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sport, engineering and science education

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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!

College 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 held at our Preston, Blackburn (Witton Park) and Liverpool (Croxteth Park) centres on Saturdays – normally from 10.00am – and they're scheduled for the following dates at each centre:

Saturday 5th October 2024
Saturday 16th November 2024
Saturday 8th February 2025
Saturday 29th March 2025


Sunday 7th June 2025*
Preston Centre Summer Open Day and Country Fair (10.00am-5.00pm)
**Subject to confirmation*

Please check the College website in the run-up to our Advice Mornings to confirm the dates and times.

See pages 6 and 7 for details of advice sessions at our Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford) and Walton Hall (Warrington) venues.

Latest News and Information

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

 The main College Facebook page is titled **myerscoughcoll**

 The main College Twitter feed is **@myerscoughcoll**

We then have additional subject feeds according to your area of interest. These are highlighted on the individual subject pages in this prospectus.

@My_Animals **@My_Equine** **@My_Motors** **@My_Sport** **@My_GreenSpace**

My welcome



The College that creates opportunities and makes a real difference to people's lives.



TOP 5
land-based
and sports
colleges in
the UK

I am delighted that you are interested in finding out more about Myerscough College. Myerscough has a long and proud history of offering excellent education and training and recently celebrated our 130th anniversary.

Our last set of published student results placed Myerscough College amongst the top specialist land based and sports colleges in the country for student achievement.

Our recent completion of a £35 million investment programme ensures that you have fantastic teaching and social spaces in which to develop, which together with our expertise in delivering both academic and vocational education, ensures that 97% of you progress onto university, further education, training, apprenticeships or employment at the end of your course.

Myerscough is a great place to study and make new friends with a warm, welcoming and safe campus where you will have the opportunity to develop new skills and participate in a wide range of enrichment and course enhancement activities. Student satisfaction levels are exceptionally high at the College leading to some of the best student retention rates in the country. This is testament to the high quality support and caring approach provided by the Myerscough staff. Class sizes at Myerscough are much smaller than most colleges and as such you will never be lost in the crowd but will receive personalised support to help bring out the very best in you.

Myerscough is a very special place and we hope you come and see for yourself soon.

Very best wishes.

Wes

Wes Johnson
Chief Executive and Principal



My Myerscough

We'll help you make two very big decisions. What to study and where to study it.

No doubt you're looking for a college that's got the perfect mix of enjoyable courses, excellent facilities, a great reputation for teaching, good job opportunities and, of course, a happening social scene. But where can you find it all in one place?

90%+ student satisfaction with teaching, IT, technology and learning support in 2023 surveys



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!

For example, you can study motorsports, golf, football, horticulture and landscaping, animal care and equine studies.

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!

Excellent facilities and a new way of learning

Because many of the courses at Myerscough are about getting you ready for the world of work, a lot of your time will be spent acquiring practical skills – either outside in the open air, in purpose-built workshops or in environments which reflect the

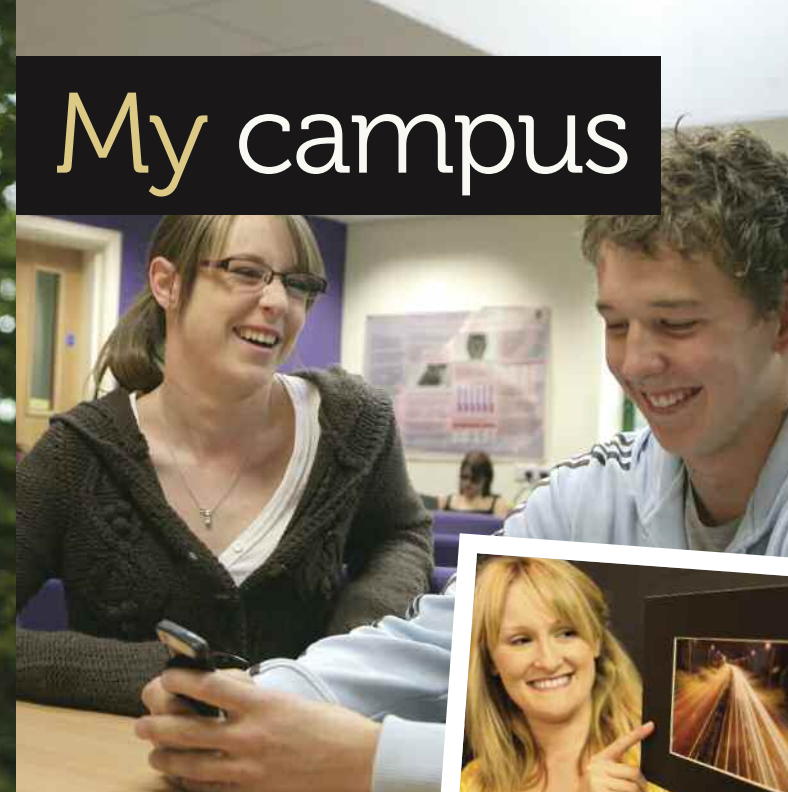
workplace. This means your learning experience is made more enjoyable, enriching and fun! We also have exceptional learning facilities, including an extensive library and fully resourced computer centre for all your study and IT needs.

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.



My 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 £30 million on campus developments, providing new sports and changing facilities, new restaurant facilities, a new Engineering Centre, FFIT motorsports 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. See the next two pages for more information.

Where we are

Myerscough College's Main centre is in a great location, within easy access of many major towns and cities.

Preston	6 miles
Blackpool	15 miles
Lake District	45 miles
Manchester	40 miles
Liverpool	45 miles



£35 million
ongoing campus development programme



My Myerscough Centres

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
Tel: 01254 667166 Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk
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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, Horticulture and Foundation Learning, supported by computer and library facilities that are linked to the main College campus at Preston.

There are extensive practical facilities on site for animal care and management, with a wide range of companion animals including rabbits and small rodents as well as collections of reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. A variety of housing is used and students have access to specialist equipment for animal husbandry and a dedicated dog grooming salon.

Students also have opportunities to visit local, animal-based industries such as dog trainers and farms. They will be offered a range of interesting guest speakers throughout the College year.

There are also excellent resources for horticulture and landscape including impressive grounds and plant collections, cultivated areas, glasshouses, potting sheds, a tree nursery and a vast expanse of park and woodland.

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.

Working in partnership with Warrington Borough Council and the Walton Lea Partnership, Myerscough College offers courses in Foundation Learning, Animal Studies, Horticulture and Landscape Studies.

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.

The full time and part time courses on offer include Foundation Learning, Animal Studies, Arboriculture, Countryside, Equine Studies, Horticulture and Landscape Studies. There is a General Education team based at the Centre to provide English and Maths training.

Check
the website
for Advice
Morning
dates

Study in Cumbria



Ullswater Community College, Wetheriggs Lane,
Penrith CA11 8NG

Myerscough College has an ongoing landbased educational offer across Cumbria.

This includes a range of agricultural apprenticeships delivered from sites in Penrith, Carlisle and Hexham as well as arboriculture apprenticeships across the county.

See us at a range of Country Shows across the North in 2025.

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.

Learning is spread across both centres, where students learn theory at Furness's sixth form campus in Barrow, and travel weekly to work with animals in Myerscough's £3 million, state-of-the-art, Animal Studies Centre, at the College's main Bilsborrow campus. They will also enjoy the chance to do field work and work experience in Furness and the South Lakes. During the programme, they will go on to learn about animal behaviour, genetics and conservation.

Study
in
Cumbria

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.

Cricket Studies Advice Events at Old Trafford (LCCC):
Keep an eye on the website for the latest dates.



Naturally, you'll spend a fair amount of your time at Myerscough College studying – so we've made it as enjoyable and productive as possible, by providing a range of dedicated study facilities, IT access points and user-friendly learning resources to help you get the most from your chosen course!



My learning resources

My study facilities

An excellent library

The user-friendly College library is housed on the ground floor of the modern Learning Resource Centre. The library at Myerscough delivers a dynamic information service through a stock of around 45,000 books and journals along with a comprehensive range of electronic media. A number of local and national newspapers are also available. The College library is known to be one of the best specialist libraries in the country. Library staff are always available to provide expert advice and guidance.

Open seven days a week during term time, and weekdays during holidays, the library has a number of silent study rooms and 100 study places arranged to provide a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Fifty-five networked PCs are available for student use along with a series of laptops that can be loaned out to help during assignments and presentations. Printing, photocopying and refreshment facilities are also available.

The College library also has access to VALNOW, the Virtual Academic Library of the North West – part of the UCLan network. This enables tutors and library staff to search around 500,000 items from the University library – from books and photocopies of journal articles to numerous online services – many of which can be delivered to Myerscough for study use. The library also has its own section on the College website which provides remote access to many of our library services.



Computer centre

The College's computer centre is housed on the first floor of the main Fitzherbert Brockholes building. Networked PCs, software and associated printing facilities are continuously updated and enhanced to provide the best service possible. There is access to a range of word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics packages (on Microsoft Office Professional) along with specialist software related to your chosen subject. Every student has their own College email address, network file space and Office 365 provision – including free Office applications for the duration of their course – along with fast and reliable internet access.

IT training is provided for all students at College, with a range of supplementary self-study handbooks available to further improve your skills. A wireless network provides internet access for laptop, tablet and smartphone users across the campus.

Amazing practical facilities

Regardless of which course you choose you can be certain that you'll have access to some of the best teaching facilities available for your subject. From the Animal Academy and International Equestrian Arena to the National Centre for Arboriculture and the Sportsturf Technology Unit, students benefit from using high-quality industry-standard equipment. In fact, take a closer look at the 'Resources' panel in each of the subject sections in the prospectus for a comprehensive list of teaching facilities.

It's no wonder so many of our students enjoy their studies and progress to successful careers in their chosen subjects.

Superb laboratories

The College laboratories provide an essential and dynamic service at the centre of the College. They are used to support scientific teaching and learning as well as research in the land-based industries. This ranges from agriculture and horticulture to animal care and veterinary nursing. We are also an official Met. Office Weather Station. A team of friendly, well qualified and experienced technicians and assistants support all teaching and research activities and are always happy to help and advise students who use the facilities.

Academic research

Myerscough College is proud of its commitment to original research. We believe that our teaching and learning should be underpinned by strong research activity. This is undertaken by both lecturing staff and students. The College's research specialisms are 'Arboriculture and Sustainable Agriculture', 'Animal Welfare and Equine Performance', 'Sports Health and Performance' and commercially sponsored trials and investigations.

17 research projects are currently being funded by the College. The College is becoming well known in both government and academic circles for the research work it undertakes, hosting a popular annual research conference to highlight our work. Much of this work is also undertaken in collaboration with other Higher Education Institutions including the University of Central Lancashire, Lancaster University, the University of Manchester and the University of Liverpool.

Myerscough College isn't just about studying – it's about enjoying yourself and having fun! OK, so going to College is about working hard and passing your exams, but on the way you definitely deserve a little rest and relaxation – and Myerscough College has got it all!

We've a great choice of enrichment activities taking place throughout the year on-campus and off-campus. These provide fantastic opportunities to try something new and make friends with other like-minded students.

My social life

Chill out on campus!

If you want to relax after your College work, then you'll find all sorts to interest you on campus. There are lots of places for you to meet up with friends in an easy-going sociable atmosphere. There are also hundreds of different organised activities, parties and theme nights, as well as our legendary highlights – the Myerscough Christmas and Summer Balls.

You can get involved in all these events, since the Students' Union organises most of them – they're always looking for good ideas, and for people to help out... especially during RAG week! In fact, if you fancy getting involved with any of the social and sports activities at the College, just put yourself forward for election to one of the student committees that arranges the events.

There's also a full range of enrichment activities organised by the Enrichment Team and course tutors within College – from course-related visits and guest speakers to charity fundraising events.

The Stumble Inn is one of the main social centres at the Preston campus and is the perfect venue for many of the activities on campus. With a main room for discos, parties and bands, it also has a separate annex that is equipped with pool tables, a number of arcade video games, juke box and big screen TV facilities.

We've also got some of the best sports facilities in the whole of the North West (see page 13), so you'll always find something exciting to do without having to travel far! Whether its social sport amongst friends or playing for one of the College teams there's plenty to keep you fit and healthy!



My entertainment

A word from the Myerscough Student Union

"Myerscough is a great place to study. As well as having excellent teaching facilities and great staff, Myerscough students also benefit from a lively and interesting social scene. All social events and facilities are run by the MSU (Myerscough Student Union).

The MSU's aim is to entertain and amuse all students no matter what their interests may be. Event nights such as discos, battle of the bands, hypnotists, comedians, pool competitions and pub quizzes take place each week in the Stumble Inn, the MSU's student centre. Social nights are also run by the College's wardening staff each week. These include nights out to places like Blackpool, Lancaster, Chillfactor^e, the Trafford Centre as well as paint balling, gokarting and bowling. So whatever you're into you're sure to find something that you'll enjoy."

Choose the best entertainment in the North West!

If you have a taste for city life, then you're ideally situated for enjoying the best in the great-value North West! The university cities of Lancaster and Preston are right on your doorstep, with a great choice of student oriented activities and entertainment. You're also within easy reach of Liverpool and Manchester for great shopping! Blackpool is also close by, offering year-round entertainment; funfairs, shows and everything you could wish for at a great British seaside resort!

For a slightly slower pace of life the ever-popular Owd Nell's and Guys thatched hamlet is a popular hang-out just down the road from College. The nearby village of Bilsborrow and traditional market town of Garstang offers a range of shops and eateries.



Join in the fun

We want to make sure that all our students get the most out of their time at College. Therefore we offer numerous exciting enrichment activities that allow students to take up new interests and meet new people.

There are many clubs, groups and societies available at College – organised by staff and students alike which can help to further enhance your Myerscough College experience.

- Recent Enrichment activities include:
- Archery • Badminton • Table Tennis • Football
 - Dance • Christian Union • Self Defence •
 - Rugby • Music • Netball • Hockey • Outdoor Activities
 - Ten pin bowling • Cinema trips • Fairtrade • Disc Golf
 - Chaplaincy • Shopping Trips • Well being activities • Rock Climbing
 - Swimming • Trampolining

If you have any other 'Enrichment' ideas during your time at College just let us know as we are always looking for new activities for our students to enjoy.



My accommodation

Here at Myerscough College campus life is incredibly active - especially outside working hours - so it's good to be close to where the action is!

That's why if you live a distance from College it's great fun to experience life in halls of residence. There's no easier way to make new friends and enjoy the social life on campus. Download the leaflet from the College website.



Halls of residence

Here at Myerscough there is on-site accommodation for more than 650 students, in 26 different Halls of Residence. There is a choice of twin rooms or single rooms.

Residential Support Officers are always on hand to assist with the wellbeing and safety of students, while CCTV cameras and a night-time security team provide additional reassurance. All our accommodation is non-smoking.

Residential students at Myerscough feel safe, enjoy a warm, inclusive environment, and perform slightly better than their non-residential colleagues, according to the College's latest Ofsted inspection. Myerscough's residential and social care provision has been graded 'Good', with a number of key areas praised by the inspection team. *"A warm, welcoming and inclusive environment exists in all parts of the campus. Students thoroughly enjoy the many opportunities to mix with others because they can develop new interests and skills."*

Residential fees for Further Education students range from £4,514 for a twin room with shared bathroom and a three-day meal allowance up to £7,899 for a Premium single room with en-suite bathroom and a seven-day meal allowance.* All accommodation has Wi-Fi access.

Privately-owned accommodation

For students choosing to live off-campus, our Residential Services office holds a list of private landlords who offer local accommodation. It should be noted that this accommodation is not vetted by the College.

Eat your heart out!

There's a wide choice of cafés and restaurants on site, including the main Richmond's Restaurant and dining room, the adjacent Pickles Sandwich Bar, the Garden Café at Plant World and the Equine Café in the International Arena. If you need to do any shopping, there's a well-stocked mini market for snacks, fresh, chilled and frozen food as well as stationery, toiletries, confectionery and drinks. Vending machines, a cash machine and laundry facilities are all available on site.

* All costs relate to the 2023/24 academic year and are subject to change each year.



If sport is your way of relaxing after a hard day's study, we've got a great range of facilities for you.

Myerscough's sports facilities include grass football and rugby pitches, a multi-use 3G pitch, a new High Performance Sports Centre and a separate four-court indoor sports hall with facilities for basketball, five-a-side football, volleyball, tennis, cricket practice and badminton.



My sporting life



The Gymnasium is a fully equipped state-of-the-art facility which includes a wide range of cardiovascular and resistance machines and free weights. The Golf Studios have two Golf Simulators which include golf courses from around the world, an outdoor practice range and a purpose built indoor chipping green. The College also boasts a 9-hole golf course and driving range.

Both the Gymnasium and the Golf Course operate on a membership basis. Students are entitled to a reduced rate for an academic year. Short-term and casual-user packages are also available.

Various classes are organised throughout the year in our dedicated fitness and aerobics studio. These often include karate, spinning, Zumba, Pilates, HIIT, boot camp, Dru Yoga, keep fit and circuit training. Many of these are free for students with gym membership.

'Your Sport' enrichment

All student sports activities are organised by the Enrichment Team and Sports Activator. We have a wide range of activities and clubs for students to participate in. The choice varies from year to year depending on students' interest. Currently there is football, rugby, rock climbing, disc golf, netball, horse riding and many more!



Here at Myerscough we have an excellent range of support and welfare services to meet your needs. Our advice and guidance team is dedicated to helping you succeed on your chosen course.

My welfare & support

Student life is a lot more than studying and exams! As well as discovering new friends and new experiences, it's a transition period that takes you into a new phase of your life. So, if you find you need any information, advice and guidance along the way, just come and talk to us in The Core! We've got a range of support facilities specifically designed to help you on your journey!



The Core – Student Advice Centre at the Preston campus

Inclusive Learning

Our Inclusive Learning team provides a flexible response to students with disabilities or learning difficulties.

The College can organise a range of support, including:

- Assistive Technology
- Learning Mentors
- British Sign Language (BSL) communicators
- Exam arrangements
- Study skills support
- Note-takers and scribes
- Learning resources
- Inclusive Learning Advisors
- Specialist Tutors

Prospective students who might require additional support must accurately complete the Learning Requirements Questionnaire, part of the College Application Form (either online or printed version) for us to be able to effectively plan to meet these requirements – subject to funding availability.

Counselling

Perhaps you're away from home and not in a position to talk to family and friends? You can still discuss any problems with our professional, trained counsellors. Whether it's personal, social or academic, you can talk in confidence to an experienced, caring person who won't judge you, but will listen – and can help you deal with your issues.

Health care

A local medical practice holds daily surgeries at the College. If you are moving to Myerscough from outside the area, we strongly advise you to register with the local general practitioner. Dental practices are also available locally. Our College nurse can provide advice on first aid, preventative medicine, health education and healthy living.

Chaplain

Our resident Chaplain is another source of help if you have problems or if you simply need to talk in confidence to someone who'll listen carefully to what's on your mind and what's happening in your life. It doesn't matter what your religious faith is (or even if you have a faith) the Chaplain is here for everyone.

Careers guidance

Your time at Myerscough College is a stepping stone to your future career. If you need some advice and guidance in deciding exactly what you want to do after College, have a word with your personal tutor. You will also find a lot of information in the careers section of our library and in the dedicated MyFuture careers section in The Core. Further help is available from our careers advisors and support team in The Core, which has close links with the local Young People's Service.

Childcare

Fledglings is our on-campus nursery for children aged between three months and five years. It provides excellent facilities and is run by experienced, qualified childcare professionals. If you're under 20 and have one or more children, Care to Learn is a government initiative that can help with the cost of your childcare and travel costs while you learn.



International students



If you're coming to Myerscough from outside the UK, then we'd like to wish you a particularly warm welcome. Here at Myerscough we have a long tradition of welcoming international students. We really appreciate the contribution that students from other nations and cultures make to College life.

Student Visas - IMPORTANT

Myerscough College is an approved government registered sponsor of international students. However, **the College does not currently have an allocation of CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) available to sponsor overseas students.**

As such, it is likely that **we will not be in a position to sponsor students for 2025 entry to our Level 3 programmes or Degree courses, and that it will probably be 2026 before we can restart** welcoming international students.

We shall update this page when the situation changes.

Last update: August, 2024



My Maths & English

Maths and English

Maths and English skills are essential in your everyday life, with many businesses insisting that their employees have GCSEs in both subjects at grade four or above. If you're joining us at Myerscough after Year 11 at school, and don't have a grade four in Maths and/or English Language, we will create a personalised study programme for you that sits alongside your chosen course. This is designed specifically to help you achieve one or both of these vital qualifications. You just need to bring commitment and engagement. Our enthusiastic, supportive and professional teaching team will do the rest.

Our Maths and English lessons are very different from school. We'll use a range of resources and new ideas to support you and help you to achieve.

Your other subject tutors will also help embed Maths and English into your learning; whether that's calculating crop yields in agriculture or applying your engineering knowledge in a motorsport workshop.

Additional Maths options

Level 3 Core Maths is a practical course, ideal for those students starting at Myerscough who possess a good GCSE pass. It equips you with essential problem-solving and analytical skills that employers and universities crave. This qualification not only strengthens your UCAS application, earning you valuable UCAS points (up to 20-60 points depending on your grade), but it also opens doors to diverse career opportunities in fields such as finance, engineering, data science and more.

By mastering real-world mathematical skills like financial modelling, statistics, and data analysis, you'll stand out in competitive job markets and university applications, ensuring you're ready for the challenges of modern industry.

The intention is that students can study Core Maths alongside any of our Level 3 programmes. It often gives an edge for Higher Education, with universities valuing the 'soft' skills of judgement and reasoning that Core Maths develops.

My apprenticeship

If you decide that you don't want to attend College full-time but would prefer to get a job, earn a decent wage and gain qualifications whilst at work, then we've got a wide range of Apprenticeship options available to you.

Intermediate Apprenticeships

Level 2 – equivalent to five good GCSE passes

A potential Level 2 apprentice must be aged 16 or over and have officially left school.

They must be employed (NOT self-employed) in the relevant occupational sector, working a minimum of 30 hours per week.

Typically, an applicant will have attained a minimum of 4 GCSE grades D/E or 2/3 including both Maths and English. Functional Skills Level 1 will be accepted as an alternative to GCSEs.

An individual can only undertake an apprenticeship at the same or lower level than a qualification they already hold, if this allows the individual to acquire substantive new skills and the content of the training is materially different from any prior training or a previous apprenticeship.

All Apprenticeships require Initial assessment, vocational skills scan, an interview and employment in the industry.



