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Welcome by Principal

I continue to be incredibly proud of the work that 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. We are delighted that we have continued to be one of the country's top performing colleges with very strong further education, higher education and apprenticeship achievement rates and student satisfaction rates.

For the first time since 2019, we celebrated higher education students graduating and learners completing their further education and foundation learning courses, with, once again, excellent achievement levels attained as well as personal recognition for a number of exceptional students.

Students have worked towards this for a long time and the results this year reflect the commitment and hard work of the students and staff of Myerscough College.

We also invested three new Honorary College Fellows.

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

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

confidence, resilience, communication skills and life skills, which enables our students to progress into their chosen careers – demonstrated by our 97% positive destinations by our further education students and 98% of our degree students progressing into education, training or employment within six months of graduation.

We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive College and have once again demonstrated this through our successful reaccreditation as Leaders in Diversity by the National Centre for Diversity. The Leaders in Diversity kitemark demonstrates 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.

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

Alison Robinson
Chief Executive and Principal



Myerscough life

Myerscough agriculture stars in BBC1 consumer show 'Maximum Security'

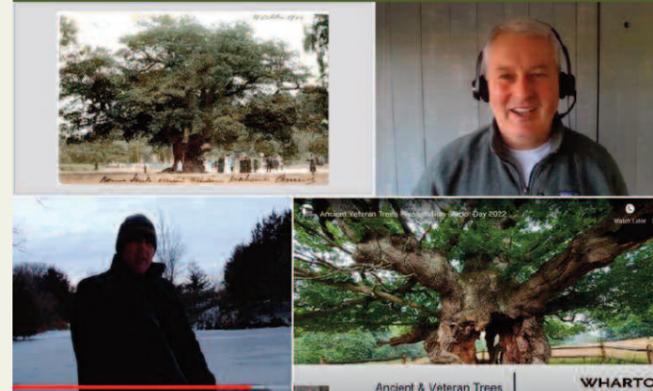


Myerscough College's agriculture department starred in the BBC1 Daytime consumer show 'Maximum Security'.

The programme, presented by popular consumer champion and journalist, Dominic Littlewood, saw him travel across the UK meeting the experts and see up-close what they do for security, and reveal the latest security systems and technology to see how institutions lock up and keep safe.

The episode featuring Myerscough focussed on rural security, with agriculture tutor, David Singleton, accompanying Dom, alongside Lancashire Police, around Myerscough's Lee Farm, showing crime scenarios and offering prevention advice and showcasing the technology used against thieves.

Myerscough celebrates another tree-mendous Arbor Day



Myerscough College celebrated the third Arbor Day UK, with a virtual event to celebrate all things trees and arboriculture.

The digital event was a celebration of trees, those that work with trees (arborists), and recognition of an important global industry. This was held via a virtual platform and included presentations from some key names in the industry, who gave talks on a diverse range of topics.

As part of ongoing plans, a new woodland area has been created at Myerscough's main Bilsborrow campus, and Myerscough's greenspace staff and students have been engaging in initiatives with local communities, and participated in The Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Myerscough digs deep for Queen's Green Canopy



Myerscough contributed to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The scheme is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invited people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

At Myerscough, the initiative has seen a new line of trees being planted at the College's Lodge Farm, renewing trees along the King's Drive.

Myerscough Fellows Sir Bill Beaumont, John McGuinness MBE, and Edwin Booth CBE, were among those invited to help plant some of the trees of the project.

Myerscough cricket students assist in filming for 'Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams'



Myerscough cricket students assisted in the filming for the hit BBC1 programme, 'Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams'.

The show saw the Lancashire sporting legend creating a cricket team from scratch with reluctant teenagers from his hometown of Preston.

As part of the programme, cricket students from Myerscough's Preston centre played a match against Freddie's team, enjoying a day's filming as part of the programme's recording schedule.

Students enjoyed chatting afterwards to Freddie, who is also a Myerscough Honorary Fellow, as he spoke to them about his career.





'Day for Ukraine' raises hundreds of pounds for relief effort

Staff and students across Myerscough College's campuses fundraised for the Ukraine relief effort.

