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2025

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Principal's Welcome

This year, I have seen the enormous amount of incredible work our Myerscough team, both staff and students, do every day.

Their teamwork, care, resilience and dedication, is outstanding. Thank you to every one of you for supporting each other, and our wider Myerscough community.

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

We also invested our latest Honorary College Fellows.

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

The many industries that we serve continue to report significant skills shortages and opportunities to forge a variety of interesting and exciting careers.

Myerscough offers not just high quality academic, vocational and professional education but the opportunity to change lives through a holistic experience of course enrichment, study trips and visits, high quality work experience, community work and charity fundraising.

This broad ranging experience builds confidence, resilience, communication skills and life skills, which enables our students to progress into their chosen careers.



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

Many of the industries we support are reporting significant skills shortages and opportunities are available to forge an exciting and interesting career based on their studies at Myerscough.

On behalf of all the Governors and staff of Myerscough College, congratulations to every student on their success, and we wish them good luck on the next stage in life. We look forward to what they will achieve in the future.

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

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

Very best wishes

Wes Johnson

Chief Executive & Principal



Myerscough life



First cohort begin new innovative VetSkill programme

The first learners in Myerscough's new veterinary nursing qualification have been working on their study programme.

The VetSkill qualification delivers a Level 3 programme, and is designed for students to have a better balance between practical and theoretical elements than the previous curriculum offered.

VetSkill is an Ofqual and CCEA approved awarding organisation, a professional regulatory body and an ifATE and ESFA approved end point assessment organisation who approve Myerscough College to deliver their qualification.

Charlotte's research has horse-power



An equine degree graduate from University Centre Myerscough had her research recognised after being named a finalist in the BETA (British Equestrian Trade Association) Equine Thesis of the Year competition.

Charlotte Hodgetts graduated from Myerscough in summer 2024, and her work made the final of a national competition that featured the best dissertation from each equine college in the country, which were then assessed by a panel of leading researchers and industry representatives.

The thesis was entitled, "Cooling practices for thermoregulation after cross-country competition."

New alumni network marks quarter of a century of sportsturf apprenticeships at Myerscough



Myerscough College has delivered sector-leading apprenticeships in the sportsturf industry for 25 years.

Since launching this initiative at the end of the 1990s, Myerscough College has trained more than 4,800 apprentices, setting the standard for excellence in the field.

Myerscough's programme has become synonymous with quality education, hands-on experience, and industry relevance, thanks to the relentless efforts of our staff and the enthusiasm of our learners.

Looking forward, Myerscough College remains committed to continuing this legacy of excellence, innovation, and industry collaboration, as we continue to be at the forefront of shaping the future of sportsturf professionals and fostering a community of lifelong learners.

As part of this, we're now calling on former learners to join our new sportsturf alumni network.

If you have studied sportsturf at Myerscough College or want to be part of this growing Alumni, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us via our website or social media channels for details.

Arbor Day UK celebrates vital global industry



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

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

The day featured a series of guest lectures by a range of arboriculture professionals to invited guests and greenspace learners from across Myerscough's campuses, in addition to opportunities to network with various industry colleagues who were present.

Twenty-five years of delivering Myerscough courses in Liverpool

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

Myerscough College has provided a range of land-based study programmes at Croxteth Park, in Liverpool, for 25 years.

Wes Johnson, Chief Executive and Principal of Myerscough College, said:

"Providing opportunities for all to succeed is at the heart of everything that we do, and every decision that we make. Setting up a centre in the Liverpool City Region was always based upon a strong belief of widening participation, social inclusion, and the critical role of education and changing people's lives.

"We believe students have the knowledge and practical skills to succeed, along with strong values essential to lead successful lives upon leaving Myerscough.

"Our Croxteth centre provides first class facilities unrivalled in the Liverpool City Region, developing the most up to date knowledge, skills and behaviours to be successful in employment.

"I'm proud to work with such a dedicated team at Croxteth who live and breathe our values every day, and do their utmost to ensure our students are happy, safe and successful."

On 13th September, 1999, the first cohort of students began a range of programmes at a centre situated within in the Victorian walled garden of the Park, surrounded by more than 500 acres of parkland.

This provided a unique setting, equipped with excellent practical facilities to study land-based subjects, just five miles from the heart of Liverpool City Centre.