Advanced Apprenticeships

Level 3 – equivalent to two A level passes

Typically, an applicant will have attained a minimum of 4 GCSE grades C or 4 including both Maths and English. Functional Skills Level 2 will be accepted as an alternative to GCSEs. It is also essential that applicants have already attained a Level 2 core qualification in the relevant subject.

Learners will also need to be able to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and experience within their job roles to meet the requirements of the programme.

Exceptional entries will be considered for all Apprenticeships at the discretion of the college based on experience, successful interview and outcomes of Initial and Diagnostic assessments for English and Maths to establish current levels of ability.

In some subjects the College also offers Apprenticeships at Level 4 and above. Check the website for more details.



How do Apprenticeships work?

Apprenticeships are designed with the help of employers in the industry, so they offer a structured programme that encompasses the skills and competencies to ensure that you can carry out a particular job role to the required standard.

Most of our Apprenticeships are 'roll on roll off' and you can start at any time of the year. There are some exceptions which tend to run in line with our College terms.

Prior to starting you would normally be required to undertake an initial assessment and also an interview with an employer and a workbased tutor. We are also required to check that employers comply with any necessary legislation around employing young people, and that a health and safety check is up to standard.

All apprentices have an individual training plan that suits your needs and the requirements of the job role. Training is delivered in partnership with your employer to give you the best chance of progressing in your chosen career pathway. You are always involved, and you'll always have a say in how you handle your job, your training – and your future!

Each apprentice has their own dedicated Workbased Tutor who will visit in the workplace to carry out training, assessments and any additional support to ensure you are on track to complete the Apprenticeship within the required timescale. It is expected that apprentices will spend around 20% of their time receiving training and tuition throughout their Apprenticeship.

How long does it take?

Apprenticeships can vary depending on the scheme, but in general it takes around 18 months to complete an Intermediate Apprenticeship and a further 24 months to complete an Advanced Apprenticeship. No Apprenticeship can last less than 12 months.

How much does it cost?

Apprenticeships are normally fully funded for those aged under 19. A minimum 10% contribution is payable by employers for those aged 19 over. Large employers pay for their Apprenticeships out of their Apprenticeship Levy digital account. Costs vary depending on the funding band for the particular scheme. Please contact us for more information.

How much will I earn?

Apprentices do real jobs for real employers, so you are paid while you learn. If you are entering work for the first time you will start earning from day one of your Apprenticeship.

The National Minimum Wage also covers Apprentices and the current minimum rate of pay is £3.80 per hour. Many Apprentices earn more than this – in fact research has found that Apprentices often earn more than £200 per week.



Leicester City King Power Stadium Head Groundsman Simon Gibson with Myerscough apprentices Josh, Leah and Ryan.

Leicester City Football Club is the latest in a long list of Premier League Football Clubs to choose Myerscough College as their apprenticeships delivery partner.

The implementation of the Apprenticeships Levy has seen the club invest heavily in the recruitment of new apprentices and taken the chance to upskill existing staff to a higher level of competency.

Find out more!

Check out the Myerscough College website for more details about each of the apprenticeships available. Here you will find detailed factsheets that outline a list of units that you will be studying during your apprenticeship as well as important information on entry criteria, fees, progression, current vacancies and future career opportunities. You can also download an Apprenticeship application form.

Further information can be obtained by calling Myerscough Employer Services on **01995 642255** and speaking with a member of our expert team.

Additional information is available at www.apprenticeships.org.uk

A choice of work-based training opportunities

- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Arboriculture (Trees and Timber)
- Equine Studies & Horse Care
- Farriery
- Horticulture
- Landscape
- Landbased Engineering
- Rail Technician
- Sportsturf (Greenkeeping)
- Sportsturf (Groundsmanship)
- Veterinary Nursing

My study programme

Studying at Myerscough College isn't just about head-down learning of the one subject you've chosen as your course – it's about getting a well-rounded education that will prepare you for the world of work – and give you lots of invaluable life skills.

That's why your study programme will normally involve six main elements:

1. Your main qualification

Such as a Level 2 Technical Certificate or a Level 3 Extended Diploma.

2. GCSE English/Maths (or Myerscough Functional Skills)

A regular session of practical skills for those students that do not have 9-4 (A-C) grades in GCSE Maths or English – that provides the necessary knowledge and understanding to use and apply English and Mathematics in everyday life. See more on page 15.

3. Additional qualification(s)

Nationally recognised qualifications which support your main qualification and relate to your subject. Examples can include preparation for British Horse Society qualifications, sports coaching awards or certificates of competence in skills such as chainsaw use or tractor driving.

4. Work experience and employability skills

An essential part of your study programme which also includes our innovative MyFuture careers planning sessions.

5. Enrichment

A wide range of extra-curricular activities that will build your confidence, improve your skills and enhance your CV!

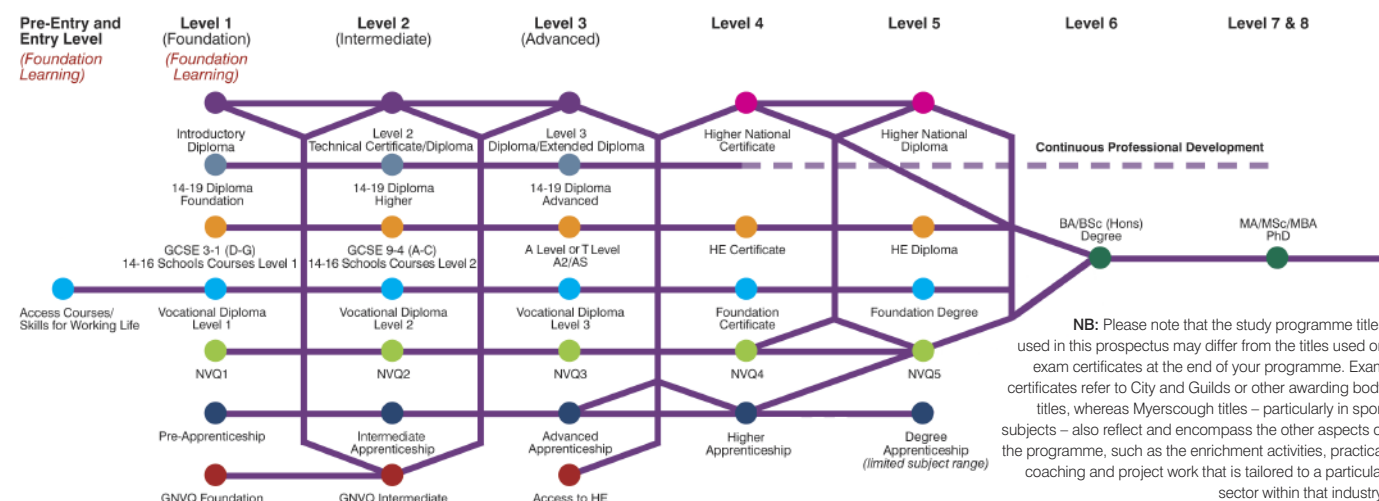
6. Personal Tutorials

A tutor who'll support you throughout your time with us. Your Personal Tutor will offer regular support and guidance to ensure you get the most out of your studies. They'll guide you through induction, monitor your attendance and keep track of your academic progress. They will also help you create an electronic Individual Learning Plan, or eILP. This is a working document that will develop throughout your course. You will use it to:

- Reflect on your progress
- Set clear targets for improvement
- Record your achievements – set achievable goals for the future!

My progression

The great thing about Myerscough College is that you can choose to study at a range of different levels. So whatever qualifications, exam results or experience you've got there will be a course that's just right for you. Our courses start at entry level and progress to undergraduate degrees, and on to postgraduate study. So, if you enrol on a Further Education study programme at Myerscough, you can be sure there is room for you to progress to a higher level of qualification. Each of the study programmes listed in this prospectus has its academic 'level' highlighted in the 'Course Details' panel so that you can find the perfect one to meet your needs. Use our career path below to help you plan your route to achievement.



My entry requirements

Advanced – Level 3

These study programmes give a good technical training and education, providing a vocational alternative to A Levels and the opportunity for successful Extended Diploma and T Level students to progress to Higher Education.

Students are normally aged 16 or over and the following entry criteria is typical:

Level 3 360 Credit qualification (eg City and Guilds Advanced Technical Certificate or BTEC Subsidiary Diploma after 1 year of study) leading to a **Level 3 720 Credit qualification** (eg City and Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma or BTEC Diploma) after 2 years of study.

An English GCSE at 4/C plus a minimum of three others at 4/C, including Maths or Science (or PE for sport related programmes). Equivalent Level 2 qualifications will be considered.

Level 3 540 Credit qualification (eg City and Guilds Advanced Technical Diploma or BTEC 90 Credit Diploma after 1 year of study) leading to a **Level 3 1080 Credit qualification** (eg City and Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma or BTEC Extended Diploma) after 2 years of study.

An English GCSE at 4/C plus a minimum of four others at 4/C, including Maths and Science (or PE instead of Science for sport-related programmes). Equivalent Level 2 qualifications will be considered.

T Levels

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or higher (including Maths, English and Science).

In addition, some learning areas may apply specific aptitude assessments and also require evidence of work experience or practical skills. The relevant requirements are listed in the 'Course Details' panel of each study programme description within this prospectus.

Progressing to Higher Education

Don't forget that Myerscough College also offers university level courses, including Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees, across the majority of our subject areas. With more than 600 Higher Education students at our University Centre, it provides an excellent progression route for many successful Level 3 students to continue their studies.

For further information, or to find out more about your choices, request a copy of our Higher Education prospectus and course factsheets from Course Enquiries or download copies from the website.



Foundation Learning – Entry Level

Students are normally aged 16 or over and have an interest in a practical subject to qualify for an entry level study programme. No previous qualifications are required and the College will endeavour to provide support for students with learning difficulties and disabilities. More information about Learning Support is provided on page 14. Funding is limited and support is normally allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Students under the age of 16 may be eligible but specific funding arrangements will apply.

Foundation Learning – Level 1

Students are normally aged 16 or over and have an interest in the subject. These study programmes give a practical introduction to a particular subject area. No previous qualifications are required.

Students under the age of 16 may be eligible but specific funding arrangements will apply.

Intermediate – Level 2

Students are normally aged 16 or over and have some level of achievement in GCSE or relevant Further Education qualifications and have gained a minimum of grade 3 (D) in three or more subjects, including English, Maths and Science. In addition, some learning areas may apply specific agreed aptitude assessments. These courses cover practical skills and relevant background knowledge.

Students under the age of 16 may be eligible but specific funding arrangements will apply.

My application

Making your application couldn't be easier! We'd love to have you as a student here at Myerscough College, so we'll do all we can to encourage you to join us. We'll provide any advice and information you need about choosing your study programme!



What happens next?

The following gives a brief guide to the steps involved in your application being processed.

1. Your application is received and an acknowledgement email sent out to you. The admissions tutor within your chosen subject area will review and assess your application.
2. You might be requested to attend an informal interview or Applicant Day. Alternatively you might receive a written 'conditional' offer (usually dependent on your exam results) or an 'unconditional' offer if you already meet the entry requirements.
3. Once you have received an offer you will be able to access a wide range of College resources on your individual 'MyPage' section of the College website. This 'one-stop shop' enables you to – amongst other things – accept your offer, apply for a bus pass, request on-campus accommodation, order clothing and submit bursary applications.
4. If your offer is based on achieving certain grades on your current course, we will invite you to one of our enrolment and advice sessions that follow the publication of GCSE results at the end of August. If you don't get the grades you expected don't worry, we'll try our best to make sure you get a place on an alternative study programme within that subject area.
5. Students start College in early September 2025.

Apply online

Our online applications system is the fastest way to make your application. To start the application process simply visit the Myerscough website, click the **Courses** tab from the menu at the top left of the homepage and then click your subject area and chosen course. You'll see the **Apply** button on the factsheet. If you're interested in more than one subject, but not yet sure which is your preferred choice, simply add another course to your 'basket' and we'll process both applications at the same time.

For anyone that finds it difficult to use the online system, applications can be made on our printed application form. These can be requested from our Course Enquiries Team. You can post the completed form to the Admissions Office at the College's Preston campus, email it back to us or bring it along to one of our Saturday Advice Mornings.

Please ensure that you fully complete all sections of the form. Applications can be delayed as a result of missing or incomplete information. When your application has been reviewed, you may receive a 'conditional' offer (usually dependent on your exam results) or an 'unconditional' offer if you have already taken exams and meet the entry requirements. Alternatively you may be invited to attend an interview or one of our Applicant Days.

An interview and a guided tour

We sometimes invite applicants to attend an informal interview at the College. This will include a tour of the College's practical, teaching, residential and social facilities. It also gives you the opportunity to meet the course tutor to discuss the course content, the application process, your career ambitions and any specific learning support requirements that you might have.

Apply early

Most of our courses are very popular and fill up quickly. This year we processed more than 3500 applications for around 1800 places.

For courses starting in September 2025 we recommend that applications be made by 31st March 2025.

Important: The Application Form contains a Personal Statement section which is used by tutors to assess your application, in addition to your expected GCSE grades. Please use this statement to provide as much as much information as you can, highlighting your enthusiasm for the subject and any experience that you might have. The College operates a 'waiting list policy' for courses that fill up prior to the publication of GCSE results. In these instances teaching departments allocate places on the waiting list either on a first-come first-served basis or according to the strength of the application and/or interview.

My finances

Our Student Finance Team is always available to provide information and guidance on every aspect of student finance – from bursaries and support packages to course fees and loans.

The majority of students aged 16 to 18 enrolling on full-time study programmes at Myerscough College do not pay tuition fees. Students aged 19 and over (at 31st August at the start of the course) will be liable for tuition fees, unless eligible for fee remission. Fee remission is currently available to students aged 19 and over as follows:

- Students aged 19-23 who are studying their first Level 2 or Level 3 qualification may be eligible to have their fees waived.
- Students on a Level 2 or lower course may be able to receive fee remittance if they are in receipt of an income based benefit such as Jobseekers Allowance or Employability and Support Allowance (WRAG).

If fee remission is not available, the fees for a full-time funded Further Education course in 2022/23 were £1,370 per year for level 2 or below and up to £11,356 for a full level 3 programme.

Students might also be expected to pay for certain items of equipment, books, uniform, travel costs and residential trips/visits where appropriate. These are normally listed on the relevant course factsheets.

Students who reside outside England may be required to pay higher tuition fees.

All students aged 19 and over will be required to pay for additional qualifications studied unless classed as unemployed as defined by ESFA Adult Education Budget funding rules.

Instalment plans are available for tuition fees and incur an administration charge which is payable with the 1st instalment. Payment must be made (or an instalment plan in place) prior to enrolment.

Sources of financial assistance

Myerscough College Bursary Fund

Financial support is available from the College's Bursary Fund, subject to eligibility, to support learners on a funded Further Education course.

Bursaries are available to students where the annual household income is less than £35,000 and may award:

- free travel on bus services to College (or petrol allowance) if the student travels daily and lives more than three miles from College.
- help towards Level 2 or below tuition fees, if payable, and the student is travelling to College on a daily basis.
- up to £4,000 towards the cost of accommodation if the student is living away from home during term time to attend their course
- additional financial support towards the cost of public transport or mileage if the student travels daily and lives more than three miles from College.

Awards are calculated based on household income and are subject to change each year

Vulnerable Learners

A guaranteed payment of £1,200 (to help with the cost of travel to College, lunch or course-related equipment) will be available for students on a full-time course, who are in one of the following groups:

- In care
- Care leavers
- Young people receiving Income Support
- Disabled young people receiving BOTH Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)/Universal Credit AND either Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

FE Bursary Fund application forms are available on MyPage from June for the following academic year. Please contact the College's Student Finance Advisor on 01995 642398 or bursary@myerscough.ac.uk for more information about financial support.

Please note that funds are limited, and you should apply as soon as possible – do not wait until enrolment.

Childcare

For students aged 20 and under help is available from Care to Learn. For students over 20 help may be available towards childcare costs through the Myerscough College Bursary Fund. Please contact the Finance Office for further information.

Free School Meals

Free lunches might be available to students meeting the following criteria and whose parents are in receipt of either Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credits, Working Tax Credit run-on or Universal Credit:

- be 16-18, on 31 August OR
- be 19-25 on 31 August and subject to an Education Health Plan

Students can apply for free school meals through the Bursary Application process.

Advanced Learner Loans

Tuition fee loans are available to students aged 19+ studying a Level 3 qualification. The Loan covers the full cost of the course and is paid directly to the College from Student Finance England. The loan is only repayable once the student has finished their studies and earning over £25,000. Applications usually open from May each year. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan.

Charitable Bequests

You may also be able to get financial help from charities or other bodies, who have allocated funds to help particular students or courses. A directory of grant making trusts can normally be found in your local library. Several local examples are highlighted on the College website or in the Further Education Information and Guidance booklet.

Further information about financial support for students is available on the Myerscough College website, from the College's Student Finance Team or at www.gov.uk/education.

* All costs relate to the 2022/23 academic year and are subject to change each year. Please check the College website for the most up-to-date information.

14-16 courses

Myerscough College has a long tradition of working with schools, demonstrating the rewarding careers within the land-based and sports sectors.

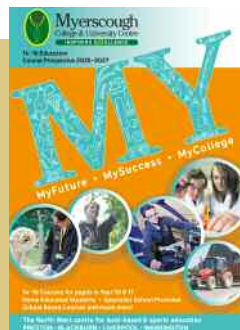
The College offers a range of dedicated vocational courses for Year 10 and 11 pupils (and home educated students) either at our main campus in Preston or at one of our other North West centres of learning.

A range of Entry Level and Level One Certificates and Diplomas are offered. Courses are available in each of our subject areas, although not all subjects are offered at each centre.

The College also has the flexibility to deliver courses on school premises if there is sufficient demand, or to subcontract verification and quality assurance for a school to deliver its own course, subject to Myerscough guidelines.

Pupils can attend College one or more days each week, for up to two years, to complete vocational courses in a range of exciting subjects. The majority of courses offered last for one year and are available for learners in years 10 and 11. Year 10 students who successfully complete the course will, in most cases, be offered the opportunity to complete a second year to 'top up' their qualification.

Schools, or coordinating bodies representing schools, must nominate pupils for the 14-16 courses.



For further information, and to receive a 14-16 prospectus, please contact the 14-16 Team.
Email: 14to16@myerscough.ac.uk
Telephone: 01995 642222
Ext 2593

Copies of the 14-16 prospectus can also be downloaded from the College website.

Part-time study

If full-time study doesn't suit your lifestyle, work commitments, or personal circumstances, why not take a look at our part-time and short courses?

We offer a great range of part-time courses in each of our subject areas – from introductory practical and certificate options to part time Higher Education courses and online degrees!

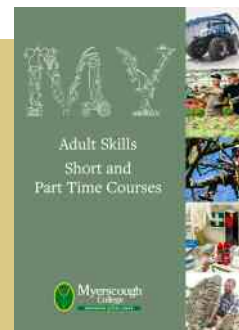
For details of our part-time courses starting in September, take a look on our website or call Course Enquiries on **0800 652 5592**.

Alternatively, if you want to develop your skills, indulge your hobby, fulfill an ambition or just feel like trying something new, our range of more than 250 short courses offers something for everyone!

With venues across the North West and courses running throughout the year, it is easy to find a course to suit your needs.

These include:

- Agriculture
- Chainsaw
- Countryside
- Farriery
- Horticulture
- Bespoke Training
- Online Courses
- Animal Care
- Arts and Crafts
- Driver Training
- First Aid
- Machinery Operation
- Pesticides
- Sportsturf



View our Adult Skills prospectus on the College website.

My directions



See page 109 for a detailed campus map.

Centrally situated

Myerscough College's Preston campus is centrally situated in the heart of Lancashire, with great public transport links and dedicated College bus services. Wherever you're coming from, there's easy access so you'll have no trouble in finding us!

Road

The College is just six miles north of Preston (or eight miles south of Lancaster), one mile from the main A6 Preston to Lancaster road – which runs parallel to the M6. What's more, we're only around 10 minutes from either Junction 32 of the M6 (Preston/Blackpool/M55) or Junction 33 (Lancaster South). You'll also be glad to know that there's plenty of free parking space for students on campus. For satellite navigation users our postcode is PR3 0RY, on St Michael's Road, Bilborrow.

Rail

Preston is the nearest railway station and is well served by national rail links. Preston is on the main west coast London – Glasgow line, with excellent local connections. For further details, call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Bus

Myerscough College provides transport to and from the main campus each day during term time. Currently there are eight bus services to the College, from Fleetwood (via Blackpool and Poulton), Burnley (via Accrington and Blackburn), Chorley and Charnock Richard, Clitheroe and the Ribble Valley, Lytham and St Annes (via Warton, Freckleton and Kirkham), Preston bus station and Preston railway station (both via Fulwood, Broughton and Barton, plus a rural service via Inskip, Elswick and Great Ecclestone).

Shuttle buses also run during the day to Bilborrow village, for connections to Stagecoach services from Lancaster, Morecambe and Preston bus station.

Detailed timetables for the current year can be found on page 108.

Buses also run at the Liverpool centre, collecting students from Aigburth, Garston, Hunts Cross, Huyton, Southport, Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Rainford, Kirkby, West Derby and Fazakerley.

Air and Sea

The major international airports at Manchester and Liverpool are only an hour away – and easily accessible by motorway. Myerscough is within easy reach of Holyhead, Liverpool and Heysham, where regular sea links connect you with Ireland and the Isle of Man.



Foundation Learning

We provide a range of full-time and part-time Foundation Learning study programmes for students with learning difficulties and disabilities; helping them fulfil their potential in a safe and supportive environment. Our aim is to help students develop a range of important skills – social, academic and vocational – whilst providing the support and encouragement for them to grow in confidence and express their personality.

Myexperience

From student to internship:

As part of the College Supported Internship programme, Kylie undertook an initial work placement within Richmond's Restaurant at the Preston campus, working as a Catering Assistant. Then, having expressed a desire to work in the confectionary industry, Latham's of Broughton agreed to interview Kylie for a work experience placement. Kylie successfully completed her placement thanks to her own dedication, enthusiasm and support and supervision of the company, under the guidance of Latham's Technical Manager, Peter Farrington. Kylie was one of around a dozen Foundation Learning students went through the Supported Internship Programme last year, all significantly benefitting and improving their life skills, confidence, team working abilities and employment prospects.

Kylie New



Facilities

- Dedicated £2.5 million Foundation Learning Centre provides superb teaching opportunities, state-of-the-art facilities and resources to deliver independent living skills.
- Access to the vocational areas of the College to follow a range of practical study programmes.
- Dedicated functional skills workshop to deliver English and maths.
- A range of additional support staff (provided through Inclusive Learning) to assist in all day-to-day situations.
- Variety of 'social enterprise' employment opportunities and work experience.