Myerscough's 'Day for Ukraine' raised hundreds of pounds, which was donated directly to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

People across Myerscough's centres were encouraged to wear blue and yellow to show their support to the cause, which aims to help families fleeing the conflict, and provide them with food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection.

Myerscough leads project to achieve 'net zero' in Lancashire agriculture sector



Workers in the agriculture sector from across Lancashire are learning new skills thanks to an innovative new initiative led by Myerscough College.

The Myerscough Ag Net Zero Challenge is bringing together the farming community with events and sharing of knowledge and has recently staged a number of Carbon Farm Roadshows focusing on reducing carbon emissions, safety and technology.

A new Farmer Network also incorporates a number of opportunities, including tackling climate change, roadshows and workshops, and a major investment in the very latest tractors, showcasing the latest technology on offer.

The network is helping to share the opportunities presented by the investment of from the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Pilot, an £8.4m Lancashire upskilling project which aims to meet the needs of the zero-low carbon economy of the future.

Myerscough innovation leads fight against rural crime in Lancashire



Lancashire Constabulary and Myerscough College joined forces to create an innovative addition to rural crime prevention tactics.

Farm Defender is a virtual reality (VR) experience that uses computer technology to create a simulated farm environment. Unlike traditional user interfaces, VR places the user inside an experience.

Accessed via a smartphone, users are immersed and able to interact with the 3D world. It is designed to educate users in an engaging and immersive way about the points on their farm which are vulnerable to organised crime gangs and offers advice on how to protect their equipment and property.

Originating as a Problem Oriented Policing idea by Sgt Guy Hamlett from Lancashire Police's Wyre Local Policing Team - which aimed to reduce the risks of rural communities being targeted by criminals and organised crime gangs - Farm Defender has been brought to life by experts and students at Myerscough College who have been instrumental in developing the project.

Myerscough College is proud to commit to Lancashire Skills Pledge



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.



Myerscough hosts Legend Fires North West Stages

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

Myerscough's state-of-the-art Motorsport Centre proved to be the perfect choice for hosting the central service and scrutineering, as well as the start and finish, of the rally, comprising of 60 stage miles over 14 special stages on closed public roads across the borough of Wyre.

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

The Legend Fires North West Stages was cancelled in both 2020 and 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The event is taking a break in 2023, but Myerscough will once again be heavily involved when it returns in 2024.

Higher education Graduate Showcase a success



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

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

Degree programme learners from Animal Studies, Agriculture & Countryside, Equine Studies, Motorsports, Veterinary Nursing and Arboriculture, Floristry and Photography all took part.

Dyno Day provides the horse power for Ukraine



Myerscough College's agricultural engineering department raised money for the Ukraine relief appeal through their popular 'Dyno Day'.

The department invited local agriculture professionals to Myerscough's Engineering Centre, where for a donation they could test the horse power of their tractors and other farm machinery on the College's dynamometer machine.

She's Electric!



Myerscough College's motorsport department took delivery of its latest high tech electric vehicle, to add to its growing fleet.

The brand-new Opel Corsa E rally car is the future of rallying, with the vehicle being completely electric and producing no emissions. It is also the only example in private hands in the UK, having been built by Opel Motorsport Germany and imported directly to Myerscough College.

This is the most recent addition to the College's electric fleet, having been funded by the UK Government Skills Accelerator Initiative. It joins our BMW I3 hill climb car, Peugeot E Traveller service van and our Fiesta ST-line mild hybrid which is in the process of being made into a full rally car.

With the move towards a greener future, Myerscough College and University Centre is proud to be leading the way in training the next generation of motorsport technicians, with a team of experienced staff and fleet of electric vehicles proving to be the perfect training ground for them to learn their trade.



Help and protection of young people rated Outstanding in Ofsted inspection

How well Myerscough helps and protects young people was rated as outstanding in the College's latest Ofsted inspection.

Myerscough was inspected, under Ofsted's social care common inspection framework for residential students.