The Croxteth centre quickly become one of the top land-based colleges in the Merseyside area, and over the years, facilities gradually expanded, including a state-of-the-art Animal and Equine Studies Centre, which was officially opened in 2019.



Save the Date!



We look forward to seeing you at our
Open Day & Country Fair on
SUNDAY JUNE 8TH, 2025.





Myerscough and M-Sport partnership continues to flourish

University Centre Myerscough's close relationship with M-Sport and their FIA World Rally Championship winning team goes from strength to strength.

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

For several years, Myerscough students worked with the Cumbrian squad as part of their FIA Junior World Rally Championship and MSA British Rally Championship teams – getting a practical insight into the detail at motorsport's highest level.

The partnership offers unique, sector leading enrichment opportunities students studying for degrees in Motorsport Competition Car Technology and Motorsport Management and Logistics, including work placements based at the company's HQ in Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Degree students present research at national conference



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

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

The event allows students to present primarily to other students. Student and staff delegates representing colleges and universities from the UK, present oral and poster presentations covering a vast range of topics, and in addition, a range of keynote speakers from both a scientific and industry background offer their experience, and guidance.

A number of Myerscough students proudly presented their research.

Unforgettable South Africa experiences for animal studies students



Two groups of Myerscough animal studies students enjoyed unforgettable experiences in South Africa.

The first group of 34 students and 3 staff headed over to KwaZulu-Natal to take part on the GAP Africa Projects as part of community and nature conservation, working at the Nambiti Game Reserve.

A second group headed on an epic trip to the coast of South Africa where they have been volunteering with White Shark Projects in Gansbaai.

The trip gave the group the opportunity to go out on the boats to see sharks and whales in the wild, have lectures on shark conservation, took part in a beach clean, helped with the animals at a local shelter, got involved in community projects, and visited a big cat sanctuary.

Myerscough student makes final of national Young Horticulturist of the Year competition



The achievements of a Myerscough College student were recognised in the national final of the prestigious Young Horticulturist of the Year.

Frank Cooke won the North West and North Wales Regional Final of the competition, at Reaseheath College, and then attended the grand final of the competition at Hestercombe Gardens in Taunton.

This annual competition is organised by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture, the only professional body representing all aspects of horticulture.

16-year-old Frank, who is currently on studying for a Level 2 RHS Certificate in Practical Horticulture, was the youngest ever grand finalist in the history of the competition.



Myerscough proudly hosts Legend Fires North West Stages

The biggest rally in the North of England proved to be another massive success, based at its home at Myerscough College and University Centre.

Myerscough's state-of-the-art Motorsport Centre proved to be the perfect choice for hosting the Central Service & Scrutineering areas for the rally, comprising of a number of special stages on closed public roads across the borough of Wyre.

The event saw 130 crews tackle the challenging roads surrounding Myerscough, including a stage around nearby, Beacon Fell.

Myerscough had a significant presence throughout the event, with students and staff acting as marshals and other event staff, as well as a number of cars competing in the event itself.

Meanwhile, the campus itself was completely transformed with cars and pit crews working throughout the day.

Myerscough learners make history as part of first all-female grounds team at North London derby

A Myerscough College learner led an all-female grounds team who prepared the pitch at a sold out Emirates Stadium for Arsenal vs Tottenham in the Women's Super League.

Among the team, in total there were three Myerscough College sportsturf apprentices.

This achievement marks a significant milestone for women's sport and the role of women in making sport possible.

The trailblazing group of women took centre stage, preparing the Emirates Stadium pitch ahead of the North London derby with the aim of encouraging young girls and boys to consider a career in grounds management, an industry in need of young talented recruits who are passionate about sport.

They were led by Myerscough apprentice, 27-year-old Tara Sandford, Groundsperson at Premier League Arsenal Football Club.

Among the team were 26-year-old Liddy Ford, who works at The Football Association at St George's Park; and 19-year-old Phoebe Taylorson, who is an apprentice groundsperson at Championship side Middlesbrough FC.

Tara, Liddy and Phoebe have all been undertaking a Level 2 Sportsturf Operative Apprenticeship Standard programme with Myerscough.