Foundation Learning

City & Guilds Skills for Working Life – Animal Care, Horticulture, Agriculture and Conservation options

This is an Entry Level study programme for young adults who are interested in a land-based job. It is suitable for students with moderate learning difficulties and/or disabilities. It may also provide a progression route for students who have completed other Foundation Learning courses at pre-entry or entry level. The award is offered at both Entry Levels 2 and 3, over 3 days per week, plus half a day of Maths and English.

The programme focuses on a variety of land-based vocational activities relating to animal care, agriculture, horse care, conservation and horticulture (depending upon the chosen centre). It also helps develop common, social and interpersonal skills and widen life experiences, whilst still providing students with the basic practical skills and knowledge necessary to either progress to further training or to prepare for gaining employment.

Students learn how to work with animals and assist with their feeding, cleaning, grooming, welfare and general health checks. Horticultural units cover identifying trees and plants, using appropriate tools, watering and feeding plants, controlling weeds, seasonal planting and garden maintenance.

At the Preston centre students also spend time learning about farm animals, with a focus on lambs and calves across our two College farms. At the Liverpool (Croxteth Park) centre there is the option to choose either an Animal and Horse Care route or a Horticulture and Conservation route (also available at Bowring Park), whilst at Walton Hall Park students can follow either an Animal Care and Conservation route or a Horticulture and Conservation route.

A key focus at each centre is the personal and social development (PSD) of each student and the opportunity for them to be involved in the world of work. Students learn how to identify hazards, manage their money, handle objects safely, develop work skills, have confidence making familiar journeys, deal with customers and work as part of a group.

Course Details

Location

Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Warrington: Walton Hall.

Duration

1 year full-time per level.

Level

Entry Level 2 and 3.

Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Assessment

Practical assessments. There are no formal examinations.

Progression

Foundation Level 1 study programmes.

Career Opportunities

It may be possible to find work in one of the vocational areas you have studied.

Foundation Learning

ASDAN Entry Level 1, 2 and 3 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Personal Progress and Personal and Social Development



Students and staff on the recent Study Tour to Portugal

These entry level study programmes provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn a range of life skills and personal skills in a supportive and friendly environment. They are ideal for young people and adults with moderate learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

The programmes encompass the themes of 'Personal and Social Development' and 'work-related employment and employability.' The curriculum has been developed around 'skills for daily living' – from reading, writing and independent living to workplace skills, communication and practical project work. Other aspects cover keeping fit and healthy, enjoying leisure time and taking part in community activities.

Additional elements cover environmental awareness, community action, managing money, personal safety, communication, health and safety, personal travel and food preparation.

Regular outside visits are arranged throughout the year to enhance students' learning and guest speakers are invited in to College. These work-related themes are further developed with a focus on customer care, health and safety, teamwork and problem solving. Students will use the vocational areas of the College one day per week in order to gain experience of horticulture, agriculture and small animal care.

Students gain an Award, Certificate or Diploma qualification, depending upon the number of units they complete.

Course Details

Location

Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.

Duration

1 year full-time.

Level

Entry Level 1, 2 and 3.

Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Assessment

Practical assessments. There are no formal examinations.

Progression

Higher level study programmes.

Career Opportunities

It may be possible to find work in the animal care or wider land-based industries.

Foundation Learning

City & Guilds Entry Level 3 and Level 1
Extended Certificate in Employability Skills



These practical qualifications are designed to help students gain the skills they need to work in the land-based sector. The study programmes provide employability experience and a range of activities across the College curriculum, dependent upon the level of the programme.

Whilst gaining new skills and knowledge, students also develop employability skills, such as meeting deadlines, health and safety requirements, the importance of teamwork and being able to follow written and oral instructions. The study programmes help to provide the basic practical skills and knowledge necessary to progress to further training or to prepare for employment.

The study programmes are taught over three days each week, including half a day of maths and English.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park.	Progression After satisfactorily completing this study programme the students may be able to progress to a higher level study programme or supported employment.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Levels Entry Level 3 and Level 1 options.	
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities It may be possible to find work in one of the vocational areas you have studied.
Assessment Practical assessment. There are no formal examinations.	

Foundation Learning

City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate – Land Based
Studies (Animal Care, Agriculture or Horticulture)

This is a Level 1 study programme for young adults who are interested in a job working with animals and in horticulture. It is suitable for students with disabilities and moderate learning difficulties.

This study programme provides a basic introduction into the care of farm animals or domestic animals. Areas of study include feeding, cleaning, handling and restraining animals as well as additional modules covering work safety and skills development in the land-based industries.

Time will be spent in the classroom, on the College farms, in our dedicated animal area and in our PlantWorld garden kingdom, developing practical skills along with further practical work experiences off campus.

Students must have an interest in the subject and have some prior experience of working with animals. A portfolio of written work must be completed.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical and portfolio assessment.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Level Level 1.	Progression Level 1 study programmes in Animal Care, Agriculture or Horticulture.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities It may be possible to find work on farms or working with large animals.
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in animals.	

Foundation Learning

BTEC Level 1 Diploma –
Sport and Active Leisure



This is a Level 1 study programme for young adults who are interested in a job in sport and leisure. It is suitable for students with disabilities and moderate learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The Diploma is offered at Level 1 over three days.

The study programme focuses on a variety of sport and active leisure activities and helps the student to develop common, social and interpersonal skills and widen life experiences. It also provides students with the basic practical sports skills and knowledge necessary to either progress for further training or to prepare for employment.

The students will experience a wide variety of sports and leisure activities, with a focus on the personal and social development (PSD) of each student. This will be supported by the opportunity to become involved in the world of work.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park.	Assessment Practical and Portfolio Assessment.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Level Level 1.	Progression Other Level 1 options or Level 2 study programmes in Sport.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities It may be possible to find work in one of the sports and leisure areas.

Foundation Learning

ABC Level 1 Diploma – Motor Vehicle Studies

This Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle Studies is an ideal first step into a career in the automotive industry. It provides a basic introductory 'hands on' programme of study in motor vehicle maintenance and covers a wide range of practical skills and activities relating to work in this sector. It is suitable for students with disabilities and moderate learning difficulties.



The range of subjects provide an introduction to motor mechanics: covering routine maintenance, fault diagnosis and rectification in terms of electrical systems, transmissions, engines, brakes, ignition units, suspension, exhausts and body systems. A further unit focuses on the skills that are required to carry out valeting work, whilst another provides an introduction to steering components, vehicle wheels and tyres.

In addition to obtaining the Level 1 Diploma qualification, students may also have the opportunity to undertake supplementary awards that provide either industry-related or personal development skills.

The study programme is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Extra support is also available through our Inclusive Learning teams which can be discussed at interview.

This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Diploma in Motorsports.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests. There are no formal examinations.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Level Level 1.	Progression Other Level 1 options or Level 2 Diploma in Motorsports.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities Trainee motor vehicle technician.
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in motor vehicle maintenance.	

Foundation Learning

Supported Internship Programme



Myerscough College has completed two hugely successful years delivering Supported Internships.

These study programmes are designed for young people who want to move into employment and need extra support to become 'job ready'. Internships normally last for one year and include work placements for at least six months. It is anticipated that all students will experience a minimum of three placements during the academic year, with at least one of those being in an external environment. As we are a land-based college the placements will mainly be in these curriculum areas but can, where possible, be amended to suit the individual.

Students complete a personalised study programme whilst at College, working towards a qualification such as Employability Skills. Maths and English are also taught as an important element of that.

The main intended outcome is supported employment. This is often achieved in conjunction/partnership with other organisations such as Job Centre Plus (Access to Work), Brothers of Charity or Mencap and a growing list of local employers.

Course Details

Location

Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.

Duration

1 year full-time.

Levels

Foundation.

Entry Requirements

Students need to be 16 – 24 years old and have an Education Health Care Plan.

Additional Course Requirements

Students must have an interest in starting a career in the land-based industries.

Assessment

Practical assessments and a work experience diary.

Career Opportunities

Supported employment in a range of enterprises and businesses.

Foundation Learning

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma
– Public Services

This Level 1 Diploma in Public Services is an ideal first step towards a career in this exciting and fast moving sector. It provides a basic introductory 'hands on' programme of study and covers a wide range of practical skills and activities relating to work in the various uniformed organisations.

The range of subjects provides an introduction to the industries: covering fitness testing, understanding the roles and responsibilities of various services, organisational skills, team working, contributing to your community and responding to an incident. Further units focus on assisting members of the public, taking part in sports activities and developing a Personal Progression Plan. A period of work experience is also included.

The study programme is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Extra support is also available through our Inclusive Learning teams which can be discussed at interview.

This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Diploma in Public Services.



Course Details

Location

Preston: Bilsborrow campus.

Duration

1 year full-time.

Level

Level 1.

Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements

A keen interest in motor vehicle maintenance.

Assessment

Practical assessments, coursework and tests. There are no formal examinations.

Progression

Level 2 qualification in Public Services or Sport.

Career Opportunities

It may be possible to find work in one of the vocational areas you have studied.



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Food and Farming Innovation and Technology (FFIT) Centre

Myerscough College has launched a new project to support the agriculture and food production industries in Lancashire. The new Food and Farming Innovation and Technology centre at Lodge Farm has created a centre of excellence to develop state-of-the-art precision farming techniques within the livestock and grassland sectors. It also provides resources to support the development of local food products.

The two storey building incorporates specialist teaching, demonstration and research facilities (for cattle and feed), including a Livestock Innovation Centre and the latest grassland equipment, livestock feeding technologies, hybrid tractor power units and crop/field trials equipment.

Staying ahead of the herd



Rural Skills Centre



Annual Careers Fair to meet prospective employers

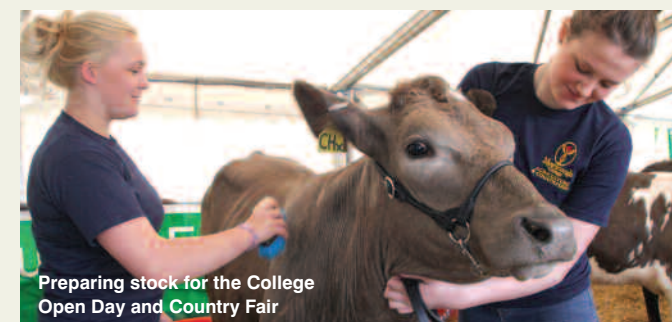
Our courses in agriculture will help prepare you for a career in the industry, by combining relevant theoretical skills with knowledge of livestock technology and business enterprise. The expertise of the agriculture team at Myerscough College reflects this. The team consists of agriculturalists with a range of specialisms, including dairy, beef, sheep and crops. Past students have gone on to employment as general farm workers or assistant farm managers, enterprise managers, shepherds and tractor drivers/contractors, agricultural advisers and herd managers. Many job opportunities also exist within the allied industries and students have also progressed to work with feed companies, breeding companies, animal health specialists, finance specialists and machinery dealerships.

Resources

- A purpose built Agriculture and Countryside 'Rural Skills' teaching centre with state-of-the-art facilities
- Comprehensive field study equipment, research and laboratory facilities
- A brand new £5m Food, Farming, Innovation and Technology Centre – incorporating AfiFarm 5.2 Dairy technology and Growsafe feeding technology
- Myerscough Farms (two farms totalling more than 300 hectares of farm and woodland)
- Livestock and cereal enterprises (including 220 commercial Holstein dairy cows, 150 dairy heifers, 1000 ewes, 1800 fattening lambs, a beef enterprise and 40 hectares of cereals)
- Off-road driving course for developing skills with tractors, trailers, 4WD vehicles and quadbikes



Study Tour to Wisconsin



Preparing stock for the College Open Day and Country Fair



Agriculture

There is currently a significant demand for highly trained and well-educated professionals to enter the agriculture industry. As the industry continues to grow a skills shortage has developed.

There has been a significant increase in the demand for skilled staff which has been fuelled by the increasing awareness that food production, farming, tourism, the environment and rural affairs are all interconnected. This has created a need for motivated and technically competent people who understand the requirements of agriculture and its related industries.

Myexperience

From student to farmer:

I have always had a keen interest in Agriculture and Myerscough seemed like the perfect place to further my knowledge of the subject and learn more about the career opportunities out there and the skills needed to pursue them.

I enjoyed every aspect of the course, particularly the livestock science modules, and know that I will be able to use the skills I've gained in my future career.

I've recently been employed full-time by Aspatria Farmers where I am using my knowledge to serve and assist the farming community. I am thoroughly enjoying it and it's all down to Myerscough!

Rachel Fyall



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information

Agriculture

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Land-based Studies (Agriculture & Countryside)

The Level 1 Diploma study programme is an ideal first step towards a career in agriculture or the countryside/ conservation sector. It provides a basic 'hands on' introduction to land-based skills and covers a wide selection of practical skills required when working with animals, land and environment, gamekeeping and wildlife.

The units cover the types of jobs available in the land-based sector, whilst also developing the skills required for such jobs and understanding safe working practices. The range of subjects can include animal husbandry relating to farm livestock (basic anatomy, nutrition, health, housing and welfare), animal health and wellbeing, estate skills (fencing, hedge maintenance, walling and grounds maintenance), environmental conservation (habitat management and conservation skills) and land-based machinery and tractor work.

The Level 1 Diploma study programme includes industry related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The study programme is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Extra support is also available through our Inclusive Learning team which can be discussed at interview.

This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture or Land and Wildlife.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture or Land and Wildlife (p39).
Level Foundation.	Career Opportunities Employment as a general farm worker.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in agriculture and the countryside.	

Agriculture

City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate



The Level 2 Technical Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of agriculture. It is extremely popular with school leavers and/or students progressing from the Level 1 Diploma in Land-Based Studies. The Technical Certificate provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of the subject. It gives students a broad understanding of livestock and arable farming, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Technical programmes, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake units which cover health and safety for land-based industries, tractor and machinery operations and a work experience module within the agriculture industry. Additional units provide an overview of the agriculture sector, focusing on animal and plant science, farm animal husbandry and production, crop husbandry and practical farm estate skills (fencing, hedgelaying, walling and grounds maintenance).

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Technical Certificate, the agriculture study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Externally marked exams, written and practical assessments.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 programmes in Agriculture.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities General farm worker, assistant herdsman, tractor driver, beef/sheep stockperson.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in agriculture.	

Agriculture

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360) / Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)

The Level 3 Technical qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. The Advanced Technical Certificate (360) is a one-year study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year Advanced Technical Diploma (720) is equivalent to two A Levels. Students who successfully complete the Advanced Technical Certificate can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one students learn the principles of plant and soil science. Additional units cover landbased machinery operations, livestock husbandry (milking and lambing), crop production, health and safety and estate skills (fencing, hedge laying, walling and grounds maintenance.)

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests during the second year of their programme. Units include business management, beef, dairy and sheep production (skills and application), grassland management and using telescopic forklifts.

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in Health & Safety, ATV use, animal transport and tractor driving.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the agriculture study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Externally marked exams, written and practical assessments.
Duration 1 year full-time (Certificate). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Enterprise Management positions e.g. Herd Manager or sales and technical positions in the allied industries.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in agriculture.	

Agriculture



City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540) / Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

The Advanced Technical Extended Diploma is a two-year study programme equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of agriculture, encompassing practical techniques and technical skills. The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills.

The programme incorporates the majority of the units from the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720) (adjacent), with students studying several additional units each year. Additional units in the first year include tractors and business management, whilst in the second year students will also study farm animal science, health and nutrition, pollution and waste control, along with diversification and new business initiatives within the land-based sector.

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in Health & Safety, ATV operation, animal transport and tractor driving.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the agriculture study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080) prepares students for supervisory and junior management positions in the industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Externally marked exams, written and practical assessments.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Higher Education degrees. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degree or Honours Degree in Agriculture.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Enterprise Management positions e.g. Herd Manager or sales and technical positions in the allied industries.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in agriculture.	



Operator and machine in harmony



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information



Agricultural Engineering

Agricultural engineering involves the development, operation, maintenance and testing of highly specialised agricultural machinery.

Students learn practical skills such as how agricultural machines work, maintenance techniques, welding and fabrication and machinery repair. Students also undertake research into transmission systems and engine characteristics, including performance testing and emissions control, using the latest machinery technologies and diagnostic equipment.

Our state-of-the-art Engineering Centre provides the perfect environment for students to develop their knowledge and mechanical expertise.

Myexperience

From student to machinery specialist:

I've always loved mechanisation but the thought of moving from a completely unrelated discipline into the industry was a daunting one that was made very easy with the support of the staff at Myerscough College and the world-class facilities on site. I completed my course and progressed to a full time role at Gunn JCB where my responsibilities included warranty, retail repairs, servicing, fabrication and the managing and transport of both new and used equipment. I've since been promoted to Group Sales Co-ordinator. It's my dream job and Myerscough helped me achieve it.

Martin Norry



There are fantastic employment opportunities for anyone with a keen interest in engineering. An increased demand for trained staff means that career opportunities exist throughout the world, with many large machinery dealerships based in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Here in the UK, the Service Manager of one large North-West based dealership – with nine UK depots – commented how there has been a shortage of almost 200 trained engineers in the last few years, with some advertised vacancies being unfilled as a result of a lack of suitably qualified candidates.

Resources

- State-of-the-art Engineering Centre housing an extensive fleet of vehicles, tractors, field machinery and equipment
- Access to extensive laboratories, testing equipment and commercial research and trials areas
- Three fully equipped engineering workshops complete with a wide range of maintenance equipment including diagnostic and test facilities
- Fully equipped welding facilities that include manual metal, ARC, oxyacetylene and MIG and TIG welders
- A comprehensive Information Technology suite with computer aided design equipment and the latest machinery management software
- An off-road vehicle test facility and demonstration area



Our study programmes are delivered by a highly qualified, dedicated and experienced teaching team, with strong support from leading industry partners. Employers are keen to employ Myerscough students as they have both the practical workshop skills and the managerial expertise that they require.



Agricultural Engineering

BTEC Level 2 Diploma

The Level 2 Diploma is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of agricultural engineering. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical knowledge and experience, combined with the principles of machinery maintenance, basic engineering and workshop practices.

Students learn the fundamentals of land-based engineering and workshop practices as well as gaining an insight to the wider land-based industries and working in a commercial environment. Machinery construction, operation, maintenance and repair are all included, to enable learners to carry out a wide range of fundamental workshop tasks.

Additional units cover the principles of basic power units, steering, braking and suspension systems. Students learn the necessary skills to remove and replace a range of vehicle components and systems, using tools and equipment safely.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Diploma qualification, the agricultural engineering study programme also includes industry-related work experience, the City and Guilds Level 2 Award in Tractor Driving, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma suite in Agricultural Engineering.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Trainee in the Machinery Industry, Stores Person, Trainee Sales Person, Trainee Service Engineer, Machinery or Engineering Apprenticeship.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in engineering, technology and machinery operations.	

Agricultural Engineering

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one students learn about servicing engines, repairing components, maintaining hydraulic systems and promoting health and safety in the workplace. Additional units cover operating and servicing clutch and gearbox transmissions, chassis systems, undertaking workshop practices and operating and servicing harvesting machinery.

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests during the second year of their programme. Units cover vehicle engine technology, land-based diesel fuel injection systems and servicing and repairing pneumatic systems and components. An investigative project provides the opportunity to design, build and market an innovative new product.

For students undertaking the Diploma programme, additional practical skills will be gained during a period of work experience. This enables students to learn additional hands-on skills, and apply their theoretical knowledge, to enhance their future employment prospects.

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in ATV operation, tractor driving, introductory welding, manual handling and abrasive wheel operation.



In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the agricultural engineering study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic programme should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agricultural Engineering which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, exams, presentations and reports.
Duration 1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Technician, Machine Operator, Machinery Sales and Demonstrator, Army Engineer, Contracting Workshop Manager.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in engineering, technology and machinery operations.	



Agricultural Engineering

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma is a two-year 18-unit study programme. It is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of land-based machinery maintenance, encompassing practical techniques and technical skills.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering important practical skills.

The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent left), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra three units each year. Additional units cover the operation and servicing of field equipment (cultivation and planting), fault diagnosis, inspection and repair, servicing and repairing electrical systems, undertaking 4WD vehicle maintenance (operation and recovery), fertiliser and chemical application equipment and business management within the land-based sector (marketing, strategy and analysis).

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in ATV operation, tractor driving, introductory welding, manual handling and abrasive wheel operation.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the agricultural engineering study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for supervisory and junior management positions in the industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, exams, presentations and reports.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Technician, Machine Operator, Machinery Sales and Demonstrator, Army Engineer, Contracting Workshop Manager.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in engineering, technology and machinery operations.	

Taking care of the great outdoors



Land and Wildlife

The management of land and water for the conservation of flora and fauna, general recreation, environmental education and urban regeneration requires a blend of skills. These include an understanding of ecological principles, knowledge of management and the practical ability to carry out conservation and management techniques – from river catchment systems to rural and coastal habitats.

Myexperience

From student to conservationist:

Conservation is in my blood; I'm passionate about conservation issues and the difference they can make to the future of the countryside, so this course was an obvious choice for me. I won the college's prestigious Special Achievement Award at the end-of-year awards ceremony and have just been offered the position of Conservation & Landscapes Operative for the Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside Wildlife Trust. I can now put into practice both the theory and the hands-on practical skills that I have learned – how rewarding is that?

Howard Clark



The awareness of environmental issues increases daily. Local authorities and central government are funding and developing environmental resources, alongside new business start-ups with a conservation theme.

Many job opportunities exist within the conservation, gamekeeping, fisheries and commercial sectors and potential employers include the RSPB, the Environment Agency, The National Trust, English Nature, local authorities, local wildlife trusts and private estates. Opportunities also exist for students to become self-employed, developing countryside craft skills such as hedgelaying and drystone walling.

Resources

- A dedicated four hectare conservation area and countryside management zone
- A purpose built Agriculture and Countryside 'Rural Skills' teaching centre with state-of-the-art facilities
- Off road driving course for developing skills with tractors, trailers and 4WD vehicles
- Boundary access to the Lancaster Canal
- Armoury, rifle range and dog kennelling
- Facilities for trial work and research
- A quality, stocked and maintained fishing lake on site, along with access to the Lancaster Canal and the River Brock
- Game bird hatching and rearing facilities
- College game shoot which operates in the winter and involves student participation
- Comprehensive field study equipment
- Machinery and estate management workshops



Game shooting is a vibrant and growing sport which contributes to a dynamic and sustainable rural economy, acting as a powerful force for the conservation of the rural British landscape and the biodiversity of the countryside. It contributes £1.6 billion to the British economy annually, provides the equivalent of 70,000 full time jobs and involves the management of two thirds of the British rural land area.