In rating Myerscough as outstanding in how well the College help and protect young people, the inspectors noted that:

- Students said they lived in a caring community
- Staff are relentless in providing support through texts, conversations, emails, surveys and tutorials
- Student safety is enhanced by a comprehensive signing out system, CCTV, and key fobs
- Effective anti-bullying and harassment policies, with incidents addressed swiftly through a regime of education and boundaries
- High expectations set out in a Positive Behaviour Policy, underpinned by the principals of FREDIE
- Very strong safeguarding policies and robust reporting procedures

The inspectors rated the College's overall experiences and progress of young people as good, noting in particular:

- Students value how the way the College allows them to follow their passions and exercise their independence
- Staff always make students feel safe, look after health and well-being and encourage positive teamwork
- Staff thoroughly understand mental health needs and react accordingly, with regular reviews of procedures

The College's effectiveness of leaders and managers has also been rated as good, with inspectors noting:

- Staff have a strong commitment to improving academic and social experiences
- An ambitious, clear Strategic Plan
- A culture of 'could we do more?'
- All recommendations from the last inspection have been suitably addressed
- Experienced staff offer mentoring and support to others
- A clear, post-Covid 19 recovery programme is in place with extensive resources
- **Overall, Myerscough's residential provision has been rated as good.**

Myerscough equine student represents her country in the Youth Equestrian Games



A Myerscough College equine student was selected to represent her home country in the Youth Equestrian Games.

Annie Mayo Vatidis, studying a Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horse Management, was selected to represent her home country of Greece in event at the World Equestrian Festival in Aachen.

The Youth Equestrian Games involves 30 countries from across the world, and 30 riders, consisting of one youth athlete from each country.

University Centre Myerscough's Sustainability Research showcased at International Conference



University Centre Myerscough's research into sustainability in golf featured in the International Turfgrass Research Conference, in Copenhagen.

Experts from across the world met to exchange knowledge and experiences with researchers, greenkeepers, course superintendents, planning authorities, technical experts, consultants, and various other top industry delegates.

Dr John Fry and Dr Stewart Brown presented the results of UCM's research into golf course sustainability, a collaborative project with the R&A as part of their Golf Course 2030 initiative, to a packed arena at the University of Copenhagen, Frederiksberg Campus.



New cutting-edge vet nursing programmes receive formal RCVS accreditation

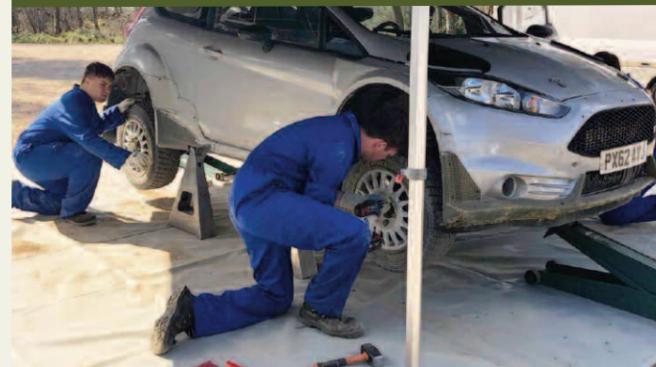
New cutting-edge veterinary nursing programmes available at University Centre Myerscough have received formal accreditation.

The Cert AVN (Dentistry) and Cert AVN (Teaching, Coaching and Mentoring) courses ran for the first time in this academic year (2021/22), and received such excellent student feedback, that accreditation has now been received from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) for two additional programmes commence in September.

They are the Cert AVN (Surgical Nursing Care) and Cert AVN (Anaesthesia & Analgesia) which are now available for applications, alongside Dentistry and Teaching, Coaching and Mentoring routes.

The first cohort of learners have now completed the Cert AVN programme, and celebrated their success at the 2022 Myerscough Graduation Ceremonies.

Myerscough and M-Sport renew partnership



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

Renewing the successful partnership will provide further opportunities for students in the competitive world of motorsport.

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

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

Myerscough landscape apprentices pave their way to Worldskills final



Three Myerscough College apprentices were named finalists in the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) 2022 WorldSkills Landscape Gardening Competition.

Adam Coulter, Sarah Harvey and Ben Ellis qualified from their heat earlier in the summer to compete for gold, silver and bronze in the finals.

The national finals are designed to boost skills and confidence, and competitors who impress under pressure, could see themselves representing the UK at the "Skills Olympics" in France in 2024.

Foundation Learners help to raise almost £5,000 for Poppy Appeal

Myerscough College's foundation learning students have helped to raise almost £5,000 for the 2022 Poppy Appeal.