Myerscough College **Celebrating Success**

Degree students share their research projects at Graduate Showcase



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

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

The aim of the event is to provide a development opportunity for graduates to share their research and ideas from their final projects. It's also a chance to learn more about what goes on at University Centre Myerscough.

The event included the display of work presented by current students from Agriculture and Countryside, Animal Studies, Equine Studies, Farriery, Floral Design, Greenspace, Landscape and Creative Design, Motorsport, Sport, Teacher Training and Veterinary Nursing. This includes oral presentations and poster/article displays.

Myerscough College – proud to be Disability Confident



Myerscough College continues to champion equality in the workplace by holding the status as a Disability Confident Employer.

Disability Confident is a government scheme designed to encourage employers to recruit and retain disabled people and those with health conditions.

Myerscough has taken part in the scheme for a number of years, and currently holds the accreditation.

The accolade recognises that Myerscough College is dedicated to supporting disabled people and those with health conditions in the workplace, as well as helping other employers to become disability confident themselves.

Myerscough has a diverse and talented workforce which represents our learners and our local community.



Myerscough foundation learners continue to thrive on Supported Internships

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

Supported Internships can have a huge impact, not only on the life outcomes of the interns who take part, but on the host organisation and wider society too.

Students go on placement two days a week to build on their employability skills and prepare them for future employment or work experience.

Supported Internships are work-based study programme where students with an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan), and between ages of 16-25 are gaining the employability skills they need to be work ready.

Internships normally last for one year and they include a work placement. Students complete a personalised Study Programme working towards a qualification, usually 'Employability Skills'. Maths and English are also delivered as an important element.

Higher education Research Conference a success



University Centre Myerscough's annual Research Conference was a huge success.

The conference was split into three main areas, promoting the whole concept of research and its essential part it plays in Myerscough's learning experience.

Once again the feedback showed it was an excellent event and attendees commented on how well the research had come across.

All sessions were extremely well attended and external attendees were clearly impressed at the standard and extent of research.

Myerscough supports mental health and wellbeing



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

The charter, which was been created by the Association of Colleges, in conjunction with mental health experts, includes commitments to:

- Promoting equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma

- Providing appropriate mental health training for staff

- Providing targeted individual mental health support where appropriate

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

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

Myerscough staff return to Ghana to train tractor drivers and chainsaw operators



Myerscough staff were in Ghana to train locals in a range of land-based skills including tractor and chainsaw operation.

Staff spent a week in the country, as part of a partnership with Myerscough's Adult Skills team and Mere Plantations, with the aim to provide their staff in the country with extra skills, improve the calibre of the local workforce and increase income for the local forest fringe communities.

Mere Plantations are a UK based company with more than 15-years-experience in reforestation of degraded forest land.

It's estimated Myerscough's training in Ghana will allow a doubling of the productivity of local staff, as they proudly work towards their qualifications, and help to further grow green jobs with practical learning activities, and build confidence and abilities.

Graduation & Fellowships



Myerscough celebrates student success as new Honorary Fellowships awarded

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

Myerscough's degree students completing their study programmes in 2024 were recognised for their achievements, while further education students at a number of Myerscough's centres were celebrated at their own special ceremonies.

You can catch up with our ceremonies from our Preston centre in full on our YouTube channel

Wes Johnson, Chief Executive and Principal of Myerscough College and University Centre said: "Today is a day to celebrate, to recognise the hard work and commitment that has gone into the past years and to congratulate all our students on their successes. It is a time for every student to walk tall, smile and shine as they walk across the stage and proudly graduate from University Centre Myerscough.

"Today is also an opportunity to thank parents, families, friends for their contribution to this achievement. On behalf of the students and Myerscough I would like to personally thank you all for the part you have played in supporting our students."

"So students, your success in your studies at Myerscough has equipped you exceptionally well for your future. You have demonstrated ambition, drive and tenacity to achieve in your studies and this should give you the courage, self-belief and determination to know that you can do anything in life.

"Whatever your next steps, the Myerscough Team wish you a very happy, healthy and successful future."

Myerscough is also delighted to announce the awarding of its latest Honorary Fellowships.

Will Still and Olly Harrison have both accepted the highest honour that the College can bestow.

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



Will Still

Former Myerscough College and University Centre football student, Will Still, became the youngest Head Coach in any of Europe's top leagues, when he took charge at Stade de Reims, in French Ligue 1, at the age of just 30, in October 2022.