British gamekeepers are sought-after the world over, and have a reputation for producing world class game shooting. Myerscough College is proud that its former gamekeeping students now actively manage huge areas of the British countryside for game shooting, and that the basis of their gamekeeping skills – such as pest and predator control and game bird production – were taught and developed on the Myerscough College estate.

Game management students engage in running the College shoot, learning shooting skills, how to train and care for gundogs, and the hatching and rearing of game birds, among a range of other game related subjects.



Land and Wildlife Management

City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate

The Level 2 Technical Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of the countryside and the environment. It is extremely popular with school leavers, providing practical knowledge and experience combined with an academic study of the scientific principles of countryside and the environment.

The Technical Certificate study programme provides a broad understanding of conservation, countryside studies, game management and estate maintenance, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diploma programmes, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake core units which cover conservation and improvement of British habitats (habitat knowledge, factors that affect wildlife, relationships between species and habitats), practical landbased estate skills (fencing, hedgelaying, walling and grounds maintenance), land-based machinery operations and a work experience module within the industry.

Those students who wish to follow a game management route can choose a series of units that cover firearms safety, pest and predator control, game and deer species in the UK, maintenance of game and deer populations and assisting with organised shooting activities.

Those students who wish to follow a conservation route can choose units that cover species identification and surveying, environmental conservation of flora and fauna, land and countryside use and countryside interpretation and recreation.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Technical Certificate, the land and wildlife study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 programmes in Land and Wildlife.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Assistant Gamekeeper, Assistant to Countryside Managers and Rangers.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in countryside and the environment.	

Land and Wildlife Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360) – Game or Conservation pathway
City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)– Game or Conservation pathway



The Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults looking to develop a comprehensive overview of land and wildlife management. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study.

The Advanced Technical Certificate is a one-year study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Advanced Technical Certificate can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Advanced Technical Extended Diploma.

Students can choose either to follow a “habitat conservation” or a “game management” route. Both options follow similar first year units and provide a solid grounding in freshwater and wetland management, pest and predator control, estate skills, land-based machinery operations and the principals of wildlife populations, ecology and conservation. An investigative project provides the opportunity to research a specific topic related to countryside management.

In year two the course further develops the necessary skills to manage habitats such as woodlands, ponds and uplands. Specific modules cover woodland management and fishery management, deer management (species identification, behaviour and welfare), gamebird production and the safe use of firearms. Students may also be involved in running a Saturday shoot on the College estate and in rearing pheasants for the College shoot. Students will also complete a work experience placement in the countryside sector.

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These

may include training and assessment in Health & Safety, ATV operation and practical countryside skills such as the popular Deer Stalking Certificate Level 1 (DSC 1).

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the countryside study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic programme should also consider the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080) in Land and Wildlife, which contains additional units, compared to the 720 option.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (Certificate). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Countryside Ranger, Gamekeeper, Reserve Wardens, working on private shoots and private estates, and with organisations such as the Forestry Commission.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in countryside and the environment.	

Land and Wildlife Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540) – Game or Conservation pathway
City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080) – Game or Conservation pathway

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of countryside management, encompassing practical techniques and technical skills.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students enjoy the wide variety of subjects that are covered, with the programme having been designed to develop and build knowledge and skills throughout the two-year period. The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720) (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma (1080) studying several additional units each year.

Additional units on the habitat conservation route may cover the principles of physical and biological environmental processes, grassland management, coastal management (habitat identification, threats, control and practical management) and ecological concepts and application.

Additional units on the game management option may cover the ecology of game species (identification, behaviour, habitats and population management), the principles of game management (physical influences, social and ethical arguments, laws and codes of practice and organisations within the industry), undertaking shoot management and working dogs.

A range of additional qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in ATV operation and practical countryside skills such as the popular Deer Stalking Certificate.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the Land and Wildlife study programme also includes industry-related work

experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma prepares students for supervisory and junior management positions in the industry.

It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Progression Higher Education degree courses. Myerscough College offers a Foundation Degree in Ecology and Sustainable Land Management with progression to an Honours Degree in Rural Resource Management.
Duration 1 year full-time (540). 2 years full-time (1080).	Career Opportunities Countryside Ranger, Gamekeeper, Reserve Wardens, working on private shoots and private estates, and with organisations such as the Forestry Commission.
Level Advanced.	
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in countryside and the environment.	
Assessment Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.	





Exploring the animal kingdom



Apprenticeships
Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information



Resources

Myerscough is home to a purpose built Animal Studies Centre which houses the following facilities:

- An invertebrate, amphibian and crustacean room
- An aquarium of tropical and cold water fish and aquatic species
- A specialised herpetology room housing species from all continents, covering a range of habitats
- Cattery – working in partnership with the Blue Cross
- A block of nine day kennels
- A purpose built Sulcata Tortoise enclosure
- Large animal species including goats, sheep, geese, chickens, ducks, alpacas and emus
- A fully equipped and canine hydrotherapy unit
- Facilities for trial work and research
- Specialist aviaries housing birds from around the world
- A range of commonly kept and exotic species of rodents (including Gambian pouched rats and sugar gliders)
- Specialist area dedicated to rabbits and guinea pigs containing spacious enriched pens with a variety of breeds
- Ferrets housed in purpose built enclosure with indoor and outdoor runs
- Scottish Wildcat enclosure (part of national conservation programme)
- New development of a walk-through lemur enclosure



Career Opportunities

There are many diverse businesses and opportunities within the sector. These include pet shops, animal boarding establishments, animal sanctuaries, animal training (entertainment, education, working animals such as uniformed/security dogs), pet animal grooming, animal welfare charities, animal care services (such as animal hydrotherapy and dog walkers/sitters), zoos and wildlife parks (including wildlife rehabilitation), animal visitor attractions and animal related public services (such as dog/animal wardens).



Animal Studies

Britain is well regarded as a nation of animal lovers, from companion pets to large animal collections. This has resulted in the development of a multi-million pound industry, ranging from well-known national pet feed companies to pet stores, catteries, kennels and numerous other businesses which provide for the needs of animals.

If you care about animals and have a deep interest in their health and wellbeing, Myerscough provides an excellent opportunity for you to further your studies. Working with animals is highly rewarding. It does however require long hours, alongside a genuine passion and dedication.

Our courses cover a wide range of skills, and provide the opportunity to care for companion animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets, farm animals, lemurs and more exotic species, such as geckos, uromastix, chameleons and a wide range of invertebrates.

Myexperience

From student to animal expert:

Over the course of my Level 3 study programme I've always strived to be as committed as possible to the course, to work to a high standard and receive the best grades I can. I loved my time at Myerscough and it was a really interesting two years.

During this time, I undertook a work experience placement at Langcliffe Kennels and Cattery. Working within the industry really helped to develop my confidence and abilities, and I was delighted to be offered a full time position within the business as a result of my hard work and qualification.

It was great that my tutors thought so highly of me and I was delighted to win the Outstanding Student Award for Animal Studies.

Luke Ashcroft



Animal Care

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Land-based Studies (Animal Care)

The Level 1 Diploma is an ideal first step for anyone wishing to launch a career in animal studies. It provides an introductory programme of study in animal care and covers a wide selection of practical skills required when working with a variety of domestic animals.

Skills covered during the programme include assisting with everyday feeding and watering duties, animal health and wellbeing, handling and restraining animals, working safely within the workplace and cleaning out and maintaining animal accommodation. You will also investigate animals in the wild – studying wildlife, species development and exotic zoo species.

Your time will be divided between the classroom and the College’s purpose built Animal Academy developing practical skills. This will involve working with a whole range of different animals from fish and reptiles to goats, sheep and companion animals.

The study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The Level 1 Diploma is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Extra support is also available through our Inclusive Learning team which can be discussed at interview.

This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care or ABC Level 2 Practical Animal Care Skills.

Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.
Warrington: Walton Hall.

Duration
1 year full-time.

Level
Foundation.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
Students must have an interest in the subject and

have some prior experience of working with animals. Must be working to E3 or higher which will be assessed at interview.

Assessment
Practical assessments, controlled assessments and exams.

Progression
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care or ABC Level 2 Practical Animal Care Skills.

Career Opportunities
Employment in kennels, catteries, pet shops, grooming parlours and welfare societies.

Animal Care

City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate

The Level 2 Technical Certificate is an excellent introductory programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of animal studies. It is extremely popular with school leavers and students progressing from the Level 1 Diploma in Land-Based Studies (Animal Care). The study programme provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of the subject. It gives students a broad understanding of animal care, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 programmes or to start work in the industry.

Students learn about a wide range of popular species and gain an overview of the animal care industry. Subjects include animal behaviour and handling, animal welfare and animal health/first aid, animal accommodation, animal biology (nutrition, growth and reproduction) and practical animal feeding.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Technical Certificate, the animal care study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications.

Work experience is a mandatory module that takes place one day per week. It supplements the skills learned at College and is key to gaining employment in the industry. It is important that students find a suitable work placement before they start the programme. Further information about placements will be provided following your application.

Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.
Warrington: Walton Hall.
Barrow: Furness College.

Duration
1 year full-time.

Level
Intermediate.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
A strong interest and commitment to animal

care and welfare must be demonstrated. Students are expected to have completed a minimum of one-week work experience in the animal care industry.

Assessment
Practical assessment, controlled assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.

Progression
Level 3 programmes in Animal Management.


Career Opportunities
See the Career Opportunities panel on page 43.

Animal Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360) City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)

The Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory, classroom study and external visits. The Advanced Technical Certificate is a one-year study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Advanced Technical Certificate (360) can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Extended Diploma (720).

In year one students learn about animal feeding and nutrition, animal health (including diseases, disorders, preventative care and animal treatments), animal accommodation as well as animal welfare and breed development (the domestication of animals, the roles of animals in society, animal welfare legislation and the role of animal welfare organisations.) Additional units cover animal handling techniques, aquatics management (commonly kept fish species, their biology, feeding regimes, healthcare, tank and pond maintenance) and animal behaviour, focussing on the body language, evolution, communication and lifestyle across a broad range of animals. Core units include animal biology (cell structures, animal tissues, skeletal system and sensory organs), animal health and husbandry, maintenance of accommodation, feeding, handling and health checks.



Students who choose the two-year Extended Diploma route can develop their interests during the second year of their programme.

In the second year students can further develop their interest in zoos and wildlife. Modules focus on wildlife management and ecology, zoo collections, aquatics and animal management along with farm livestock.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the animal management study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The mandatory work experience module supplements the practical skills that students learn at the College. It is imperative that students find a suitable work placement before they start the programme. Popular options include veterinary practices, boarding kennels, pet shops or grooming parlours. Further information about placements will be provided following your application.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Extended Diploma (720) will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic programme should also consider the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080) in Animal Management which contains an additional six units compared to the 720 option.

Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.
Barrow: Furness College.

Duration
1 year full-time (Certificate).
2 years full-time (Diploma).

Level
Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
A strong interest and commitment to animal care and welfare must be

demonstrated. Students are expected to have completed a minimum of two-weeks work experience in the animal care industry and produce a satisfactory reference.

Assessment
Practical assessment, controlled assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.

Progression
Higher Education degree courses.

Career Opportunities
See the Career Opportunities panel on page 43.

Animal Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540)
City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

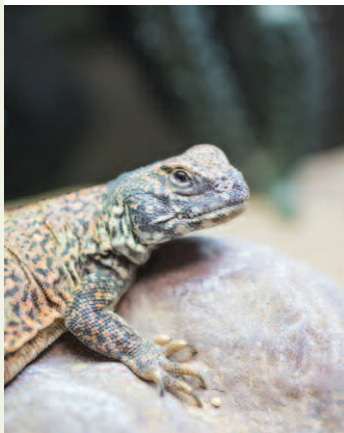
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The Level 3 Advanced Technical qualification is a popular option for school leavers and young adults. The Diploma (540) is a one-year study programme equivalent to 1.5 A Levels while the two-year study programme (1080) is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of animal management, encompassing practical techniques and technical skills.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students enjoy the wide variety of subjects that are covered, with the programme having been designed to develop and build knowledge and skills throughout the two-year period. The programme incorporates the majority of the units from the one-year Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360) – (previous page), with students on the 1080 Extended Diploma studying several additional units each year. Additional units include business management, exotic animal health & husbandry and small animal rehabilitation.

Those with a specific interest in animal management can focus on kennel and cattery management, pet store management, pet allied services, animal training, zoo, avian and farm modules.

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities in the industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or Animal Science, Zoology or Veterinary Nursing programmes at other universities and colleges.



Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Blackburn: Witton Park.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.
Penrith: Ullswater CC.
Barrow: Furness College.

Duration
1 year full-time Diploma (540).
2 years full-time Extended Diploma (1080)

Level
Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
A strong interest and commitment to animal care and welfare must be demonstrated. Students are expected to have completed a minimum of two-weeks

work experience in the animal care industry and produce a satisfactory reference.

Assessment
Practical assessment, controlled assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.

Progression
Higher Education degree courses. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degree in Welfare of Animals, the BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare or degree courses in Equine Science or Veterinary Nursing.

Career Opportunities
See the Career Opportunities panel on page 43.



In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the animal management study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions. It is imperative that students find a suitable work placement before they start the programme. Popular options include veterinary practices, boarding kennels, pet shops or grooming parlours. Further information about placements will be provided following your application.





Veterinary Nursing

Veterinary Nurses (VNs) work alongside veterinary surgeons and provide a high standard of care and treatment for animals. This can include skilled supportive care for ill animals as well as undertaking minor surgery, monitoring animals during anaesthesia, providing medical treatments and carrying out diagnostic tests under veterinary supervision. Veterinary nurses also play an important role in the education of owners with regard to good standards of patient care.

Excellence in practice, with superb career prospects

Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing

Anyone wishing to undertake veterinary nursing training would traditionally be employed in a veterinary practice that is an RCVS registered Training Practice (TP). Students must also have five GCSE passes at a minimum of grade 4/C including Maths, a Science and English Language. The training is then arranged by the veterinary practice and can be either self-funded or via the Apprenticeship route. It lasts up to three years and includes written examinations, practical examinations and assignments as well as maintaining evidence of work in practice. Students attend College on either a day release or block-release basis. Subjects include anatomy and physiology, health and safety, surgical nursing and theatre practice.

An equine veterinary nursing optional pathway is available in year two of the block-release course. Students undertaking this route must be employed at an equine training practice.

Myerscough also offers the opportunity for school leavers to enrol on a two-year full-time Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma programme in Animal Management (that focuses on animal nursing) and includes the Level 3 award in the use of Veterinary Medicines. This provides a background in animal care, science and nursing for students looking to progress to either our Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing programme or to gain employment in practice as a trainee nurse. Further information is on page 47.

For students who do not possess the required number of GCSEs it is possible to train to become an Animal Nursing Assistant within a Veterinary Practice. Employment can be at any veterinary practice,

not necessarily a Training Practice. The role of an Animal Nursing Assistant involves working with the nursing staff in all areas of the practice. It also includes general husbandry of a variety of species.

Student Animal Nursing Assistants usually undertake a minimum of twelve months training on a correspondence course basis, with a final exam and a portfolio of work in practice. Once qualified, it is then possible to progress and undertake Veterinary Nursing training, as long as students are working at a registered Training Practice and possess either GCSE qualifications at grade 4/C in Maths and English Language (or equivalent qualifications) or Functional Skills.

Higher Education Degree Route

The only alternative way to start a career in veterinary nursing is to study for a three-year Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing. This course includes placement experience within a veterinary practice.

To be considered for the degree course, students would typically be aged 18 or over and have studied A Levels (including a biological science) or a relevant National Diploma, Level 3 Diploma or Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification (eg Animal Management). Applicants must also have 160 hours of work experience in a small animal veterinary practice prior to starting the course and have achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade 4/C including Maths, a Science and English Language.

More information is available in our University Centre's Higher Education Degree Course prospectus.



Resources

Myerscough School of Veterinary Nursing has been an established provider of education and training for veterinary nurses for more than 40 years, and was granted approval from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1975. In this time the College has successfully taught many small animal and equine student nurses from all parts of Britain and Europe.

The College's state-of-the-art Veterinary Nursing Training Centre opened in autumn 2013 and provides excellent teaching and research facilities:

- A fully-equipped small animal operating theatre
- A radiography and dark room with ancillary equipment and ultra-sound scanner
- Anatomical, topographical and resuscitation models
- A suite of isolation and veterinary examination rooms
- Animal rehabilitation wards
- A range of housing units for different species of animals



Useful Contact

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Belgravia House, 62-64 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Tel: (0207) 222 2001 www.rcvs.org.uk/lifelong-learning

For more information about Veterinary Nursing training, click on the **Animal Owners** link and then navigate to the **Veterinary Careers** section.

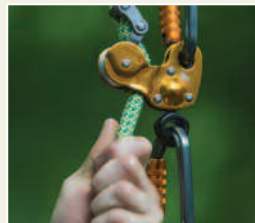




Tree care and management

Myerscough College works closely with employers and industry organisations to ensure that our students have the necessary skills and expertise to meet the requirements of this growing industry. Our students are highly sought after, with many now working as professionally qualified arborists in highly rewarding positions throughout the industry.

Myerscough College really is at the 'cutting edge' of developments in arboriculture. It is rightly regarded by many people as the leading UK centre for further and higher education in the subject.



Arboriculture

Arboriculture involves all aspects of the care and management of trees and woodlands, so that people and trees can co-exist in a sustainable environment.

The arboriculture industry is rapidly expanding, fuelled by growing awareness of the need for correct tree management and heightened public interest in environmental issues.

Advances in tree biology, equipment and techniques have resulted in fundamental changes to traditional tree work practices and arboriculture has moved away from the 'tree surgery' approach to 'tree care' approach.

Myexperience

From student to tree surgeon:

I wanted to raise my career potential, so I chose a highly regarded course. I'm learning all about the arboriculture industry, from tree climbing to soil science and ecology, and there's a lot of challenging practical work involved. I started out on the Level 2 programme where I won Myerscough's Arboriculture Award – first prize – at the end of year awards which has really encouraged me to continue my studies and achieve as much as I can. My ambition is to work full time as a climber and to set up a small part-time business doing tree surgery, so I'll be scaling new heights every day.

Lee Walker



Resources

Myerscough College is a centre of excellence for arboriculture and urban forestry.

It is also home to the purpose built National Centre for Arboriculture, a state of the art teaching facility for the subject. Additional resources include:

- 50 chainsaws (Stihl, Jonsered and Husqvarna) and ancillary equipment
- Specialist tree climbing equipment, mobile elevating work platform, pruners, chippers and stump grinder
- Tree nursery and tissue culture unit
- Mobile arboriculture unit for off-site practical work
- Specialist decay detection equipment
- Facilities for trial and research work
- Computerised tree inventory software
- 30 hectares of woodland
- Arboretum and pinetum
- Indoor climbing facility



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information

Arboriculture in the News

Arboriculture students climb to the top of Macmillan fundraising

Myerscough arboriculture staff and students raised £3,294.89 for Macmillan Cancer Support by climbing the height of Mount Everest during the College's annual Open Day & Country Fair. A 40-strong group used a tree on campus to 'conquer Mount Everest' by climbing a total of just over 29,000 feet, or almost 8,850 metres, with some members of the team going up and down the tree up to forty times each during the event.



Arboriculture students win Northern College Climbing Competition

A group of arboriculture students from Myerscough College's Preston campus were victorious in the annual Northern College Climbing Competition.

Myerscough entered teams from both the College's campuses at Preston and Croxteth in the event, which was held at Myerscough's Liverpool centre, in the grounds of Croxteth Park. It was the Myerscough team from the Preston centre who emerged triumphant, earning first place in both the first and second year categories.



Arboriculture

City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate

The Level 2 Technical Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of tree care. It is extremely popular with both school leavers and students progressing from the Level 1 Diploma in Horticulture.

The programme provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of arboriculture. It is designed to give you a broad understanding of the subject, with a view to progressing to our Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate programme, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake a range of units which cover environmental and land-based business (finance, marketing and business analysis), an overview of the arboriculture sector (tree climbing and general tree work), tree and woodland ecology and an introduction to land-based machinery.

A range of additional NPTC Award qualifications are available to students (some at additional cost), enhancing their employment prospects. These may include training and assessment in chainsaw use, climbing trees, performing aerial rescue and using manually fed wood chippers.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the arboriculture study programme also includes personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park. Penrith: Ullswater CC.	Assessment Practical assessments, exams and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Arboriculture.
Level Intermediate.	Career opportunities Grounds Maintenance Worker or Ground Staff for an Arboriculture Contractor.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in tree care and forestry.	

Arboriculture

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (1080)

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Qualifications are a popular option for those students who have already completed a Level 2 qualification in Arboriculture or adults with some arboriculture industry experience. The course combines theoretical knowledge and classroom study with practical skills. The Advanced Technical Certificate is a one-year study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level.

Students will learn the principles of plant science (the function of plant structures, plant and tree growth, and development) and soil science (investigating soil characteristics and how they affect tree growth and development in relation to woodland, park and forest maintenance. Additional units cover the identification, planting, and care of trees, principles of tree felling and chainsaw use and also pests, diseases and disorders of trees. Learners will also undertake a unit relating to land-based machinery operations in relation to arboriculture.

A range of additional NPTC award qualifications are available to students enhancing their employment prospects (for learners aged 19+ there may be an additional cost for assessment). NPTC qualifications include felling trees up to 380mm in diameter and cutting of trees with a chainsaw using freefall techniques. Please note that learners who have completed the Level 2 qualification will have already undertaken NPTC qualifications in chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting, climbing and aerial rescue and woodchippers.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the arboriculture study programme also includes industry-related work experience (please note, students will be expected to complete 150 hours of work experience in the academic year), personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Successful completion of the Level 3 qualification will enable students to progress to employment in the industry and the opportunity to progress onto a Level 4 certificate (part-time online) qualification, or become certified by the ISA through completion of the study programme and successful passing of the exam. Learners who achieve a Distinction overall for the qualification will be able to progress to the Foundation Degree in Arboriculture.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park Penrith: Ullswater CC.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments and exams.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Royal Forestry Society part-time online study programmes.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Climber/Groundsperson, Supervisor of a Tree Work Team, Local Authority or Private Contractor, Self employed Tree Work Contractor.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in tree care and forestry.	





Equine Studies

The equine industry in the United Kingdom is expanding rapidly, with a turnover approaching £4.5 billion per year.

