champions.

Meanwhile, Myerscough Basketball Academy made it to two national finals.

The two number 1 seeds went head-to-head in the EABL Final (Elite Academy Basketball League), as Myerscough faced Barking Abbey as two of the most successful teams in competition history.

Meanwhile, the Dynamik National School Finals returned to the National Basketball Performance Centre, with Myerscough playing in the Under-17 Boys' Final against City of London Academy.



Myerscough earns England Football 'Accredited College' status

Myerscough College has achieved accreditation through the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) Accreditation Stars System.

The accreditation is a new tool that for AoC (Association of Colleges) Sport member colleges to be recognised for the good practice that exists within their football study programmes.

Recognition is awarded via 'stars' with one star, two stars and three stars attainable for each strand as well as for the overall college football offer.

Institutions recognised need to consider their extra-curricular football provision across four areas: participation, competition, workforce, and community.



Myerscough students enjoy unforgettable experience at Portugal Rugby Youth Festival

Myerscough College's rugby students enjoyed an unforgettable experience at Europe's premier youth tournament – the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival.

The Portugal Rugby Youth Festival is considered to be the best European rugby tournament for youth teams, giving Myerscough students team an unforgettable enrichment experience both on and off the pitch. All matches were played within the Lisbon University Stadium Complex.

This year the tournament saw 118 teams from 17 countries around the world taking part, with Myerscough entering sides into both the U19 and U17 competitions.

Both sets of students enjoyed some keenly contested rugby, with both squads making their respective semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Myerscough College were crowned national rugby champions at the AoC Sport National Championships.

A group of students from Myerscough's Rugby Academy competed at the annual event in Nottingham, battling against some of the best sides from colleges across the UK, in a 7s tournament.



Inside the ropes: Work at major championships all part of busy year for golf students

Work at major events is all part of a packed academic year for Myerscough College and University Centre's golf students.

Degree level Golf Management and Coaching & Performance students work at events including the BMW PGA Championships, Wentworth, a DP World Tour flagship event; the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, at St. Andrews, Kingsbarns and Carnoustie; and the LIV Golf in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

All of these events see the students working 'inside the ropes' supporting the event operations and logistics, such as on-course scoring and technical work for the various Tour's TV partners, enjoying unforgettable and invaluable industry experience.

In addition, students enjoy an in-house playing Tour, and an annual trip to Vilamoura, Portugal for a 'Player Development and Warm Weather Training Camp'.

Myerscough College **Celebrating Success**

Preston campus

Brilliant campus, superb facilities and a great location!

The campus at Myerscough's main centre in Preston is quite simply amazing. Set in 600 hectares of open, green surroundings, Myerscough College offers all the facilities you could need for a great time – a great social life, state-of-the-art sports academies and comfortable, easy-going accommodation.

We've recently invested upwards of £35 million on campus developments, providing new sports and changing facilities, new restaurant facilities, a new Engineering Centre, FFIT agriculture centre, Animal Academy, Sportsturf Technology Unit and a dedicated Rural Skills centre. What's more, you're in easy reach of all the shopping and nightlife that nearby Preston, Lancaster and Blackpool have to offer. If its fresh air you're after, the surrounding countryside (plus the Lake District, just up the M6) offers unlimited mountain-biking and outdoor sports opportunities.

We've also got excellent facilities at each of our other centres of learning.

There's a lot more to Myerscough College than just its Preston campus. Myerscough has centres of learning across the North West, all of which are well equipped with teaching resources and full network access – to provide students with the best learning experience.



Witton Park Centre

Witton Park, Blackburn

Myerscough College Blackburn Centre, Witton Park,
Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP

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The College's Blackburn Centre is located within the Visitor Centre at Witton Country Park. Set in 480 acres of park and woodland, yet only two miles from the town centre, Witton Park provides the ideal venue for students wishing to undertake a range of courses in Animal Studies and Foundation Learning, supported by computer and library facilities that are linked to the main College campus at Preston.

Warrington Centre

Walton Hall Park, Warrington

Myerscough College Warrington Centre, Walton Hall,
Walton Lea Road, Higher Walton, Warrington WA4 6SN.