Born in Belgium to English parents, Will played both amateur and semi-professional football in Belgium, and after finishing school there, he initially tried a university course in physiotherapy, but realised that wasn't a career path he wished to pursue, before moving to England to be part of University Centre Myerscough's foundation degree study programme in Football Coaching and Performance.

After graduating, Will's career began to take off as he returned to Belgium and worked on Yannick Ferrera's technical staff at Sint-Truiden as a video analyst, helping them to gain promotion to the top tier of Belgian football in their first season together.

He then moved to Standard de Liège with Ferrera, winning the Belgian Cup with them in 2016.

In 2017, Will was appointed caretaker manager of Lierse, in the Belgian second division, at just 24 years old, before becoming the club's full time manager.

Will then worked on Hernan Losada's staff at Beerschot, where they were promoted to the Belgian first division in 2020. Upon Losada's departure to the MLS, Will was appointed manager, making him the youngest European football manager, at 28 years old.

In June 2021, Will joined Ligue 1 side Stade de Reims as assistant coach to Oscar Garcia. In October 2022 he was installed as the club's new first team manager. He gained extensive media attention for being 30 years old at the time of his appointment and for leading Reims to an unbeaten streak of 19 matches.

Will left Reims earlier this year and now faces his next managerial challenge as the boss of fellow French side Lens.

Will Still is awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the sports sector.



Olly Harrison

Farmer and entrepreneur Olly Harrison is the face behind his own popular YouTube channel.

The daily videos, which he started in lockdown, provide a glimpse into the real-world challenges and triumphs of farming, marked by a touch of humour and diversification tales to fund his machinery and tractor addiction!

Olly's online presence reaches over 350,000 across his social channels, 110,000 of which are on YouTube. His 1500+ videos have been watched over 77 million times, where he shares insights, experiences, and challenges faced in the agricultural industry.

His content resonates with both farming enthusiasts and those curious about the intricacies of rural life. Never afraid to speak out about the industry, he achieved the DLG accolade of 'International Agricultural Influencer for YouTube' and was recognised as an NFU Community Farming Hero. His ability to explain the complexities of farming in straightforward language has made him a regular contributor across BBC channels, including BBC News and BBC Radio 4.

The farming business in 2024 has 14 different income streams, from 'dog walking fields', to chipping wood for biomass, to a merchandise operation that grossed over £100,000 in 2023 alone.

With a truly diverse range of activities, Olly, who left school at 16 having struggled with dyslexia, has grown his farming acreage from 180 to 1500. From traditional crops to sunflower mazes, office rental and holiday lets, Olly will always find a brilliant way to commercially exploit his land and assets. He promised himself that by the age of 40 he'd own a brand new combine harvester, and having achieved that he then decided to drive his Claas Lexion combine from John O'Groats to Land's End, all in the name of charity!

Olly is not just about farming, his dedication extends to charitable contributions that exceed £450,000 to date. From his tractor runs through Liverpool, to the YouTube channel's 'birthday bumper', many have benefited from his fundraising, including Alder Hey Children's Hospital and the North West Air Ambulance. As recognition of his continued hard work, Olly has been made a Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside.

Olly is engaged to Charlotte and has three children. He's promised to leave one farm to each of them as he continues to build his farming empire. His unique blend of farming wisdom, humour, and community engagement has garnered him a dedicated following, where his impact extends beyond the fields, making him a notable figure not only in agriculture but also in charitable endeavours across the UK.

Olly Harrison is awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the agriculture sector.

Our Information...

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

Course Advice Mornings

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

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

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

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



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

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

The chance to travel

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

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

T-Levels

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

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

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

Progression to university level degree courses

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

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

Let's Get Social...

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

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

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

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

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Our Awards

Myerscough recognised among best in sector at Educate North Awards



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

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, and is now in its tenth year.

Myerscough College was a finalist in the UK Apprenticeship Award category - an award for the organisation that can demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to developing apprenticeships and widening participation amongst education institutions in the North.

Myerscough was named Further Education College of the Year in 2022.

Myerscough apprentice recognised in BIGGA Student Greenkeeper of the Year



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

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

Runner-up in the main category was Jack Wellings, Senior Greenkeeper at the JCB Golf and Country Club and a student at Myerscough College.