It encompasses many different sectors, from racing, driving and endurance to dressage, horse trials and show jumping. These areas are supported by a large ancillary industry and leisure market which provides extensive career opportunities.

Myexperience

I've always wanted to work with horses and this course has really opened up many possibilities for me. The fantastic facilities on site provide a brilliant learning atmosphere, while the wonderful staff have always been there to offer encouragement. I have learned from them never to give up – and my hard work resulted in me being awarded the Outstanding Student for Equitation prize for my course. When the time came to choose a university I didn't hesitate to stay at Myerscough and I've now progressed on to the Foundation Degree in Equestrian Practice and Technology to further my interest in Equine Management!

Katy Mulick

On course for an equestrian career



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information



The equine department at Myerscough College has excellent resources. A busy equestrian centre runs affiliated and unaffiliated events as well as being a training and examination centre for British Horse Society qualifications.

Myerscough is well known as one of the leading equine colleges in Britain. The facilities and expert knowledge of the tutors provide an ideal learning environment. The lecturing staff are active in the equine industry, competing and training outside college.

Resources

- International Arena (85m x 30m) with a heated gallery for 400 spectators
- Indoor school (66m x 20m) with a viewing gallery for 200 spectators
- 2 outdoor schools (20m x 60m and 45m x 65m)
- 50+ quality horses on site, of various sizes, breeds and standards, stabled in four professional and friendly yards
- Extensive show jumps
- Cross country fences and horse walker
- GPS heart rate monitors
- Weighbridge and a well-stocked tack shop
- Two dimensional motion analysis software (Quintic and Hu-man) with high speed video camera
- A range of laboratories
- Youngstock and specialist youngstock housing
- Equissage equine specialist motorised massage sets and Zamar therapy
- Anatomical demonstration models
- Coldwater therapy spa and solarium



Horse Care

EQL Level 1 Work Based Diploma



The Level 1 Diploma study programme is designed for students who want to follow a 'hands on' practical route in horse care. A passion for horses is transformed into a meaningful qualification. No formal exam qualifications are needed and the programme covers a wide range of practical skills required when working with horses. These include everyday stable yard duties, feeding, grooming and handling of horses (leading, catching and turning out), fitting and removing horse clothing and tack as well as basic riding skills and techniques.

The Level 1 Diploma study programme includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications.

The study programme is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Additional support can be made available through our Inclusive Learning team.

This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests. There are no formal examinations.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care.
Level Foundation.	Career Opportunities Groom, Stable Hand.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A basic ability in handling horses.	



Horse Care

City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate

The Level 2 Technical Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of the equine industry. It is extremely popular with school leavers and students progressing from the Level 1 Diploma in Horse Care. The programme provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of horse care. Your stable management and riding skills will also be developed.

Students undertake eight mandatory units, covering routine stable duties (cleaning stables, preparing bedding and daily checks on horses), feeding and watering horses (including basic rations, nutrition and dietary requirements), health and safety, equine health, horse handling/grooming and lungeing.

There are also several optional units within the programme, tailored to your riding ability – from non-rider through to experienced rider. These include horse behaviour, riding horses under supervision, riding and exercising horses and preparing for transportation.

All students are required to undertake weekend practical duties, one weekend in four.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Technical Certificate, the study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English - leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park.	Assessment Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Certificate and Diploma suite in Equine Management.
Level Intermediate.	Career opportunities Groom, Stable Hand.
Entry requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements Confidence and independence in handling,	



Horse Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360)
City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)

The Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills on the yard with academic theory and classroom study. The Advanced Technical Certificate is a one-year study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Advanced Technical Certificate can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one students learn about equine health (including preventative care and animal treatments) and the selection and fitment of horse tack and equipment (bridles, saddles, martingales, training aids, bandages, rugs and boots). Various grooming techniques are taught, including washing, trimming, plaiting and clipping. On a practical level students are taught a range of techniques in riding and exercising horses – on the ground, over jumps and on the open road (subject to riding ability.) Students wishing to undertake the riding options are expected to be able to work towards BHS Stage 2 level.

Students who successfully complete the one-year Advanced Technical Certificate can progress to complete the Technical Extended Diploma during their second year. Additional units cover riding horses on the flat (using training exercises to improve flatwork), equine feeding, equine nutrition and becoming familiar with the art of working young horses from the ground (and backing and training of young horses), with the

goal to produce sound riding horses. Students also learn about the biological systems of horses, horse rehabilitation and therapy, the principles of equitation and organising an equine event.

All students undertake stable and yard management duties on a rota basis, one day per week. In addition, all students are required to undertake weekend practical duties, one weekend in four during term time. These start at 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm. Students are also required to undertake a period of equine-related work experience at an external establishment during the academic year.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the equine study programme also includes personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements. The College also actively encourages students to enter for the appropriate level of British Horse Society qualification.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Extended Diploma (720) will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic programme should also consider the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080) in Horse Management which contains additional units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.

Duration
1 year full-time (Certificate).
2 years full-time (Diploma).

Level
Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
Proficiency in handling and leading horses and confidence and independence in mounting and riding horses.

Assessment
Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.

Progression
Higher Education degree courses. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degrees in Equine Science or Equine Management.

Career Opportunities
Stable Yard Supervisor, Competition Groom, Event Supervisor, Work Rider, Stud Supervisor or Retail/Business administration.

Horse Management

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults. This two-year study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of horse care and equine management, encompassing practical techniques and technical skills.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students enjoy the wide variety of subjects that are covered, with the course having been designed to develop and build knowledge and skills throughout the two-year period.

The programme incorporates the majority of the units from the two-year Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying several additional units each year. (Students enrol initially on a one-year 'Technical Diploma (540)' qualification and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next units –

achieving the Extended Diploma (1080) at the end of their second year.) The additional core units in the first year include horse behaviour and welfare and a study of the biological systems of horses.

During the second year the additional core units include the principles of horse fitness and business management in the land-based sector. Optional units include competition grooming, undertaking a specialist project, riding horses over fences and equestrian coaching.

All students undertake stable and yard management duties on a rota basis, one day per week. In addition, all students are required to undertake weekend practical duties, one weekend in four during term time. These start at 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm. Students are also required to undertake a period of equine-related work experience at an external establishment during the academic year.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the equine study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma prepares students for supervisory and junior management positions in the industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.
Liverpool: Croxteth Park.

Duration
2 years full-time.

Level
Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements
See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements
Proficiency in handling and leading horses, and confidence and independence in mounting and riding horses.

Assessment
Practical assessments, assignments, coursework and exams.

Progression
Higher Education degree courses. Myerscough College offers Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees in Equine Science or Equine Management.

Career Opportunities
Stable Yard Supervisor, Competition Groom, Event Supervisor, Work Rider, Stud Supervisor or Retail/Business administration.





An ancient craft... yet a thoroughly modern trade



Farriery

Farriery, or the shoeing of horses, is an ancient craft that sees you preparing and treating the foot of a horse in order for it to receive a shoe. Farriery is hard work and you will often deal with animals that may be fractious and in distress.

A farrier is a skilled craftsperson with a sound knowledge of both the theory and practice of the craft, capable of shoeing all types of feet, whether normal or defective and making shoes to suit all types of horse and their working conditions.

My experience

From student to Registered Farrier

It may be an age-old-craft, but Myerscough's approach to teaching farriery and the facilities available on the course are definitely up to the minute. It's much more than being a blacksmith; you need to know about horses, their anatomy and how to handle them before you can make and fit their shoes. I completed my apprenticeship at the College and was proud to be one of only five apprentices from that year to receive the Diploma from the Worshipful Company of Farriers with a 'Distinction', and the first woman to receive the Mike Seckington prize for the best practical shoeing. Since then I've established my own successful farriery business – I'm my own boss, with a trade that's always in demand. I'm also really pleased to be back at Myerscough part-time, teaching theory and practical farriery to the current apprentices and the farriers of the future.

Olwyn Jones

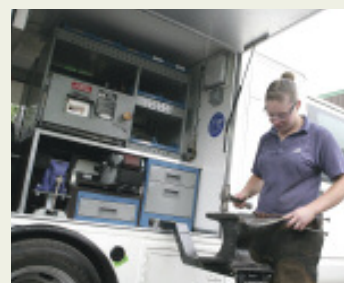


Modern farriers must have knowledge of the anatomy of horses' feet and legs, be able to work alongside vets, manage and handle horses, understand and meet the needs of clients and successfully run their own business.

A farrier should not be confused with a blacksmith. A farrier works with horses but needs training in blacksmithing in order to make the shoe properly. A blacksmith works with iron but only a farrier is permitted to shoe horses.

Resources

- Three farriery workshops, each with a floor area of approximately 200m²
- 32 coke forges and associated anvils, leg vices and hand tools
- A full range of additional equipment for blacksmithing, farriery and metalworking
- 52 horses of various sizes, breeds and standards
- A full range of equine facilities (see page 54)
- Tiered seating demonstration area
- Farriery van with seating for four apprentices
- Small pony stud with access to young stock for trimming
- Weekly visits to Lancashire Constabulary Mounted Division to shoe police horses



There is only one way of becoming a farrier and that is to complete the recognised Farriery Apprenticeship.

The apprenticeship lasts four years – working for an Approved Training Farrier and undertaking block release training and assessment at Myerscough College to achieve the Level 3 Trailblazer in Farriery (work-based), in preparation to undertake the Worshipful Company of Farriers (WCF) Diploma in Farriery.

The Level 2 Certificate in Forgework is a pre-requisite for the Farriery apprenticeship.

Useful Information

To register as an Apprentice Farrier you must have the following:

- A registered and qualified Approved Training Farrier (ATF) willing to employ you as an apprentice for four years.
- 5 GCSEs at 9-4 (formerly A-C) or above to include Maths, English Language (or equivalent) and a science.
- Completed the Level 2 Certificate in Forgework.

Further information about careers in farriery is available from: The Farriers Registration Council www.farrier-reg.gov.uk
The Worshipful Company of Farriers www.wcf.org.uk

Farriery

Level 2 Certificate in Forgework

This qualification is a pre-requisite for entry onto the Farriery Apprenticeship. It delivers the foundation skills required for using and maintaining basic blacksmith's tools, operating a forge safely and introducing the practical blacksmithing techniques of forging, forming, cutting and joining.

This intensive course is primarily for those students who wish to develop a career in farriery or blacksmithing as well as those who wish to develop forging skills in conjunction with existing professional abilities such as engineers or metalwork artists.

The qualification is recognised throughout the UK and is a compulsory requirement for any student wishing to undertake a Farriery Apprenticeship.



Course Details

Location
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.

Duration
12 weeks.
The course runs three times each year, in September, January and April.

Level
Intermediate.

Entry Requirements
5 GCSEs at 9-4 (formerly A-C) including English Language, Maths and a science for those applicants looking to progress to a farriery apprenticeship. Applicants must also attend an interview and Forge Assessment.

Additional Course Requirements
A keen interest in pursuing a career as a farrier or blacksmith.

Assessment
Multiple choice online test, portfolio of work and practical exam.

Progression
Farriery Apprenticeship (Level 3 Farriery).

Career Opportunities
Students passing this course will have the qualification to become an apprentice farrier.



Christine Walkden, Plantswoman and Horticulturalist is an Honorary Fellow of Myerscough College

Helping hand for green fingers

Horticulture study programmes at Myerscough College cover an extensive range of plant production and service sector skills; from garden maintenance to landscape design and plant propagation.

Plant knowledge is fundamental to all programmes and each one is designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding required for a career in horticulture. Particular emphasis is also given to the management skills required to run a successful horticultural business.

Resources

- Extensive plant collection including arboretum (deciduous tree collection), pinetum (coniferous tree collection) and demonstration gardens
- Five hectares of ornamental features and landscaped grounds
- A range of display glasshouses featuring four different environmental regimes
- A dedicated nursery stock production unit
- A range of glasshouses for crop production
- Commercial plant centre at our Preston campus
- An extensive area of woodland
- A new purpose-built landscape workshop and fully equipped landscape drawing studio



Myerscough's Gold Medal winning gardens, North West in Bloom Awards



Horticulture

With a strong public interest in gardening and plants, horticulture is becoming a rapid growth area. Career opportunities exist for gardeners and head gardeners in both private and public parks and gardens. Additional employment areas include specialist nurseries, garden centres, local authorities and grounds maintenance contractors.

According to the Royal Horticultural Society, the horticulture industry is the largest employer in the UK, supplying 18 million gardeners.

The number of garden centres continues to increase and the public demand for attractive horticultural landscapes remains strong. This means that plant growers, suppliers and managers are constantly looking for ways to improve their businesses.



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information

Myexperience

From student to gardener:

Gardening is my passion and now, thanks to Myerscough, I'm cultivating the knowledge and skills to make it my career too.

My work placement was at the Royal Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate, a fantastic experience that helped me to achieve the RHS Practical Certificate. My next goal is the prestigious Kew Diploma and my ultimate ambition to become a head gardener or else own my own business.

Sarah Long



Myerscough is a registered member of the Horticultural Trades Association, the Association of Professional Landscapers and the British Association of Landscape Industries. Each of these organisations run networking events for horticulturalists that students can attend to gain up to date knowledge of issues, trends and research happening in the industry.

Horticulture in the News

Students show green fingers

It's been another great year for our horticulture students, combining high academic achievement with wonderful enrichment opportunities. These included:

Myerscough College Horticulture students were given the opportunity to compete in the heats of the Young Horticulturist of the Year, organised by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture. Successful students go on to regional and national finals.

Students visited Barton Grange Landscapes as part of their business module, ask questions related to the legal structure and running of the business. Barton Grange Landscapes supported students with the task and discussed the resources and staff required to run the business, the history and development of the business, a presentation of the contracts undertaken by the company and an insight into current issues companies are tackling in the industry. Students were then taken on a behind the scenes tour of offices, design studio and workshops to get an insight into the running and organisation required for a company of its size.



A group of horticulture students visited one of the North West's leading plant nurseries in Southport, as they completed a task at J.A. Jones and Sons, for their Plant Identification and Selection module, gaining an insight into the running of the nursery and how landscapers and horticulturalist in the industry buy plants in bulk from wholesale nurseries such as this.



Horticulture

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Horticulture)

The Level 1 Diploma study programme is an ideal first step towards a career in horticulture. It provides a basic introductory 'hands on' programme of study in horticulture and covers a wide range of important practical skills that are required when working with plants. It also provides a general introduction to land-based and environmental issues.

Students undertake a varied range of units; including assisting with the planting, establishment and maintenance of plants as well as the establishment and maintenance of lawns. They also assist with the propagation of plants from seed and the vegetative propagation of plants (taking cuttings). Additional units include developing practical performance in plant maintenance, industrial experience in horticulture, an introduction to pruning trees and shrubs, planting and staking trees and a basic understanding of soils.

The Level 1 Diploma study programme includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The study programme is designed so that students can progress at their own speed while learning the basics of the subject. Extra support is also available through our Inclusive Learning team which can be discussed at interview.

The qualification provides a foundation of study from which students can progress to an Intermediate qualification such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park. Warrington: Walton Hall.	Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in horticulture.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests. There are no formal examinations.
Level Foundation.	Progression Level 2 Practical Skills in Horticulture.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities Assisting in gardens, parks and garden centres.

Horticulture

City and Guilds Level 2 Practical Horticultural Skills

The Level 2 qualification in Practical Horticulture Skills is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of horticulture and landscaping. It is extremely popular with school leavers, and successful Level 1 students, and provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of the subject. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of amenity horticulture and landscape, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 courses or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake a range of units, providing them with an overview of landscaping, grounds maintenance and horticultural practices. These cover establishing and maintaining plants outdoors (preparing land and ground, planting woody and herbaceous plants and maintaining the health of plants). The programme also covers propagation techniques (plant division, taking cuttings, grafting and seed sowing / germination) and an introduction to specialist land-based machinery (preparation, operation, maintenance and safety of hedge cutters, pedestrian mowers and tractors.)

Additional units cover plant knowledge, site preparation and growing techniques along with planting containers for seasonal displays.

The Level 2 study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The work experience element enables students to experience different horticultural sectors dependent upon their career goals – from golf courses and sports stadia to public parks, landscape contractors and garden centres.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park. Warrington: Walton Hall.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and identification tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate or Extended Diploma in Horticulture.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Assistant positions such as gardener, private estate gardener, landscape worker or employment in a garden centre.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in horticulture.	

Horticulture

City and Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360)/ Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)

The Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Technical Certificate is broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two year Extended Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progressing to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Technical Certificate can, if they wish, progress to stay for the Extended Diploma during their second year. Others choose to start work in the industry.

In the first year students learn about different plant species, how plants grow, the types of soil needed to maximise growth and how plants transport water and nutrients. Additional units cover plant propagation techniques (plant division, taking cuttings, grafting and seed sowing/germination), maintaining turf (from lawns and wildflower meadows to professional sports pitches), outdoor horticultural production techniques (crops, trees, shrubs, roses, bedding plants, bulbs, cut flowers and edible crops), land-based machinery and exterior plant displays for garden design and landscaping.

Students who progress to the second year can further their horticultural knowledge during the second year of the programme. This covers business management in horticulture (finance, marketing and business analysis), the principles of organic crop production, identification, selection and use of ornamental plants, horticultural production techniques in glasshouses and polytunnels, and an investigative project in the horticulture sector.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the horticulture study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus. Liverpool: Croxteth Park. Warrington: Walton Hall.	Assessment Practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (Certificate). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Garden centre work, nursery work, garden maintenance and design, landscaping, grounds maintenance, assistant gardener.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in horticulture.	



Landscape

More and more people are appreciating the environmental, social, emotional and economic benefits of attractive landscapes. The government and local authorities are also encouraging us to develop “greener living”, in both urban and rural settings.

Our study programmes provide the necessary skills to develop and maintain these natural and built environments.

Myexperience

From student to landscaper:

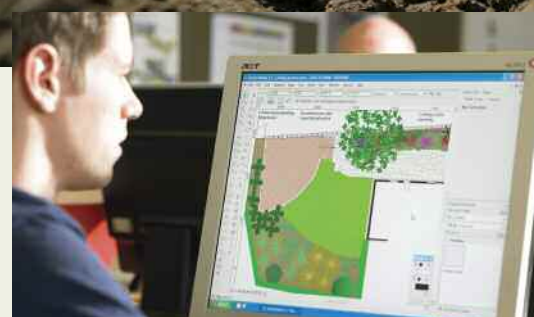
Myerscough ticked all the right boxes for the landscape studies that I had my heart set on. The Level 3 Diploma course is brilliant, and I particularly liked the balance between practical and theory-based work.

The college campus is superb; there's always something going on and it's a great opportunity to meet lots of nice people. To work as a landscaper takes creativity as well as technical knowledge and practical expertise. It's really paid off as I have now been offered full-time employment with Greenbelt Landscapes. Along with winning the prestigious college BALI award, I feel I'm developing my design skills as I learn from the experts. Who knows, one day I might have my own Landscape business!

Elliot Smith



Shaping the future of the land



Landscaping is the design, planning, construction and maintenance of outdoor spaces. It involves everything from gardens, parks, streets, waterways, leisure facilities and open spaces through to large urban redevelopments. It is estimated that the landscape industry is made up of nearly 8,000 businesses employing approximately 140,000 people. These people are employed in a range of different sized organisations such as local authority departments, parks and gardens, domestic and commercial landscape companies as well as self-owned landscape contracting businesses.

Resources

- A purpose-built teaching unit comprising two fully-equipped landscape and construction workshops
- Computer-aided design studio running a range of photo manipulation and CAD systems including “Vector Works”, “Photoshop” and “MS-Project” packages, scanner, A1 plotter and colour printers
- Five hectares of landscaped grounds provide students with a realistic site to practice their design and construction skills
- A drawing studio with A1 boards and access to a full range of drawing media
- Extensive plant collection within the College's ornamental grounds and demonstration gardens
- Dedicated garden plots for outdoor student projects
- A commercial plant centre and nursery stock production unit
- 30 hectares of woodland



Double Gold winning gardens at Southport Flower Show, 2018.



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information

Landscaping in the News

Show garden success

It's been another great year for our landscape team, combining high academic achievement with wonderful enrichment opportunities.

A recent Myerscough College learner won the prestigious BBC Gardeners' Live Young Landscapers Award.

The competition saw Jacob Botting, from Bespoke Outdoor Spaces, take on fellow Myerscough learners, Dan McGeoghegan and Ryan Bell, from The Plants & Paving Company, to build a Show Garden at BBC Gardeners' World Live event, at The NEC in Birmingham.

A Myerscough College landscape learner was named in the Team UK squad for the prestigious EuroSkills event in Budapest.

Sam Taylor was selected in a 22-person group, made up of the finest young skilled apprentices from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, to represent the UK at Europe's most important and prestigious skills competition. He was one of only two landscape learners in the squad.

The EuroSkills finals, which includes teams from across Europe, is the last before the UK is scheduled to leave the EU next year. European policy makers, educators and industry partners attend the event – along with an expected 80,000 spectators.

Myerscough College's show garden was named as the People's Choice at the prestigious Young Gardeners of the Year competition.

The event saw six of the UK's leading horticulture colleges go head-to-head, designing and creating incredible gardens, as part of the Ascot Spring Garden Show. The competition celebrated the best of young British talent in garden design and build, giving students a great opportunity to showcase their work to a national audience.

Myerscough's garden polled more than half of the total vote from visitors to the show to be crowned the overwhelming winner of the People's Choice Award.

Myerscough College show gardens have once again been given top awards at the annual Southport Flower Show.

Myerscough work-based staff and learners were given the task of bringing to life the winning entries in the annual Schools Design-a-Garden Competition, with both finished show gardens given Gold and Silver-Gilt medals respectively.



Young Gardeners of the Year Award Winners

Landscape (Horticulture)

City and Guilds Level 2 Practical Horticultural Skills

The Level 2 qualification in Practical Horticulture Skills is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of horticulture and landscaping. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of the subject. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of amenity horticulture and landscape, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 courses or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake a range of units, providing them with an overview of landscaping, grounds maintenance and horticultural practices. These include establishing and maintaining plants outdoors (preparing land and ground, planting woody and herbaceous plants and maintaining the health of plants). The programme also covers propagation techniques (plant division, taking cuttings, grafting and seed sowing/germination) and an introduction to specialist land-based machinery (preparation, operation, maintenance and safety of hedge cutters, pedestrian mowers and tractors).

Additional units cover plant knowledge and growing techniques, site preparation (drainage, foundations, paving and fencing) along with planting containers for seasonal displays.