Learners were very busy selling poppies both across College, as well as at Booths in Garstang.

The selling was led by Myerscough's ASDAN EL3 group of learners, for their Community Action Project, but most groups in foundation learning took part, by doing a shift or a day, making it a real team effort.

Myerscough holds inaugural STEM Conference



Myerscough College and University Centre is proud to hold STEM Assured status.

As part of being STEM Assured, Myerscough continues to showcase what we do, and also who we work with, and all the fantastic opportunities that we provide for our students.

Myerscough's inaugural STEM Conference featured a series of interactive sessions and talks 'all about STEM', as well as a keynote speech.



Leading Lancashire project continues to benefit county's small businesses

A scheme from Myerscough College aimed at benefiting small businesses in Lancashire continues to be a success.

Myerscough is a delivery partner in the Leading Lancashire programme, a project which enables Lancashire's SMEs (less than 250 employees) to develop the leadership and management skills of their workforces to create the leaders of the future, providing the county's SME workforce with access to training focussed on developing skills for current and future managers and leaders, and enabling them to progress into, sustain and develop within leadership management roles.

Short accredited courses from the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and Chartered Management Institute (CMI) offer bespoke training to meet individual employee needs.

By taking part in the Leading Lancashire project, people create their own training plan enabling them to develop effective leadership and management knowledge, skills and behaviours; improve their potential for career development and advancement and gain nationally recognised leadership and management qualifications.

Myerscough farm Lodges strategic farm status



Myerscough College's Lodge Farm is part of a national scheme aimed at promoting excellence in the agriculture sector.

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)'s strategic dairy farm programme is creating a network of farms, to share good practice through on-farm and virtual events, and giving access to industry experts and the latest research.

The farms also form part of the AHDB's Farm Excellence platform, a network of inspirational farmers who share and create new ideas to drive innovation and productivity.

More national award nominations for Myerscough floristry



Myerscough College's floristry department received a number of nominations in the 2022 British Florist Association (BFA) Awards.

The awards recognise the best in the industry, with Myerscough receiving five nominations in total.

The College was shortlisted in the category of Training Provider of the Year, highlighting the excellent provision provided for floristry and floral design.

Staff members, Susanna Brandon, Sam Cook, Val Kenyon-Walmsley & Rebecca Sherwin were all nominated for Floristry Tutor of the Year.

The BFA Industry Awards have established themselves as the place to be recognised within the industry.

Myerscough arboriculture tutor speaks at prestigious Spanish conference



A University Centre Myerscough arboriculture lecturer was a special guest at a prestigious industry conference in Madrid.

Dr Andrew Hirons was invited to be a guest speaker at the event, organised by the Spanish Association of Arboriculture (AEA), the Spanish Association of Landscapers (AEP) and the Spanish Association of Parks and Gardens (AEPJP), and entitled "The tree as the epicentre of urban design".

The conference discussed the importance of placing trees in the focus of city design being key to achieving sustainable management of urban green infrastructure with naturalness.



Myerscough supports mental health and wellbeing

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

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

- Promoting equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma
- Providing appropriate mental health training for staff
- Providing targeted individual mental health support where appropriate
- Myerscough believes that every student and staff member deserves to work, study and train in an environment that supports them to be healthy, happy and secure. That is why Myerscough College was proud to sign the AoC Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter.

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

Foundation Learners celebrate completing Supported Internship programme



Foundation learning students from Myerscough College's Merseyside campus at Croxteth Park completed a programme aimed at helping young people who need extra help to move into employment.

Myerscough has been working in partnership with Liverpool City Council to put learners through their Supported Internship Programme. Supported Internships are aimed at young people who want to move into employment and are intended to enable the young person to become 'job ready'. This is done to try and break down the barriers between young people with learning difficulties and a potential employer.

Myerscough invited to House of Lords farm support celebration



Myerscough College was invited to a special event at the House of Lords to celebrate institutions who support the farming industry.

The Prince's Countryside Fund (PCF) brought together members of its Farm Support Group Initiative at the House of Lords, hosted by Baroness Kate Rock, to promote the success of their involvement in our recent Farm for the Future programme and to launch the accompanying evaluation report.