Myerscough named agriculture student of the year in Cumbria Farmer Awards



A Myerscough student won a prestigious accolade in the Cumbria Farmer Awards.

Oliver Wilson was announced as the winner in the category of Agriculture/Rural Skills Student of the Year in the ceremony.

18-year-old Oliver from Keswick completed a Level 3 programme in Agriculture (Livestock) at Myerscough College's centre in Penrith in summer 2024.

Gold for Myerscough at Southport Flower Show



A Show Garden built by staff and learners from Myerscough College was awarded Gold at the annual Southport Flower Show.

The winning entry in the Schools Design-a-Garden Competition sees our landscaping team bring to life a garden designed by a junior school pupil.

The competition is open to junior school pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from across the region.

The winner for 2024 was Sophia Hardman, aged 8, a pupil from Helmshore Primary School in Rossendale, with her design brought to life for the show under the direction of Myerscough College's horticulture and landscape apprentices, along with some community learners.



Myerscough farriers celebrate qualifying at national awards ceremony

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

The Worshipful Company of Farriers and the Farriers Registration Council presented diplomas to newly qualified apprentices from across the country at a ceremony held at the St Mary-at-Hill Church in London.

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

All the students had to go through a vigorous advanced training programme, taking more than four years to complete.

Myerscough student wins prestigious agriculture award



An inspirational Myerscough College student was recognised with a prestigious agriculture award.

18-year-old Victoria Gornall was named Myerscough Agriculture Student of the Year by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, and was presented with her award at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate.

Victoria completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma programme in agriculture in summer, 2024.

Myerscough celebrated in Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards

LANCASHIRE APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS 2024

Myerscough College's provision was celebrated at the Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards.

Myerscough was named as a finalist in the Training Provider/ Programme of the Year category, with Tom Maddran, a Level 2 apprentice in Land Based Engineering (Construction Plant), shortlisted in the category of Intermediate Apprentice of the Year.

This prestigious event, organised by National World, aims to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of apprentices and employers across the region.

Myerscough learners recognised among the best at WorldSkills finals



Myerscough learners were recognised for the high quality of their work as the UK's top apprentices and learners were celebrated by WorldSkills UK.

WorldSkills UK celebrates the country's top apprentices and learners, who compete in more than 40 different subject areas.

In the landscape competition, Archie Matthews took the overall silver medal.

17-year-old Archie is one of the current Association of Professional Landscapers apprentices and is in his second year of his Level 2 Horticulture and Landscape Operative Apprenticeship Standard.

Meanwhile, in the foundation horticulture competition, Kieran Walsh took the bronze medal.

Kieran has been completing his Level 1 programme in practical horticulture skills with Myerscough, and is now progressing onto a Level 2 programme.



Myerscough Open Day & Country Fair recognised at Lancashire Tourism Awards

Myerscough's Open Day & Country Fair was recognised at the Lancashire Tourism Awards.

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

Myerscough's Open Day & Country Fair was celebrated as a finalist in the category of Small Event of the Year (up to 15,000 visitors), as the stars of Lancashire tourism and hospitality shone in an event at the iconic King George's Hall in Blackburn.

Horticulture degree student wins national award



A University Centre Myerscough horticulture student was recognised with a national award.

Cerys Eleanor was named winner of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture's Pam Pointer Award.

24-year-old Cerys completed her BSc in Horticultural Science and Management, ending a long association with Myerscough that saw her progress from GCSE study, to a foundation certificate, a Level 3 diploma and foundation degree, before completing a full honours degree in the summer.

For her final year project she carried out a survey exploring barriers to employment and inclusivity within the horticultural industry.

Myerscough College **Celebrating Success**

Myerscough farriery apprentice named best in country at national award ceremony

A Myerscough College farriery apprentice was named the best in the country at a national award ceremony.

Rosie Dobson was named a double winner at the Land-Based & Environment Learner of the Year Awards 2024, scooping the award in the category of Equine and Farriery, before being named as Overall Apprentice of the Year across all categories.

21-year-old Rosie has been completing a Level 3 Farrier Apprenticeship Standard with Myerscough, a sector leading qualification that takes four years to complete, whilst being employed by an Approved Training Farrier (ATF).