The Level 2 study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The work experience element enables students to experience different horticultural sectors dependent upon their career goals – from golf courses and sports stadia to public parks, landscape contractors and garden centres.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression T Level in Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Employment in Horticulture/Landscape sectors at assistant/craft level.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in landscape design and horticulture.	

T Level in Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping



T Levels are technical qualifications - equivalent to three A Levels – that combine classroom study with industry placements. They have been designed to be of the highest standards, but also to equip you with the vital skills required in the workplace.

Welcome to the world of Horticulture at Myerscough College, where your passion for plants and the environment can flourish into a rewarding career. The T-Level in Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping offers an exciting journey into various occupational specialities within this thriving industry. Whether you dream of cultivating beautiful gardens, designing sustainable landscapes, or preserving natural habitats, our T-Level programme provides the skills and knowledge you need to succeed. As part of the course, you will become familiar with a range of contexts in which horticulturalists work, ensuring you are highly employable at the end of your programme.

Some areas of horticultural work you will explore on the T Level programme are as follows:

- Garden design and maintenance: Dig into the world of designing and maintaining stunning gardens. Learn about plant selection, landscape planning, and effective maintenance techniques to create captivating outdoor spaces.
- Nursery production: Master the techniques of nurturing plants from seed to maturity in nurseries. Gain hands-on experience in propagation, irrigation systems, and pest management to ensure healthy plant growth.
- Landscape construction: Build the foundations of beautiful outdoor environments. Acquire skills in hardscape construction, such as paving, decking, and fencing, to craft functional and attractive landscapes.
- Greenhouse management: Delve into the world of controlled environments for plant growth. Learn about greenhouse operations, climate control systems, and crop cultivation methods to produce high quality plants all year round.

The T Level is a popular option for both school leavers and successful Level 2 Technical Certificate students.



Creating a child-friendly play garden for our Summer Open Day

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Progression A degree in greenspace.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Career Opportunities Possible careers include garden design and landscaping, plant care and maintenance roles in botanical gardens, nurseries, and commercial growers, greenhouse technician and estate management and conservation.
Level Advanced.	
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in greenspace..	
Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments and exams.	



Keeping you fit for any challenge

The benefits of sport and physical activity to individuals and communities are universally known. Sports participation has also been recognised as an invaluable tool for tackling many of the current issues in society, such as healthy living and social inclusion – with coaching education being critical to support this.

Resources

- Two multi-use sports centres
- 20 hectares of sports grounds
- State-of-the-art all weather 3G pitch and changing facilities
- Fully qualified sports coaches and fitness instructors available for advice and personal development
- Regular industry visits
- Modern 100m² gymnasium equipped with state-of-the-art "Startrac" cardio-vascular and "Nautilus" resistance equipment
- Sports performance and assessment laboratory
- Strength and conditioning suite



The employment potential is endless and future career prospects are excellent, especially since the government recently announced its 'big society' agenda to develop our sporting heritage, enhance competitive sport and develop community sports participation.

The College works closely with the Lancashire Sport Partnership. Their goal is to increase participation in sport throughout the county, by developing and supporting sports coaches, liaising with junior sports clubs and coordinating the popular Lancashire School Games.

Since London 2012, doors have been opened to further sports such as archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, tennis, gymnastics, hockey, martial arts, outdoor pursuits, swimming and watersports, in addition to the established sports at College such as football, rugby, golf, basketball, netball and cricket.



Sports Studies

Myerscough College provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain qualifications in Sports Studies and Sport and Exercise Sciences.

Not only will you learn practical coaching techniques but also the necessary knowledge and skills in related subjects such as injury prevention, sports nutrition, business management and organising special events.

The courses are designed as an ideal starting point for the development of 21st century sports coaches, sports scientists, managers and sports professionals – in an industry which employs more than 621,000 people in the UK.

Myexperience

From student to coach:

Myerscough helped further my interest in sport and exercise science and, in particular, sports physiology. The practical facilities at the College are terrific, but it was the research facilities and excellent laboratories that really helped to fuel my interest in physiology and amateur athletics.

While at Myerscough I got the chance to work with the College Netball side in a sports physiologist support role which involved developing training for the team that was more specific to fitness than their day to day netball training.

With the knowledge gained from my course I secured freelance work writing for The Protein Works which I continue to do alongside my studies.

After completing my Further Education I progressed to a Foundation Degree at Myerscough and eventually a top-up degree in Exercise Physiology at the University of Central Lancashire, where I also got the chance to do further work experience as a Strength and Conditioning Coach with Wigan Warriors. I now hope to continue my studies to Masters Level.

Nathan Zascirinskis



Sport Studies

BTEC Level 1 Diploma

This practical course is ideal as a first step into a career in the sports industry. It provides a basic introductory 'hands on' programme of study in sport and covers a wide range of practical skills and activities relating to health, fitness, sport and leisure.

There are three core units that cover an introduction to the industry, working in sport and leisure and maintaining a healthy body. Two additional personal skills units cover personal development and finance and three sports-related units introduce practical skills in organising sports events, sports development and customer service.

The Level 1 Diploma study programme includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements. This qualification provides a foundation of study from which students may progress to an Intermediate Level 2 qualification such as the BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport, Golf, Football, Rugby, Public Services or Cricket Studies.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests. There are no formal examinations.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Level Foundation.	Progression Level 2 programme in Sport, Golf, Football, Rugby, Cricket or Public Services.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities Sports Coaching Assistant, Fitness Assistant or employment in the sports retail sector.
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in sport.	

Sport Studies

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate

The Level 2 qualification is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of sport. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around the theories of sport. The course is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diplomas, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake three core units, covering fitness testing and training (designing and programming exercise as well as instruction), practical sport (skills and techniques, rules and regulations, scoring methods, roles and responsibilities of officials and reviewing performance) and anatomy and physiology (structures and functions of organs and body parts and energy and nervous systems in relation to exercise). Additional specialist modules cover nutrition for sports performance, sports injuries (prevention and treatment) and planning and leading sports-related activities

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	
Level Intermediate.	Progression Level 3 Diploma suite in Sport, Golf, Football, Rugby, Cricket or Public Services.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Fitness Instructor, Sports Coach, Sports Development, Sports Retail, Armed Forces, Sports Instructor.
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in sport.	

Sport & Exercise Science

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one, students learn the principles of anatomy related to sport and exercise as well as the fundamentals of sport and exercise physiology and sports psychology. Additional units cover fitness testing, fitness training (designing and delivering training routines) and research methods for sport and exercise (collecting and analysing data).

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests in the subject during the second year of their programme. This includes a focus on sports coaching, the analysis of sports performance, sport and exercise massage, sports biomechanics and a study of exercise, health and lifestyle. A research project provides the opportunity to research a specific topic related to sport and exercise science.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Fitness Instructor, Sports Coaching, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Sports Development, Teaching and Personal Trainer.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in sport.	

Sport & Exercise Science

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques and technical skills associated with sports science and sports coaching.

The study programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra 3 units each year, making 18 in total. *(Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.)* Additional units cover practical team sports, sports injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), sports nutrition, applied sports physiology, applied sports psychology and outdoor and adventurous activities.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Progression Higher Education degree courses. Myerscough College offers Foundation Degrees with Honours progression, in a range of Sports subjects.
Duration 2 years full-time.	
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Fitness Instructor, Sports Coaching, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Sports Development, Teaching and Personal Trainer.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in sport.	
Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.	



Cricket Studies

These are exciting times for English cricket, with the emergence of "Bazball" and the popularity of all forms of the game.

Series such as the Ashes remain as popular as ever, as old rivalries are revisited, and packed crowds both at home and abroad enjoy the action against other top cricketing nations.

In recent years, the sport of cricket has become a multi-billion pound industry and has generated a number of international superstar players such as Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler and Indian captain, Virat Kohli.

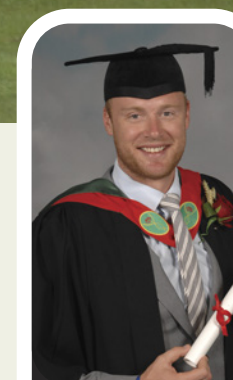
Myexperience

From student to academy starlet:

"Playing top class cricket is a dream come true for me and allows me to test myself against the best players on the County scene. My tutor recommended me to practice with Lancashire Under 19s during the first year of my Level 3 Diploma and I impressed enough to make their team and finished my first season top of both the bowling and batting averages. I was subsequently signed for the club's academy and established myself as a front line bowler, before making my 1st team debut in 2012. There is little doubt in my mind that the superb coaching I have received from Myerscough staff has played a huge part in my success, as they helped me to improve my skills as a player as well as my all round fitness.

2018 was a true breakthrough year for me with Lancashire, as I finished as leading wicket taker in Division One of the County Championship. This led to me being named as the county's Player of the Season and also the Professional Cricketers Association Player of the Season."

Tom Bailey



Andrew Flintoff is an Honorary Fellow of Myerscough College

Batting for future success

Cricket in England continues to thrive with both the shorter and longer forms of the game remaining popular, with the national team playing to sell-out crowds in international Test, One Day International and T20 fixtures. Test cricket, under the captaincy of Joe Root, and the One-Day game, under the charge of Eoin Morgan, continue to challenge to be the very best nation in the world. This culminated with the team winning the 2019 Cricket World Cup with Ben Stokes incredible batting making him a household hero during the summer.



Junior coaching at Emirates Old Trafford



Resources

Myerscough College is superbly equipped for the teaching of cricket, with many great resources at the Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Centre. These include:

- Access to superbly conditioned and maintained grass wickets
- Sports Hall with state-of-the-art cricket nets and bowling machines
- Modern Gymnasium
- Fully qualified coaches with expert knowledge in the field
- Excellent links with the industry, particularly Lancashire County Cricket Club
- Sports retail shop (Old Trafford)

By studying cricket at Myerscough College you are giving yourself an excellent opportunity to secure a dream job in the sport. Our dedicated teaching staff provide cricketers of all abilities, including beginners, with an excellent cricketing education, giving them the chance to fulfil their playing ambitions while also learning about the rules and technicalities of the game. There are also many exciting job prospects in cricket coaching thanks in part to the renewed interest in the sport at youth level. This means that the need for trained coaches is at a premium.

"The Myerscough Cricket Academy provides a fantastic opportunity for talented youngsters to pursue their dream career whilst gaining an academic qualification. Youngsters unable to break into the game professionally will be able to enjoy successful careers in many areas of the cricket and sport industry."

(Jim Cumbes, retired LCCC Chief Executive)

Cricket Studies

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate

Myerscough College has teamed up with Lancashire County Cricket Club and Lancashire Cricket Foundation to offer a fantastic opportunity to students wishing to pursue a career within the cricket and sports industry.

The Myerscough College Cricket Academy combines academic sporting qualifications with practical skills development, coaching and competitive fixtures.

The Level 2 qualification is an excellent introductory study for students wishing to further their knowledge of sport, and cricket in particular. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around the theories of sport. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diplomas, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake three core units, covering fitness testing and training (designing and programming exercise as well as instruction), practical sport (skills and techniques, rules and regulations, scoring methods, roles and responsibilities of officials and reviewing performance) and anatomy and physiology (structures and functions of organs and body parts and energy and nervous systems in relation to exercise). Additional specialist modules cover nutrition for sports performance, sports psychology and the technical and tactical skills associated with cricket.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the cricket study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location

Manchester:
Emirates Old Trafford (LCCC).

Duration

1 year full-time.

Level

Intermediate.

Academic Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements

A keen interest in cricket.

Assessment

Practical and written assessments, coursework and tests.

Progression

Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Cricket Studies or Sport and Exercise Science.

Career Opportunities

Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Sports Development, Cricket or Sports Coach, Sports Retail, Gym or Sports Instructor.

Cricket Studies

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one, students learn the principles of anatomy related to sport and exercise as well as the fundamentals of sports, physiology and sports psychology. Additional units cover fitness testing, fitness training (designing and delivering training routines), sports coaching techniques and assessing risk in sport (health and safety requirements and checks).

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests during the second year of their programme. Units offer sports nutrition, technical and tactical skills in cricket, the analysis of sports performance, sport and exercise massage and instructing physical activity and exercise. Students also examine the lifestyles of professional sports performers, focusing on public appearances, media interviews and financial management.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the cricket study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to a GCSE qualification.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic course should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location

Manchester:
Emirates Old Trafford (LCCC).

Duration

1 year full-time
(Subsidiary Diploma).
2 years full-time (Diploma).

Level

Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements

A keen interest in cricket.

Assessment

Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and tests.

Progression

Higher Education degree courses.

Career Opportunities

Sports Development Officer, Community Sports Coach, Cricket Coach, Gym Instructor, Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Sports Administration or Sports Retail.

Cricket Studies

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques and technical skills associated with cricket. The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills.

The course incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra 3 units each year, making 18 in total. (*Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.*) Additional units cover the current issues associated with sport, sport as a business, sports injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), talent identification and development, organising sporting events and coaching children and young people.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the cricket study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location

Manchester:
Emirates Old Trafford (LCCC).

Duration

2 years full-time.

Level

Advanced.

Academic Entry Requirements

See pages 18 and 19.

Additional Course Requirements

A keen interest in cricket.

Assessment

Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and tests.

Progression

Higher Education degree courses. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degree in Cricket Coaching.

Career Opportunities

Sports Development Officer, Community Sports Coach, Cricket Coach, Gym Instructor, Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Sports Administration or Sports Retail.

Myhealth&fitnesssuite

Our spacious air conditioned fitness suite is the ideal place to keep fit during your leisure time at College.

Located at the heart of the Preston campus, the Sports Centre and Fitness Suite is just a few minutes stroll from both the College's Student Village and the on-site car parks.

Here you will find cardiovascular equipment, resistance machines and free weights. Our friendly, highly-qualified fitness staff will be happy to show you how to use all the equipment safely and effectively.

We also offer a range of different fitness classes and enrichment activities throughout the week as well as one-to-one personal training. Current classes include Spinning, Ab Blast, Zumba, Circuits, HIIT and Pilates.

Student memberships are offered at excellent rates, with no binding contracts or hidden fees and include a free personalised fitness programme and regular reviews.

Opening Hours: 6.45am – 10.00pm (Monday to Friday)
9.00am – 6.00pm (Saturday and Sunday)

Joining is easy and can be done when you enrol at College, meaning that you can keep yourself fit and healthy throughout your time studying at the College.

For more information, please contact
Myerscough Sports Centre.

01995 642200

www.myerscough.ac.uk





Football Studies

Myerscough College is a successful FA 'Charter Standard' College and a former winner of the FA's prestigious Football Development College 'National Award' for its range of coaching programmes.

These achievements recognise our excellence in football education and confirm our standing as one of the top colleges for football development in England. We are committed to providing the best opportunities for young people who wish to develop their footballing talent alongside their academic studies.

A number of students have achieved success on the pitch by progressing into professional and semi-professional teams or scholarships overseas, further enhancing Myerscough's reputation. Many others have gained employment in coaching roles – such as the Bolton Wanderers International Academy – or in the business side of the football industry.

Myexperience

From student to the Premier League:

I've been lucky enough to be a professional footballer for ten years. My amazing journey started when I was scouted during our triumphant English Colleges league season. My career then came alive at Huddersfield Town which led to a £3 million move to the Premier League with Norwich City, then Cardiff City and most recently Wigan Athletic and Fleetwood Town. I've had a number of career highlights including the adrenalin rush of scoring a goal in a play off final at Wembley, where I got Man of the Match. I've also been capped by the Republic of Ireland U21s, and was delighted to become the first Myerscough student to feature in a full international, when I played in the qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup. I've earned nine caps so far and got my first international goal against the USA. It's every lad's dream really – and I'm living it!

Anthony Pilkington



Same game, different league

Myerscough College's football teams are highly successful. We compete in the highest competition open to college teams, the English College Football Association (ECFA) 'CAT1' League. Through our links/partnership with Preston North End we play in the National Alliance Youth League (as PNE/Myerscough) We also have teams at Category 2 and 3 Level.

Students continue to gain recognition by being selected for representative sides at county level, as well as international call-ups for teams including England Colleges FA, the England Deaf team and England Deaf Futsal. Five of our students played in the successful Lancashire schools team that won the English Schools Inter County Cup. In addition, there are a number of former Myerscough students currently playing professional football, including one in the Premier League for Cardiff City, as well as in the Football League for clubs including Bolton Wanderers, Blackpool, Fleetwood Town and Morecambe. More play full-time at top end of the non-league game.

Resources

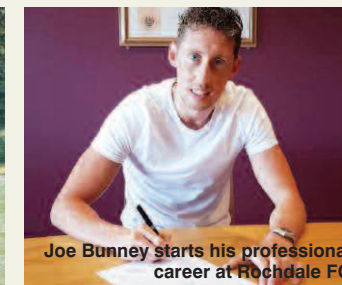
- A multi-use sports centre
- A £3.2 High Performance Centre for Sport
- State-of-the-art all weather 3G pitch and new changing facilities
- Fully qualified sports coaches available for advice and personal development
- 20 hectares of sports grounds
- Futsal court
- Modern gymnasium
- Partnership with Preston North End
- Sports laboratory
- Strength and conditioning suite
- Regular industry visits at home and abroad



Preston North End Junior Coaching

Myerscough has excellent links with football clubs across the North West to support the delivery of courses and increase student's employment prospects. A flourishing partnership with Preston North End gives young footballers a second chance at making it in the professional game by giving them the opportunity to join Preston North End's newly formed Youth Development Squad (YDS).

The programme runs in partnership with PNE and provides players who have just missed out on securing a youth apprenticeship deal with a professional club the opportunity to develop their game within a professional football environment whilst continuing their studies at Myerscough.



Joe Bunney starts his professional career at Rochdale FC

Football Studies

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate

The Level 2 Extended Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of Football Studies. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around the theories of football. The course is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diploma courses, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake three core units, covering fitness testing and training (designing and programming exercise as well as instruction), practical football (skills and techniques, rules and regulations, scoring methods, roles and responsibilities of officials and reviewing performance) and anatomy and physiology (structures and functions of organs and body parts and energy and nervous systems in relation to exercise).

Additional specialist modules cover football performance, planning and leading activities, sports promotion and sponsorship, fitness training, technical skills and tactical awareness.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the football/sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English - leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.



Coaching session with former England Goalkeeper Chris Woods on the 3G Pitch

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma suite in Football Studies.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Fitness Instructor, Sports Coach, Sports Retail, Sports Development, Armed Forces, Sports Instructor.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in football and sport in general.	

Football Studies

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

Year one covers fitness training and programming (designing and delivering training routines), football coaching and psychology for football performance. In additional units students learn how to assess risk in football (health and safety requirements and checks), the principles of anatomy and physiology and the physiology of fitness and fitness testing.

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests in the subject during the second year of their programme. Core units include sports nutrition and the technical and tactical skills associated with the game. Students also examine the lifestyles of professional sports performers, focusing on public appearances, media interviews and financial management. Further units cover analysing sports performance, instructing physical activity and exercise (designing, planning and leading an effective training session) and rules, regulations and officiating in football.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the football study programme also includes industry-related work experience, the Level 1 Award in Coaching Football, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic course should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Football Studies which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.



Discussing tactics with former student and professional footballer Alex Kenyon

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degrees. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degree in Football Coaching and Performance.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Football Coaching, Sports Development, Fitness Instructor, Leisure Centre Assistant or Supervisor, Professional Playing Career.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in football and sport in general.	



Football Studies

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques and technical skills associated with football and football coaching. The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills.

The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra 3 units each year, making 18 in total.

(Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.) Additional units cover the current issues associated with football, practical football and training sessions, sports injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), talent identification and development, organising sporting events and coaching children and young people.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the sports study programme also includes industry-related work experience, the Level 1 Award in Coaching Football, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the football and wider sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, presentations and exams.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Higher Education degrees or scholarships overseas.
Level Advanced.	Career opportunities Football Coaching, Sports Development, Fitness Instructor, Leisure Centre Assistant or Supervisor, Professional Playing Career.
Entry requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in football and sport in general.	

Playing a round can get you anywhere



Golf Studies

Myerscough College has an enviable reputation as one of the best golf academies in the country. We have dominated College Golf for a number of years and been highly successful in the Intercollegiate Golf Tour. Last year both of the Myerscough teams won their regional leagues, the A team for the eighth year in a row, with Callan Barrow successfully winning his second individual order of merit.

Myexperience

From student to golf pro:

I turned professional after gaining my Level 3 Diploma and Foundation Degree. I'm now competing at tournaments on the PGA European Tour and PGA Challenge Tour. I work hard on my game, the schedule can be tough and you need real dedication, but the rewards are worth it – I'm out there doing what I love! It all really kicked off when I won the PGA EuroPro Order of Merit, with victories in the Motocaddy Masters, the Northern Ireland Open and the Network Veka Classic at Mottram Hall – with a second round 63 and a fifteen under par 201 total, worth £10,000! Since then things have really taken off, with top ten finishes at Challenge Tour events in Madrid and Copenhagen and a fantastic 6th place European Tour finish in the 2017 Trophée Hassan II, at Rabat in Morocco, worth €81,000. 2018 started well at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic, tying with Ian Poulter, Tommy Fleetwood and Henrik Stenson for 6th place.

Chris Hanson



If you're serious about the golf business then there is no better place to study than with Myerscough's International Institute for Golf Education, in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire.

Among recent successes, a team from Myerscough College won the national AoC Sport Open Golf Championship at St Andrews, taking home the Claret Jug for the fifth time. The title capped another great year for Myerscough's golf students, as they also qualified for the national finals of this season's Intercollegiate Tour. In addition, Myerscough teams won four BUCS trophies, including a clean sweep 'treble' of league titles, and the BUCS Sport Northern Conference Cup.

Former Myerscough College golf student James Robinson qualified to play in the 2018 Open Championship at Carnoustie, following in the footsteps of Paul Kinnear in 2015.

We have extensive international links that provide students with the opportunity to undertake European Tour work experience, internships in the USA, competitive tours in Spain and Portugal and European event management. Students also benefit from a highly experienced and qualified team of coaching, playing and academic staff and state-of-the-art facilities for golf.

There are 18 exciting case studies on our website, showcasing some of the amazing careers available in the golf industry.