Myerscough College is proud to be supported in its work by the PCF, with the funding received allowing us to continue work in the local agriculture community as a trusted local delivery partner.

Higher education Research Conference and Industry Expo a success



University Centre Myerscough's Research Conference and Industry Expo was a huge success.

The conference was split into three main areas, covering Sustainable Agriculture and Arboriculture, Animal Welfare and Equine Performance, and Sports Health and Performance.

The event promotes the whole concept of research and its essential part it plays in the College's learning experience.

The Industry Expo provided a development opportunity for degree students to share their research and ideas from their final projects, with poster presentations by programme learners from Animal Studies, Agriculture & Countryside, Equine Studies, Motorsports, and Greenspace and Creative Design all taking part.

Research topics included 'mental health in motorsports', floristry and the emerging people within it with creative skills, and research into the importance of more apple orchards across England.

Inspiring Excellence

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



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

We continue to be one of the country's top performing colleges with very strong further education, higher education and apprenticeship achievement rates and student satisfaction rates. Our students and staff are at the heart of our College and University Centre and being at Myerscough is more than just a job or a qualification. We believe in inspiring excellence in a supportive, enriching, ambitious and nurturing environment so that everyone can be the best that they can be.

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

Alison

Alison Robinson, Chief Executive & Principal

Vision Statement

Our vision is to:

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

Myerscough Values

Our Myerscough values directly support our Strategic Goals:

Learning:

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

People:

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

Sustainability:

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

FREDIE:

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



Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Learning



To provide excellence in learning we will:

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



Strategic Goal 2: People



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

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

Strategic Goal 3: Sustainability



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

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

Graduation & Fellowships

Myerscough student success celebrated as new Honorary Fellowships awarded

Myerscough College and University Centre celebrated student success of the last three years with a host of graduation and award presentation ceremonies.

After not being able to stage graduation ceremonies for three years due to the pandemic, Myerscough's degree students completing their study programmes in 2020, 2021 and 2022 were recognised for their achievements, while further education students were also celebrated at their own special ceremonies.

Ceremonies took place for learners across Myerscough centres, with hundreds of Myerscough College and University Centre students presented with their qualifications in both Higher and Further Education, ranging from Honours Degrees and Foundation Degrees, through to BTECs, City & Guilds and a host of other vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.

Myerscough also awarded three Honorary Fellowships, again the first since 2019.

Mark Hogg, Ben Hobday and Paul Burgess all accepted the highest honour that the College can bestow.

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



Paul Burgess

Former Myerscough sportsturf apprentice Paul Burgess is one of the biggest and most respected names in the industry.

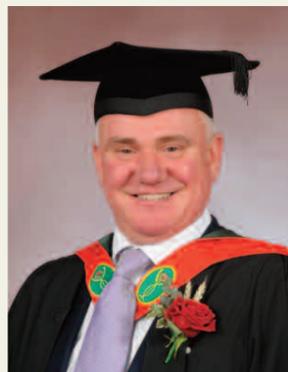
Paul joined Blackpool Football Club as an apprentice groundsman after leaving school. He immediately started his three-year course at Myerscough in 1994, during which time he successfully applied for

the assistant groundsman post at Arsenal. He then continued his studies on a pioneering distance learning programme provided by tutors at Myerscough.

Considered by many in the profession to be the best at what he does, Paul swiftly progressed to Arsenal's head groundsman in 2000 and he acted as an advisor to UEFA for the 2004 and 2008 European Championships before he was headhunted by Real Madrid in 2009 and asked to revolutionise their pitch at the Bernabeu Stadium.

After a number of years living the life of a 'Galáctico', Paul left his role as Director of Grounds and Environment for the Spanish football giants at the end of 2020, and is now based in Monaco. Paul is a true pioneer in his sector.

Paul Burgess is awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the field of grounds maintenance, and the wider role of promoting education and innovation in the national and international sportsturf industry.



Mark Hogg

Mark is the CEO of Mere Plantations. Mark has a wealth of experience in numerous sectors including plantation development and management, media, television production, business services and marketing. To date Mark has developed and managed several thousand acres of hardwood plantations in Africa.

Mark Hogg is awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship for his outstanding achievements in the field of forestry and sustainable development.