Rosie was also named the BFBA (British Farrier and Blacksmiths Association) National Champion Apprentice in 2023.



Myerscough agriculture student recognised in national competition

A University Centre Myerscough agriculture student was recognised in a national competition.

Katie Kirkwood, a second year BSc Agriculture student, was a runner-up in the prestigious Farm Health Management awards.

The awards – staged by The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF) - aim to demonstrate an understanding of, and test students' knowledge of, proactive farm health management – a vital element of the Agriculture Act.

Each candidate submitted a 1,500 word essay on proactive farm health management and explained how they thought it was integral in delivering health and welfare improvements on farm.



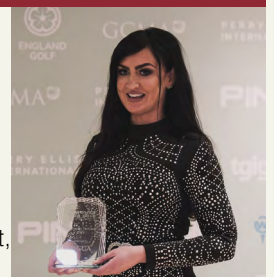
Myerscough sportsturf apprentice a cut above in national awards

An inspirational Myerscough College sportsturf apprentice was recognised with a national award for her contribution to the industry.

The Women in Golf Awards is an annual event celebrating the significant contribution that women, past and present, continue to make to the golf industry.

Anna Nilsson was named as the winner of the Women in Turfcare category at the prestigious event, celebrated for her commitment to encouraging more women and girls to take up a role in turfcare, as well as her own passion and expertise.

Anna has been undertaking a sector leading Level 5 Golf Course Manager Standard apprenticeship, and is currently Deputy Head Greenkeeper of the Brabazon Golf Course at The Belfry.



Sports Success

Myerscough basketball alumni set to make \$2m before turning pro

A Myerscough College basketball alumni is set to make up to \$2m, after becoming the highest paid player in college basketball in the USA.

Great Osobor signed for Washington State University, having been at Montana and Utah in previous years.

Before becoming a star on the US college basketball circuit, Great Osobor played in England for Myerscough College, moving to Montana State after completing his studies in 2021.



Unforgettable experience for Myerscough students at Portugal Rugby Youth Festival

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

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

This year the tournament saw Myerscough's Under 19s qualifying in the top four sides in their age group to qualify for Finals Day, competing against Spanish and Portuguese sides including Granada, GDS Cascais, CDUP and GD Direito across the weekend.

The Myerscough College Rugby Academy is a joint venture in partnership with Sale Sharks Rugby and is the accredited RFU Elite Player Development Centre for the North West.



Myerscough hailed as top provider by The Cricketer magazine

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

The Cricketer's Good Schools Guide 2025 features its top 100 schools and providers.

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

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

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



Myerscough achieves England Football 'Accredited College' status

Myerscough College is one of only a handful of colleges to achieve accreditation through the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) Accreditation Stars System.

The accreditation is a tool for AoC (Association of Colleges) Sport member colleges to be recognised for the good practice that exists within their football study programmes, and provides a platform of criteria for colleges to aspire to and raise the profile of football programmes across the country.

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



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



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

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

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

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

Myerscough basketballers claim national title



Myerscough College's Basketball Academy won the Basketball England U19 Men's Dynamik National Schools Championship, beating Richard Huish College in the final.

Myerscough led from the start to take the title 80-62 at Manchester's National Basketball Performance Centre.

Preston campus

Brilliant campus, superb facilities and a great location!

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

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

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

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



Witton Park Centre

Witton Park, Blackburn

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

Warrington Centre

Walton Hall Park, Warrington

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

Tel: 0800 652 5592

Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

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

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.

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.

Browse our range of courses in the
land-based, sport, science and
engineering sectors and apply here





Myerscough College & University Centre

KEY FACTS

- A superb range of full-time and part-time courses across more than 20 different specialist land-based and sports subjects
- High level of student satisfaction with teaching, learning and support
- £35 million campus development programme
- STEM Assured status for career focussed curriculum delivery
- Brand new multi-million-pound centres opened at Croxteth Park, Liverpool and Walton Hall, Warrington
- New Cumbrian study available with partners across the county
- National centre of sporting excellence in Football, Rugby, Golf, Cricket and Basketball
- One of the largest land-based apprenticeship providers in the UK
- Certified Silver for quality of degree provision by Teaching Excellence Framework
- Bursary funds available to support your learning



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