Resources

- A testing nine-hole golf course, GolfMark accredited for junior coaching
- One-to-one coaching with fully qualified PGA golf professionals and fitness instructors
- Putting green and golf driving range
- Two indoor golf academies, including golf simulators, putting and chipping areas
- FlightScope, TrackMan, GC2 and K-VEST analysis equipment

- Access to top academic and sports facilities, including our new high performance sports centre
- Short game facility: Chipping and bunker area
- Fully equipped gymnasium and sports laboratory
- Numerous local championship courses
- Guest speakers and visits from professionals and industry experts



Enrichment Opportunities

- Additional coaching awards e.g. Golf Leaders Award, Golf Rules and Tri-Golf.
- Participation in the Collegiate and Prospects Golf Tours – both managed by the International Institute for Golf Education. The Collegiate Golf Tour is a scratch-based tour for category one players only. The Prospects Golf Tour is a handicapped-based tour open to all students in the UK, played at a range of top courses. There is also a prestigious Tour Final played overseas. Please note that these events may incur additional costs.
- The possibility of tournament work experience on the PGA European Tour at events in the UK Portugal and Spain. Students have previously been involved at events including the Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor, the Dunhill Links Championships at St Andrews, the Turkish Airlines Open in Belek, the BMW PGA Championships at Wentworth, the Iberdrola Open in Majorca, the Portugal Masters in Vilamoura and the Castelló Masters in Valencia.
- Overseas tours and training/development camps organised annually to mainland Europe – incorporating International Tournaments.

Golf Studies

BTEC Level 2 Certificate

The Level 2 Extended Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of sport, with a focus on Golf Studies. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around various aspects of Golf. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diplomas, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake three core units, covering fitness for sport and exercise, practical sports performance and anatomy and physiology for sports performance.

Additional specialist modules cover the mind and sports performance, training for personal fitness, leading sports activities, anatomy and physiology for sports performance, lifestyle and well-being and running a sports event.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Diploma qualification, the golf/sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.



Indoor Golf Academy putting area

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Golf Studies.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Fitness Instructor, Sports Coach, Sports Development, Sports Retail, Armed Forces, Sports Instructor.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in golf and sport in general.	



Golf Studies

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical skills, coaching and competitive fixtures with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one, students learn how to assess risk in golf (health and safety requirements), the principles of anatomy and physiology and the physiology of fitness and fitness testing. Additional units cover fitness training and programming (designing and delivering training routines), golf coaching and psychology for golf performance.

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests during the second year of their programme. Core units include sports nutrition and the technical and tactical skills associated with the game. Students also examine the lifestyles of professional sports performers, focusing on public appearances, media interviews and financial management. Further units cover analysing sports performance, current issues in golf (the development of sport in the UK, media and technological influences and barriers to participation) and rules, regulations and officiating in golf.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the golf study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic course should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Golf Studies which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Progression Higher Education degree courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Golf Professional, Golf Club Management, Sport and Golf Retailing, Golf Coaching and Development, Golf Sales Representatives.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in golf.	

Golf Studies

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques, technical skills and competitive fixtures associated with golf and golf coaching.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students enjoy the wide variety of subjects that are covered. The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra three units each year, making 18 in total.

(Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.) Additional units cover the current issues associated with sport, sport as a business, sports injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), talent identification and development, organising golfing events and coaching children and young people.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the golf study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the golf and wider sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Higher Education degree courses. Myerscough College offers Foundation Degrees, with Honours progression in Golf Management and Golf Coaching and Performance.
Level Advanced.	
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	Career Opportunities Golf Professional, Golf Club Management, Sport and Golf Retailing, Golf Coaching and Development, Golf Sales Representatives.
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in golf.	
Assessment Assignments, practical and	

There has never been a better time to prepare for a career in this great sport with a unique opportunity to deliver a lasting participation legacy for rugby union in England. From building capacity (by improving facilities and increasing the quantity and quality of coaches) to getting more schoolchildren playing rugby or inspiring participation by encouraging lapsed players to return to the field, plans are underway to grow the game.

Figures suggest that rugby has been increasing in popularity year-on-year, with more and more youngsters taking up the game and more teams and competitions being introduced. Additionally the sport has recently seen an 81% rise in the number of women participants, further highlighting the increased interest amongst both genders.

Myexperience

From student to rugby professional:

Nothing compares to being part of the beautiful game! It's a real team sport and I always strive for perfection. When I finished my Level 3 Diploma I signed a professional contract with Sale Sharks, progressed through their Academy and scored a try on my debut against Newcastle Falcons. I was named as Young Player of the Year and firmly established myself as a try-scoring winger in the side.

I then moved to Leicester Tigers, scoring my first try for the club at Welford Road against Worcester! It's been a whirlwind few years and I've now passed my first coaching qualifications; passing on my knowledge to a new batch of youngsters through a number of rugby coaching initiatives.

Learn more about my time at College on the Myerscough YouTube channel.

Tom Brady



Kickstart your career with a professional conversion



The Myerscough College Rugby Union Academy is a joint venture in partnership with Sale Sharks Rugby and is the accredited RFU Elite Player Development Centre for the North West. Our relationship with Sale Sharks and the RFU provides an excellent opportunity for students to train as performance athletes and secure a dream job in professional Rugby Union.

Playing rugby at Myerscough also provides an unrivalled platform for students to demonstrate their talent to one of the leading clubs in AVIVA Premiership Rugby and the chance to progress into the Sale Sharks youth development systems.

Our specialist team of teaching and coaching staff focus on developing students; as players, coaches, referees and administrators, as well as providing performance training and coaching – on a day-to-day basis – before encouraging students to represent club sides at weekends. Our exceptional links with local rugby clubs – such as Fylde, Preston Grasshoppers, Garstang, Thornton Cleveleys and Fleetwood – provide a range of different playing opportunities.

In order to maximise student's skills development, Academy players are given the opportunity to train at the highest level and follow the performance pathway.



Students organising a junior Tag Rugby tournament

The Myerscough College Rugby Academy continues to develop students who progress to selection for county, representative and national selection. Over the last few years this has included Lancashire, England Colleges, RFU England squads, England U20s and international students earning full international honours for their own country. A number of former Myerscough students currently play, or have previously played professionally for sides in the English Aviva Premiership, including Sale Sharks, Leicester Tigers and Newcastle Falcons, as well as Guinness Pro14 side, Edinburgh, and French Pro D2 side Soyaux Angoulême.



Rugby Union Studies

BTEC Level 2 Certificate



The Level 2 Extended Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of sport, with a focus on Rugby Studies. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around the theories of rugby. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diplomas, or to start work in the industry.

Students undertake three core units, covering fitness for sport and exercise, practical sports performance and anatomy and physiology for sports performance.

Additional specialist modules cover the mind and sports performance, training for personal fitness, leading sports activities, anatomy and physiology for sports performance, lifestyle and well-being and running a sports event.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Diploma qualification, the rugby/sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma suite in Rugby Studies.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Fitness Instructor, Sports Coach, Sports Development, Sports Retail, Armed Forces, Sports Instructor.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in rugby and sport in general.	

Rugby Union Studies

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills, coaching and competitive fixtures with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one, students will learn how to assess risk in rugby (health and safety requirements and checks), the principles of anatomy and physiology and the physiology of fitness and fitness testing. Additional units cover fitness training and programming (designing and delivering training routines), rugby coaching and psychology for rugby performance.

Students who choose the two-year Diploma route can further their interests in the subject during the second year of their programme. Core units include sports nutrition and the technical and tactical skills associated with the game. Students also examine the lifestyles of professional sports personalities, focusing on public appearances, media interviews and financial management. Further units cover analysing sports performance, instructing physical activity and exercise (designing, planning and leading an effective training session) and rugby and exercise massage.

By gaining a valuable insight into coaching and training techniques, students learn the skills needed to examine their own play, along with that of their team, to ensure they improve as a player during their time at College.



In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the rugby study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic course should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Rugby Studies which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Progression Higher Education degree courses. Many students progress to Myerscough College's Foundation Degrees in Rugby Coaching and Performance, Strength and Conditioning or Sports Massage Practice.
Duration 1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Career Opportunities Rugby Coaching, Sports Development, Fitness Instructor, Leisure Centre Assistant or Supervisor, Professional Playing Career, Instructor.
Level Advanced.	
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in rugby and sport in general.	
Assessment Assignments, practical assessments, coursework and exams.	

Rugby Union Studies

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques, technical skills and competitive fixtures associated with rugby and rugby coaching.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students enjoy the wide variety of subjects that are covered. The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma studying an extra three units each year, making 18 in total.

(Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.) Supplementary units cover exercise, health and lifestyle and its impact on rugby performance, rugby injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), rugby as a business (finance, marketing and business analysis), talent identification and development, organising rugby events and participating in team competition.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the rugby study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the rugby and wider sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical assessments, presentations and exams.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Higher Education Degree Courses.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Rugby Coaching, Sports Development, Fitness Instructor, Leisure Centre Assistant or Supervisor, Professional Playing Career.
Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in rugby and sport in general.	



Basketball Studies

Myerscough College's Basketball Academy has proved hugely successful with many students progressing up the development ladder. Basketball is a rapidly growing sport in the UK and gaining in popularity throughout Europe. Myerscough is proud to have been chosen by England Basketball to run a DISE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) programme.

Myexperience

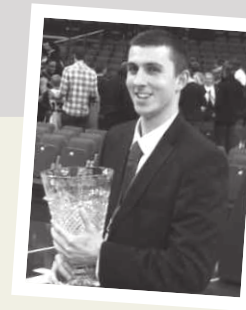
Basketball Academy Programme Leader and Head Coach:

Following a two-year stint in National League 1 with the Lancashire Spinners, Neal Hopkins is dedicated to helping Myerscough Basketball Academy realise its full potential. He guided the Spinners to their second-most total wins in a season in 2015-16 and oversaw no less than 10 junior players make the jump to Basketball England's highest tier.

Neal is a two-time Elite Academy Basketball League Conference Coach of the Year and England Performance Coach, and uses his knowledge of the professional game to enhance the experience of Myerscough students, while his reputation ensures excellent career pathways in the sport both in the UK and overseas.

Neal says: "We have an incredible opportunity to build Myerscough into a force at the senior national league level and it's great to have the support of the college. We would also like to have more of an active presence in Europe and this is something I am wholly committed towards as the players and staff place value on the experience it gives them. We have some extremely exciting young players in the programme and I want to make sure I can do everything I can for the programme and I am very excited and energised for the future."

Neal Hopkins



Myexperience

I graduated in summer 2017 with a BTEC Level 3 in Basketball Studies, paving the way for me to sign a full athletic scholarship for the 2018 season with Casper College, Wyoming. I've already enjoyed great success at home and during my time at Myerscough College, in addition to winning a number of national trophies, I was a regular Great Britain U18 International, and was also named EABL Western Player of year averaging 19.3ppg, 10.9rbg with an efficiency of +21.4.

Coming to Myerscough has given me the independence domestically and educationally to be more accountable, efficient and focused in order to achieve my goals. As a player, through hard work, skill development and team work my game has grown dramatically.

I think Myerscough has exposed me to many facets of the game from playing in different age groups to the demands of being a leader or adapting to a role within the team framework, whilst developing my own identity. Coach Hopkins has always demanded the best from me which has matured my game and productivity on the court to being an impactful two way player.

A massive thank you to my team mates, coaches, trainers and tutors over the last two years at Myerscough and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

Zion Tordoff



Shooting for maximum success



With excellent academic and sporting links at home and abroad, Myerscough aims to deliver in the class-room as well as on court – to help our student athletes reach their goals.

Students receive high quality coaching every day – from a team and individual perspective – and will have unlimited access to our state of the art strength and conditioning facility. The Academy operates just like a College Development Centre, encompassing academic lessons, coaching sessions, physio/rehabilitation clinics and competitive fixtures. It is supported by qualified tutors and highly experienced coaches.



Visit our dedicated basketball website at myerscoughbasketball.co.uk

Resources

Myerscough College is superbly equipped for the teaching of basketball, with many great resources at the Bilsborrow centre in Preston and additional regional training and coaching venues. These include:

- High Performance Centre for Sport with purpose built basketball facility
- Modern Gymnasium with dedicated strength and conditioning suite
- Superb links with top American universities
- Fully qualified coaches with expert knowledge in the field
- Excellent partnerships with the basketball industry and top European teams
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation clinics



Basketball in the News

Another amazing year of success!



Myerscough College's Basketball Academy is recognised as one of the best programmes in the country for both academic and playing success.

The last twelve months have seen a truly historic year for the programme. The academy won a total of eight trophies, including a host of national titles. Myerscough's silverware haul includes the National Basketball League Division 3 play-offs, Division 3 North champions and Men's National Shield, as well as Basketball England Under 17 Boys National Schools champions, the Elite Academy Basketball League West Conference, and three Association of Colleges titles – the Premier Cup, the Knockout Cup, and Northwest League.

Myerscough's reputation continues to see a large number of students earn international call-ups or progress to overseas scholarships in America and Canada.

A Myerscough student headed to Australia's Gold Coast to help Team Scotland to their best ever finish at a Commonwealth Games. Callan Low was part of the Scotland basketball squad, making history by becoming the youngest player ever to represent Team Scotland in basketball.

Meanwhile a Myerscough College basketball student is heading across the Atlantic to further her career. Milly Knowles will play and study at Eastern Washington University.




Myerscough College Basketball Academy will participate in the European Youth Basketball League (EYBL) for the 2018-19 season. The EYBL is one of the premier FIBA competitions for juniors and features renowned teams from across the continent, with Myerscough joining the Under-20 'Euroleague' format tournament.

Since forming in 2013, the Academy has won a string of other titles, including being EABL Champions in 2015, and EABL West Conference Champions for three consecutive years from 2014-16.

Basketball Studies

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate

The Level 2 Extended Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of sport. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical skills and techniques, combining this with an academic study based around the theories of basketball. The course is designed to give you a broad understanding of the sport, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diploma courses, or to start work in the industry.



Students undertake three core units, covering fitness testing and training (designing and programming exercise as well as instruction), practical basketball (skills and techniques, rules and regulations, scoring methods, roles and responsibilities of officials and reviewing performance) and anatomy and physiology (structures and functions of organs and body parts and energy and nervous systems in relation to exercise).

Additional specialist modules cover basketball performance, planning and leading activities, sports promotion and sponsorship, fitness training, technical skills and tactical awareness.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the basketball/sport study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English - leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

Course Details

Location	Assessment
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration	Progression
1 year full-time.	Level 3 Diploma Suite in Basketball Studies.
Level	Career Opportunities
Intermediate.	Leisure and Recreation Assistant, Fitness Instructor, Sports Coach, Sports Retail, Sports Development, Armed Forces, Sports Instructor.
Entry Requirements	
See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements	
A keen interest in basketball and sport in general.	

Basketball Studies

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma

The Level 3 Diploma qualifications are popular options for school leavers and young adults. They combine practical-based skills with academic theory and classroom study. The Subsidiary Diploma is a one-year, six-unit, study programme broadly equivalent to one A Level, whilst the two-year, 12-unit, Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and is ideal for progression to Higher Education. Students who successfully complete the Subsidiary Diploma can, if they wish, progress directly to the second year of the Diploma.

In year one, students learn the principles of anatomy related to sport and exercise as well as the fundamentals of sport and exercise physiology and sports psychology. Additional units cover fitness testing, fitness training (designing and delivering training routines) and research methods for sport and exercise (collecting and analysing data) with a focus on basketball.

Students who choose the two-year Diploma can further their interests during the second year of their programme. Units cover sports nutrition, technical and tactical skills in basketball, sports performance analysis, sport and exercise massage and instructing physical activity. Students also examine the lifestyles of professional sports performers (public appearances, media and financial management).

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the basketball study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification.

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma will enable students to progress to Higher Education if desired, although students seeking a more academic programme should also consider the Level 3 Extended Diploma which contains an additional six units compared to the Diploma.

Course Details

Location	Assessment
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration	Progression
1 year full-time (Subsidiary Diploma). 2 years full-time (Diploma).	Higher Education degree courses.
Level	Career Opportunities
Advanced.	Fitness Instructor, Community Sport Coach, Basketball Coach or Player, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Sports Development Officer, Gym Instructor, Sports Retail, Public and Armed Services.
Academic Entry Requirements	
See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements	
A keen interest in basketball.	

Basketball Studies

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. This two-year 18-unit study programme is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed for students who wish to develop a comprehensive overview of the sports industry, encompassing the practical techniques and technical skills associated with basketball and sports coaching. The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills.

The programme incorporates all 12 units from the two-year Level 3 Diploma (adjacent), with students on the Extended Diploma taking an extra 3 units each year, making 18 in total. *(Students enrol initially on a one-year '90-Credit Diploma' qualification (9 units) and then, subject to successful completion, progress to the next 9 units – achieving the Extended Diploma at the end of their 2nd year.)* Additional units cover the current issues associated with sport, sport as a business, sports injuries (prevention, treatment and rehabilitation), talent identification and development, organising sporting events and coaching children and young people.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the basketball study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials and our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares students for a wide range of careers in the sports industry. It is also a perfect foundation for students wishing to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities and colleges in the UK or overseas.

Course Details

Location	Progression
Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Higher Education degree courses. Myerscough College offers a Foundation Degree programme in Basketball Coaching.
Duration	Career Opportunities
2 years full-time.	Fitness Instructor, Community Sport Coach, Basketball Coach or Player, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Sports Development Officer, Gym Instructor, Sports Retail, Public and Armed Services.
Level	
Advanced.	
Academic Entry Requirements	
See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements	
A keen interest in basketball.	
Assessment	
Assignments, practical and written assessments, coursework and exams.	



Public Services

The UK's Public Services industry is one of the largest employers in the country and essential to our modern society. It works to develop and implement government policies and helps deliver a huge range of services to the public.

Those who are attracted to the Public Services sector will find it modern and dynamic, committed to providing employees with a great many opportunities to develop and a positive working environment where they can really make a difference.

Supporting the community; making a real difference

If you would you like to learn the skills and knowledge required for a career in the Fire or Ambulance Service, Police, Prison Service, or Armed Forces, then a BTEC Diploma in Public Services could be for you.

Our Level 2 and Level 3 programmes offer a comprehensive introduction to the subject, with clear progression routes to either employment, Further or Higher Education. You will learn all about the different public services and how they work, both individually and together, and you will gain an understanding of the levels of health and fitness required to enter the various industries.

Opportunity to excel across a wide range of challenging careers



Resources

- Idyllic and beautiful grounds comprising of 600 hectares of open green surroundings with woodlands and parklands for orienteering and other outdoor activities.
- Access to an onsite stretch of the River Brock and several other waterways for kayaking, raft building and other water related activities.
- Great links with local leisure centres for swimming, climbing and other activities.
- Fully qualified tutors and fitness instructors available for advice and personal development with years of experience within the industry.
- An on-site £1.8 million sports centre and modern gymnasium.
- Opportunities for residentials, visits to army barracks, fire and police stations as well as hearing about life in the uniformed services first-hand from guest speakers.

Uniformed Public Services

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate

The Level 2 Extended Certificate is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of the different kinds of Public Services.

It is extremely popular with school leavers and students progressing from Level 1 programmes. The programme is designed to equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success when moving towards a career in the Uniformed Services (eg police, emergency fire services, security, prison services or the armed services). It also aims to give an insight into the employment, team work and communication skills essential for Public Service duties, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3 Diplomas, or to start work in the industry.

Units covered include career planning and employment, health and fitness (with a view to entry into Uniformed Public Services), land navigation (map and compass work), expedition skills and the effects of crime on society.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 qualification, the public services study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in maths and/or English – leading to either GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.



Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma suite in Public Services.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Entry level positions in the sector including work within the Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Navy, Coastguard, Prison Service, Army, Customs and Excise and the Police.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in the uniformed public services industry.	

Uniformed Public Services

BTEC Level 3 Diploma Suite

The Level 3 Diploma study programmes are popular options with school leavers and young adults looking to develop a comprehensive understanding of Public Services and the practical techniques, academic knowledge and technical skills needed to forge a career in the industry. The programme can be taken over one or two years and, depending upon the level, is the equivalent of between one and three A Levels.

The units studied have a strong academic focus – requiring dedication and hard work – whilst still delivering a range of important practical skills. Students gain a practical experience in Public Services, learning about Government policies, leadership and teamwork, citizenship and diversity, discipline, fitness testing and training, responding to emergency situations, outdoor and adventurous activities and volunteer work within the sector. Specific units relating to your individual career pathway will also be available.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the public services study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and (on the Subsidiary Diploma and Diploma) additional classes in maths or English – leading to a GCSE qualification. See page 18 for more information about English and maths study requirements.

The Level 3 Diploma suite prepares students for supervisory and junior management positions within the industry. Options for progression are open for all students, with those completing the 12 and 18 unit options able to progress to Higher Education – offering up to 168 UCAS Tariff points towards entrance on a wide range of degree courses here at Myerscough or at other universities or colleges.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and exams.
Duration 1 year full-time (6 and 9 unit options). 2 years full-time (12 and 18 unit options).	Progression Second year of the Level 3 Diploma suite (6 and 9 unit options) and Higher Education Degree courses (12 and 18 unit options).
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Operational and Management Level positions in the sector including work within the Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Navy, Coastguard, Prison Service, Army, Customs and Excise and the Police.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in the uniformed public services industry.	

Start your career at the front of the grid



Motorsports

The British motorsports industry is recognised as the best in the world with Britons at the heart of a vast range of worldwide motorsport activities. It is a huge industry employing people in businesses from retail performance specialists to preparation companies, with many Formula One and World Rally Teams based in the UK.

Myerscough College has nine motorsport workshops and a number of different competition cars for the continuing development and expansion of motorsport teaching.

Myexperience

From Myerscough to Mercedes:

I started my Level 3 Extended Diploma with the bare minimum knowledge about motorsport vehicles but thanks to the unique opportunities offered by Myerscough I am now employed by a five times World Champion Formula One team.

I am currently studying a HNC in Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering funded by Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains. This allows to me to work on Formula One engines while on a day release and involves stripping engines, investigating failures and kitting the dynos as they are passed over from build.

Throughout my apprenticeship I have moved between different departments within the company including turbo build, energy recovery system servicing and build, pumps and hydraulic build, fabrications and electrical and gearbox build. I also have had the opportunity to work with the Project One car currently being built, which involves the F1 engine in a road car.

None of this would have been possible without the doors opened to me by Myerscough and the fantastic studying atmosphere on campus. The tutors are all from the industry and transfer a high level of knowledge as well as support.

My biggest advice to anybody is to take advantage of the opportunities you are presented with and never be afraid to talk to people and ask questions to help you open up a door for your career.