Tel: 0800 652 5592 Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

The College's Centre is set within the newly restored Shippon in the heart of Walton Hall Park, immediately adjacent to the newly refurbished conservatories and glasshouses. Students also have full access to the Zoo, ornamental gardens, extensive parkland and woodland.

Penrith Centre

Ullswater Community College, Wetheriggs Lane,
Penrith CA11 8NG

Myerscough College has successfully launched an exciting, new, landbased educational offer for Cumbria.

Agriculture, animal studies and arboriculture further education programmes are run as a partnership between Myerscough College and Ullswater Community College, in Penrith.

Myerscough College Celebrating Success

Croxteth Park Centre

Croxteth Park, Liverpool

Myerscough College Liverpool Centre,
Croxteth Park, Croxteth, Liverpool L12 0HB

Tel: 0151 228 7162 Email: croxteth@myerscough.ac.uk

Croxteth Hall and Country Park provides a fantastic venue for anyone studying in the land-based sector. There is the opportunity to combine the old with the new as students study in the original Hall and Victorian Walled Garden, but also benefit from the state of the art new Animal and Equine Studies Centre and the Arboriculture Centre. The 550 acre County Park provides woodlands, parkland, gardens and a conservation area.

Barrow Centre

Furness College, Channelside,
Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2PJ

Myerscough's animal studies partnership between Myerscough College and Furness College continues to flourish.

The programme, launched in September, 2020, has allowed the first cohort of students to take their first steps into animal management careers, in either a Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care or Level 3 Animal Management Technical Diploma.

Manchester Centre

Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

Lancashire County Cricket Club, Emirates Old Trafford,
Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0PX

Tel: 0161 282 4102 Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

Students can undertake a range of full-time courses in Cricket Studies (in partnership with Lancashire County Cricket Club) at Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground. There are international standard facilities on site including indoor and outdoor cricket nets, bowling machines, five net lanes (constructed with different surfaces to cater for all types of bowling) and varied technical analysis systems.

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OPEN DAY & COUNTRY FAIR

It was another bumper year for the Myerscough College Open Day & Country Fair.

Thousands of people were welcomed to the College's main Bilborrow campus to enjoy the excellent weather and the hundreds of attractions on offer.

The College's biggest event of the year is now well established as one of the best days out in Lancashire's outdoor events calendar. An action-packed family fun day out, the event included the usual array of demonstrations, shows and interactive activities from the College's many diverse subject areas as well as food, drink and entertainment.

Prospective students also got the chance to see the beautiful campus at its best and chat with tutors and staff from each area.

Highlights of the day this year included a headline performance from the Two Brothers Stunt bicycle team, the ever popular Sheep Show, equestrian shows and demonstrations, motorsport and machinery displays, agricultural shows and falconry demonstrations, photography and floral exhibitions, a Sport Zone and children's activities. The countryside zone and superb landscaped gardens also proved extremely popular.

Visitors also enjoyed tractor and trailer rides, farm tours, and Land Rover off-road driving experiences, while visitors were also able to have a look at the College's array of new buildings, and enjoy other 'have-a-go' activities, including operating a mini digger, button hole making and planting.





Myerscough College & University Centre

KEY FACTS

- A superb range of full-time and part-time courses across more than 20 different specialist land-based and sports subjects
- 98% of degree learners in employment or study within six months of graduation
- High level of student satisfaction with teaching, learning and support
- £35 million campus development programme
- STEM Assured status for career focussed curriculum delivery
- Brand new multi-million-pound Centres opened at Croxteth Park, Liverpool and Walton Hall, Warrington
- New Cumbrian study available with partners in Barrow and Penrith
- Awarded High Sheriff of Lancashire commendation for 'great & valuable services to the community'
- National centre of sporting excellence in Football, Rugby, Golf, Cricket and Basketball
- Three-time Floristry Training Provider of the Year winner at the British Florist Association Annual Awards
- Farmers Weekly top-ten centre for studying agriculture
- One of the largest land-based apprenticeship providers in the UK



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