Emmie Jones



M-Sport Managing Director, Malcolm Wilson OBE, is an Honorary Fellow of Myerscough College

Career Opportunities

Many of our students have progressed to higher qualifications or started exciting careers in the world of motorsports. Current job prospects are excellent, with Myerscough graduates forging successful careers for themselves as technicians and mechanics, or in data analysis, logistics and management trainee roles, with the many motorsport teams based in the UK. Here are just a few of the leading companies who have employed former Myerscough students:

- Ford World Rally Team (M-Sport)
- Don Buckley Motorsport
- Fortec Formula 3
- Jamun Racing
- McLaren F1
- Mercedes-Benz
- Porsche Cars GB
- Prodrive
- Team LNT (Panoz GT Team)
- Arden Racing
- Mini Sport

- Cicely Motorsport
- Formula W
- Jaguar i-pace Trophy



Competition Vehicles

Our fleet of racing cars used by students on the Diploma programmes is constantly being updated with new vehicles that incorporate the latest racing technology. It currently includes:

- Subaru Impreza STi II • Fiesta R2 BRC Rally
- Nissan Micras • Ford Escort Mk2
- Formula Lo Cost • Max5 Mazda MX5



Myerscough College's motorsport teaching blends classroom - based theory sessions with hands-on practical experience. Having learned the academic theory relating to a specific aspect of motorsport, students are encouraged to participate in a range of industry events to put that knowledge into practice. The College runs race and rally teams which compete successfully in national competitions, working to industry standards.

Resources

- A comprehensive range of circuit race cars, rally cars and support vehicles
- Nine Motorsport workshops with dedicated areas for competition repair, engine building and special projects
- Engine, gearbox and chassis rigs
- Data analysis monitors
- Specialist diagnostic equipment
- 12 experienced motorsports staff

Motorsports

City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (Motorsports)



The Level 2 Diploma is an excellent introductory study programme for students wishing to further their knowledge of motorsports and light vehicle maintenance and repairs. It is extremely popular with school leavers and provides practical knowledge and experience, combining this with an academic study of the principles of motor vehicle maintenance in the context of motorsports. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of the subject, with a view to progressing to one of our Level 3/T Level programmes, or to start work in the industry.

Students will learn skills in materials, fabrication, tools and measuring devices as well as health and safety and good housekeeping in an automotive environment. Additional units include skills and knowledge in routine light vehicle maintenance and skills in removing and replacing light vehicle chassis units and components.

In addition to obtaining the Level 2 Diploma qualification, the study programme also includes industry-related work experience, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and classes in Maths and/or English.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Practical assessments, coursework and tests.
Duration 1 year full-time.	Progression Level 3 Diploma or T Level in Motorsports.
Level Intermediate.	Career Opportunities Engineering apprenticeship, Motorsport team trainee or trainee engineer.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in motorsports.	

Motorsports

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (Motorsports)

The Level 3 Diploma is a popular option for school leavers, young adults and successful Level 2 Diploma students. The course combines practical skills with academic theory and classroom study. You will be utilising a range of fully functional up-to-date Motorsport workshops with hydraulic ramps and all necessary tools provided.

In year one students undertake a comprehensive overview of motorsport workshop practices and motor vehicle mechanics. These include skills in materials, fabrication, tools and measuring devices as well as health and safety and good housekeeping in an automotive environment. Additional units include skills in removing and replacing light vehicle chassis units and components and the diagnosis and rectification of vehicle auxiliary electrical faults.

In the second year, units will include the diagnosis and rectification of combustion engine faults, knowledge of overhauling combustion engine mechanical units, electric vehicle non-high voltage operations and knowledge and skills in supporting job roles in the automotive work environment.

In addition to obtaining the Level 3 qualification, the motorsports study programme also includes industry-related work experience, Introductory Welding Skills, personal and course tutorials, our innovative MyFuture career planning sessions and additional classes in Maths and/or English.

This course is the industry-recognised qualification for entry into employment and provides you with the skills necessary to diagnose and repair light vehicle faults. It is ideal for applicants that would prefer to go directly into work/industry after completion. However, if you pass the course you will still gain 48 UCAS Tariff Points so Higher Education study at Foundation Degree/HND (Level 5) with the option to top-up to an Honours Degree (Level 6) can still be a pathway.

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical assessments, coursework, tests and examinations.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Employment or progression to a Foundation Degree/HND (Level 5).
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Motorsports race technician, garage technician, trainee engineer, garage parts advisor, service advisor and vehicle logistics.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in motorsports and, ideally, some practical experience with motor vehicles.	

Motorsports

T Level – Light and Electric Vehicle Engineering (Motorsport)

This exciting new T Level qualification will start in September 2025. It provides a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of what is needed to work within the engineering industry – with a specific focus on the motorsport sector.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

A 45-day work placement is an integral part of the programme and The T Level qualification is the equivalent of studying 3 x A Levels.

Topics covered include:

- Mechanical principles
- Mechanical systems
- Energy, force, power, motion, and mechanics
- Common mechanisms –brakes, gear boxes, clutches and lifting equipment
- Power sources (diesel, Petrol, hydrogen, BEV, HEV, PHEV and FCEV), power units, and engine types, processes, functions and performance.
- Key principles of energy storage and transfer
- Essential mathematics for engineering and manufacturing
- Essential science for engineering and manufacturing
- Electrical components
- Health and safety principles
- Quality management
- Mechantronics
- Business, commercial and financial awareness
- Professional responsibilities, attitudes, and behaviours
- Stock and asset management
- Continuous improvement

Course Details

Location Preston: Bilsborrow campus.	Assessment Assignments, practical assessments, coursework, tests and examinations.
Duration 2 years full-time.	Progression Employment or progression to a Foundation Degree or Honours Degree programme in Motorsports or Engineering.
Level Advanced.	Career Opportunities Motorsports race technician, garage technician, trainee engineer, garage parts advisor, service advisor and vehicle logistics.
Academic Entry Requirements See pages 18 and 19.	
Additional Course Requirements A keen interest in motorsports and, ideally, some practical experience with motor vehicles.	



See page 27 for details of the ABC Level 1 Diploma, run by our Foundation Learning department.



From one famous course to another



Sportsturf

The most popular team and individual sports played outside today involve the use of turf or grass surfaces. These include golf, football, rugby, cricket, bowls and horseracing.

If you are passionate about sport and would like to work outdoors, our courses offer an excellent platform to a career in sportsturf with superb employment prospects.

Myexperience

From student to greenkeeper:

If you thought a golf course was just grass, think again. To work with championship greens you have to know what it takes to build, manage and maintain them to the highest standard, all year round. I chose Myerscough because of its excellent reputation in the golf industry. The course gave me the once in a lifetime opportunity to work at a 45 hole course in Sweden.

I also scooped a successful placement at the prestigious St. Andrews Links, 'the home of golf' and host to the 2021 Open. So successful in fact that I'm now working there full-time.

Nicola Townend



Apprenticeships

Intermediate (Level 2) and Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships are available, covering a range of roles and occupations including management roles.

See pages 16-17 for information

Excellent Training

There are fantastic opportunities both in the UK and overseas for people who are trained and qualified in sportsturf. Careers exist at all levels, from assistant groundspersons and greenkeepers to managers of international sports facilities such as Premier League Football Clubs and the major elite Golf Courses.

Our study programmes equip you with the necessary skills to build, maintain and manage quality turf surfaces to a high standard. Students learn the science behind how grasses grow, as well as soils, drainage and a wide range of maintenance practices. You will gain an understanding of the demands of sport and what players need or expect from turf surfaces.

You will be taught how to provide these conditions all year round and in all weather conditions. Students also get the chance to operate sophisticated machinery and equipment and to develop the practical skills needed to maintain, present and repair sportsturf surfaces.

Career Opportunities

The sportsturf industry has seen a significant increase in demand for skilled professionals. Vacancies exist in many areas such as Golf Course Management, Local Authorities, Contract Management and Consultancy.

Our sportsturf students have progressed to a range of exciting and rewarding careers in this country and around the world including grounds staff and greenkeeper positions at:

- Wimbledon All England Lawn Tennis Club
- Northern Lawn Tennis Club
- Kauri Cliffs Golf Club, New Zealand
- St Pierre Golf Club
- Mere Golf and Country Club
- Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club
- Royal Birkdale Golf Club
- Loch Lomond Golf Club
- Manchester City Football Club
- Aston Villa Football Club



Progression through the Sportsturf industry can also be fast and rewarding, as former Level 3 Diploma student Paul Burgess has proven.

When Paul left Myerscough he began work at Blackpool's Bloomfield Road, putting to use the skills and qualities he had learnt during his time at the College. From here he joined Arsenal in 1996 and took over Head Groundsman's duties at Highbury four years later, winning the Premier League Groundsman of the Year award three times and overseeing the laying of the Emirates pitch.

His reputation continued to grow and he was used as a consultant for UEFA during Euro 2008 before finally achieving his dream of working on the continent by securing the role of Head Groundsman for Spanish football giants Real Madrid. His task now is to ensure that the Bernabeu pitch is the very best in Europe!



Resources

The new Sportsturf Technology Unit is at the centre of the vast sportsturf facilities at Myerscough. This comprises:

- A nine-hole golf course displaying a wide range of design philosophies and construction profiles, some of which are the only examples in the UK
- A fully automated irrigation system with a variety of sprinkler heads, controllers and fittings
- Winter sports pitches including hard porous hockey, football, rugby and training areas
- 3G artificial pitch
- Practice putting and chipping greens
- A wide range of maintenance equipment and tools
- Fully-equipped and state-of-the-art workshops
- Turfgrass research laboratory

Equipment

Working closely with three of the largest international suppliers of turf care machinery, Ransomes Jacobsen, Kubota and Bernhards, we are able to ensure that all students develop their practical competencies using the most up-to-date and sophisticated machinery on the market. This includes:

- Jacobsen Eclipse 322 Hybrid Triplex Greens Mower
- Jacobsen 4WD Fairway Mower
- A range of E-Z-GO Utility Vehicles
- Jacobsen Greensaire Pedestrian Aerator
- A range of Jacobsen & Ransomes Pedestrian Mowers
- Jacobsen AR-522 Fine Cut Rotary Mower
- Iseki SZ Diesel Zero Turn Rotary Mowers
- Bernhard cylinder and blade grinders
- A range of agronomy and performance testing equipment
- John Deere Pedestrian Mowers

My news

This has been a phenomenal year for Myerscough College, with staff and students involved in a wide range of events and activities – from charity fund raising to winning national awards.

Myerscough's higher education programmes rated Silver by Teaching

University Centre Myerscough has 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 if England, has been 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.

Myerscough College is proud to continue commitment to Lancashire

Myerscough College is proud to continue a commitment to formally pledge to invest in the skills of people living and working in the county.



The Lancashire Skills Pledge is a scheme organised by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership's Skills and Employment Hub, that aims to recognise businesses that are already working to improve the skills of their staff and young people.

The Skills Pledge aims to offer various skills and training initiatives to local organisations. The Pledge is the way that businesses can easily sign up to a number of initiatives aimed at promoting inclusive growth and maximising social value for the benefit of the local community as a whole.

By helping local people improve their skill levels, employers enlarge the pool of talented workers they need to grow and thrive as well as helping individuals to improve their job prospects. The Pledge is the way that businesses can easily sign up to a number of initiatives we have launched to promote inclusive growth and maximise social value for the benefit of the local community as a whole.

Myerscough recognised in BIBAs 2023

Myerscough College and University Centre has been recognised for the quality of its provision in the prestigious 2023 BIBAs.

Run by the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, the Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs) is Lancashire's longest running, largest and most prestigious business awards ceremony.

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

Being named a finalist, for the third straight year, recognises the College achievements and vital role that Myerscough has played in helping the county over the last year, and highlights the College's outstanding work across both academic and professional services operations.



Myerscough College named finalist in Educate Awards



Myerscough College and University Centre has received a nomination in the prestigious Educate Awards 2023.r..

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.

Myerscough College is shortlisted in the category of Most Inspirational Sixth Form or College – This category celebrates 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.

Thousands flock to Open Day & Country Fair

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

The College's biggest event of the year is well established as one of the best days out in Lancashire's outdoor events calendar, with the event returning following a four year break following the Covid 19 pandemic.



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.

The Open Day & Country Fair is a major undertaking for Myerscough and involves months of preparation by staff and students as well as working closely with dozens of partners, third party companies and exhibitors.

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.

Myerscough scoops national award for apprenticeship provision for third year

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 recognised among sector's best in Educate North Awards

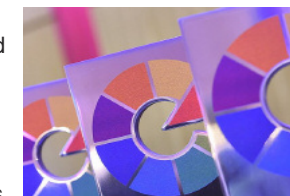
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The Educate North Awards is a prestigious awards event, which celebrates, recognises and shares best practice and excellence in the education sector in the North.

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.

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

Myerscough was named Further Education College of the Year in 2022.



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 have signed a partnership to allow UCLan's new veterinary medicine students to access academic expertise and OFSTED approved animal facilities.

UCLan's undergraduate and postgraduate students will travel to Myerscough to undertake practical, hands-on animal handling skills across a range of species, including farm, equine and exotic animals. They will 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 will also work 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 will have timetabled sessions at the Bilsborrow Campus.



My bus timetable

From less
than £1.50
per day

Many students travel to Myerscough using our great-value daily bus services. Our routes cover much of Lancashire and are outlined below. Return services depart from College at around 5pm. Students can pay for a single trip or purchase a discounted Annual Pass.

Annual 'scholar' passes are also available for Stagecoach services (from Bolton, Horwich, Chorley, Leyland and Southport) to connect with the College service from Preston Bus Station, as well as for service 40/41 (from Lancaster and Morecambe) to Bilsborrow village.

PRESTON BUS STATION

Service
433

Preston Bus Station	0840
Preston Railway Station (Fishergate)	0850
Fulwood, Black Bull	0855
Broughton Post Office	0900
Barton, Jepps Lane	0906
Myerscough College	0920

CHARNOCK RICHARD • CHORLEY

Service
125c

Charnock Richard Leeson Avenue	0712
Lower Burgh Way	0718
Chorley Interchange Stand E	0729
Hartwood Hall Hotel	0736
Clayton Brook Great Greens Lane	0749
Bamber Bridge Withy Trees	0759
Preston Bus Station Stand 3	0825
Preston College	0840
Broughton Village Centre	0851
Myerscough College	0905

BURNLEY • ACCRINGTON • BLACKBURN

Service
852

Queensgate Depot	0705
Burnley Interchange	0715
Huncoat, Griffins Head	0730
Accrington Bus Station (Stand O)	0737
Church, Bridge Street	0742
Intack, Accrington Road	0748
Blackburn, Penny Street (Stop C1)	0759
Mellor, Windmill Hotel	0814
Samlesbury, Vicarage Lane	0819
Broughton, Kingsway Court	0834
Myerscough College	0844

LYTHAM ST ANNES

Service
853

St Anne's Square	0745
Lytham Square	0800
Warton, Pickwick Tavern	0810
Freckleton War Memorial	0820
Kirkham, Market Square	0830
Windy Harbour Road End	0835
St Michaels (Hall Lane opp. school)	0845
Myerscough College	0850

FLEETWOOD • BLACKPOOL • POULTON

Service
400

Fleetwood, Queen's Terrace	0733
Fleetwood Queens Hotel	0738
Cleveleys Thornton Gate	0746
Cleveleys Victoria Square	0748
Devonshire Road/Redbank Roundabout	0800
Blackpool Talbot Road, TA1	0810
Poulton Teanlow Centre	0835
Little Eccleston (Blackpool Old Rd)	0845
St Michaels (Hall Lane opp. School)	0855
Myerscough College	0905

CLITHEROE • RIBBLE VALLEY

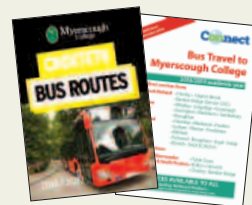
Service
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Clitheroe Interchange	0737
Whalley Bus Station	0748
Milton Three Fishes	0755
Hurst Green Post Office	0801
Knowle Green	0806
Ribchester Black Bull	0811
Longridge Market Place	0818
Goosnargh Stags Head	0825
Inglewhite	0830
Myerscough College	0845

The popular 'Number 77A' bus service runs during the day, between College and Preston Bus Station, as does the 401 service to Bilsborrow Village and Brock, to connect with the Stagecoach 40/41 service to Preston and Lancaster.

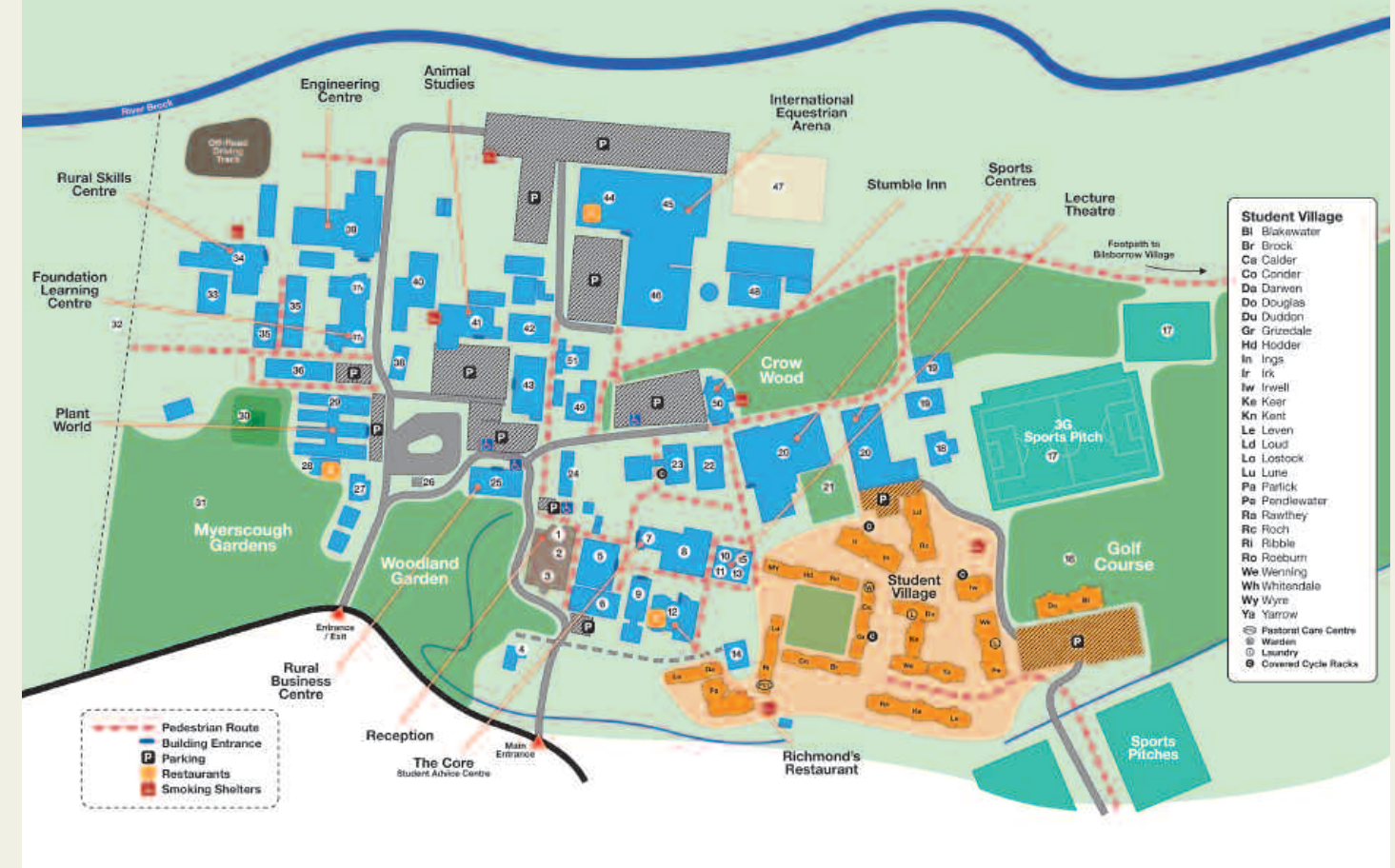


Informative leaflets which detail the bus routes to the Liverpool and Preston Centres are available to download from the College website.



My campus

For a more detailed aerial perspective of the campus take a look at Google Maps and zoom in on the satellite view of PR3 0RY <http://maps.google.co.uk>



Key to map

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Reception (and ATM Cash Machine) | 14 Bowland Suite | 27 Fledglings Nursery (Childcare) | 39 Engineering Centre |
| 2 Fitzherbert Brockholes Building | 15 Mini Market | 28 Garden House Café | 40 Motorsports Unit |
| 3 Library | 16 Golf Course | 29 The Plant Centre at Plant World | 41 Animal Academy |
| 4 Estates Office | 17 Astroturf & 3G Sports Pitches | 30 Ornamental Kitchen Gardens | 42 Farriery & Forge |
| 5 Laboratories | 18 Changing Rooms | 31 Myerscough Gardens | 43 Veterinary Nursing |
| 6 Hutton Building | 19 Sports Turf Maintenance | 32 Brock Meadow Countryside Area | 44 Arena Café Bar |
| 7 The Core - Student Advice Centre | 20 Sports Centres, including the Golf Academy & Gym | 33 Landscape Construction Unit | 45 International Equestrian Arena |
| 8 Winmarleigh Building (Classrooms) | 21 Putting Green | 34 Rural Skills Centre | 46 Equine Centre & Indoor School |
| 9 Administration Building and Finance Office | 22 Student Golf Academy | 35 Production Glasshouses | 47 Outdoor Riding Schools |
| 10 Lecture Theatre | 23 Higher Education Centre | 36 Floristry Unit / Office & Photography Studio | 48 Stables |
| 11 Student Hub / MSU | 24 Staff Houses | 37a General Education | 49 The National Arboricultural Centre |
| 12 Richmonds' Restaurant | 25 Rural Business Centre | 37b Foundation Learning Centre | 50 Stumble Inn |
| 13 Accommodation Office | 26 Bus Stops | 38 Motorcycle Centre | 51 Forge Workshop |

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Choose Myerscough

Make us your number one choice!

- STEM Assured Status.
- £30 million ongoing campus development programme.
- One of the UK's largest land-based apprenticeship providers and finalist in the Educate North Awards 2024.
- Top four land-based colleges in UK for student achievement.
- Bursary funds to support your learning.
- 90%+ student satisfaction with welfare and support.
- Superb employment prospects. 98% of students in employment or study six months after graduation.
- National Centre of Excellence in rugby, football, golf, cricket, and basketball with international and Commonwealth Games call-ups for students.
- FE College of the Year Winner at the 2022 Educate the North Awards.
- Winner of the Lancashire Red Rose Awards 'Skills Provider of the Year'.
- Double Gold medal winners at Southport Flower Show August 2023.
- Winner of the Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider at the 2021 Educate Awards.
- BIBA Finalists 'Education Provider of the Year' 2023



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