Ben Hobday

Ben is an international event rider and European champion. Ben grew up in Rossendale, Lancashire and began riding at just four-years-old, going on to win the Under21 National Championships.

In 2008, he won team gold and individual bronze medals at the European Championships in Germany. Ben was diagnosed with cancer in June 2015, completing his chemotherapy

treatment in September of the same year and returning to the saddle shortly afterwards.

Ben became the British National Eventing Champion at Gatcombe Park in August 2019, and he now runs his own business Shadow Sport Horse Ltd, producing and selling horses and has an exciting string of horses for the season ahead.

Ben Hobday is awarded a Myerscough Honorary Fellowship in recognition in recognition of outstanding achievements in national and international eventing.

Our Partnerships

Myerscough celebrate successful Cumbrian partnership with Ullswater Community College



Myerscough College successfully launched an exciting, new, land-based educational offer for Cumbria.

Last year saw agriculture, animal studies and arboriculture further education programmes run as a partnership between Myerscough College and Ullswater Community College, near Penrith.

The collaboration recognises the importance of the future of the land-based sector, and in particular, the agriculture, animal management and arboriculture sectors to the county, and how vital it is that the next generation have the best possible opportunity to obtain high level qualifications locally.

Learners follow a blended learning model where learners still live at home, while enjoying the benefit of quality, local, academic study, with theory and classroom sessions in Penrith, combined with additional weekly travel to Myerscough College, where practical elements are taught in state-of-the-art, sector leading facilities, as well as the opportunities to study in the workplace or residentially at Myerscough.

Find out more about our range of study programmes on offer for Cumbria at

www.myerscough.ac.uk/cumbria



Furness College animal partnership goes from strength to strength



An animal studies partnership between Myerscough College and Furness College has gone from strength-to-strength.

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 also enjoy the chance to do field work and work experience in Furness and the South Lakes. During the programme, they learn about animal behaviour, genetics and conservation.

Our Awards

Myerscough College named Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider at the Educate Awards



Myerscough College was named Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider at the Educate Awards.

The Educate Awards celebrates the excellence of educational establishments in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

The Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider category celebrates the most outstanding delivery of 16-18 education provision, including excellent outcomes and measured success for students with inspirational and high levels of teaching and learning.

In addition, Myerscough was also shortlisted for The Careers & Enterprise Award, recognising the College's work in preparing young people the best they can for their future careers and opportunities available to them, whilst also developing a spirit of enterprise amongst pupils or students and encouraging entrepreneurship.

Myerscough named Further Education College of the Year at the Educate North Awards



Myerscough College was named Further Education College of the Year at the Educate North Awards.

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

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

Myerscough College was further honoured with being shortlisted in UK Apprenticeship Award and External Relations Team of the Year categories.

Myerscough makes cut as a top UK turf influencer

A leading industry magazine named Myerscough College as one of the most influential organisations in the sportsturf industry.



The Turf Business Turf Top Influencer Award recognises the industry's most influential figures who possess an outstanding level of knowledge, experience and skillset within their specific field of expertise. Myerscough has been named 3rd on the list, the fourth year in a row the College has been named inside the Top 10.

A prestigious shortlist was made up of individuals who create some of the best playing surfaces in the world of professional football, cricket, golf, rugby league and tennis, and organisations who make a real difference in supporting the development of the sportsturf sector in general.

Double Gold for Myerscough at Southport Flower Show

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



The winning entries were from the Schools Design-a-Garden Competition, which sees our landscaping team bring to life gardens designed by junior school pupils.

The gardens were on display during the whole show and received a great deal of attention from the tens of thousands of visitors who attended, as well as the odd celebrity!

Myerscough awarded STEM Assured status

Myerscough College and University Centre now holds STEM Assured status.



STEM Assured is the only standard that provides independent, industry-backed validation of the quality of an institution's science, technology, engineering and mathematics provision. It is an outcome-based standard that provides a powerful catalyst for helping educational institutions forge new partnerships and create new revenue stream opportunities.

To achieve the STEM Assured status, education providers are assessed against a robust framework that benchmarks their capability to design and deliver STEM courses that keep pace with emerging technology and the evolving needs of employers.



National award success for Myerscough's apprenticeship provision

Myerscough College's apprenticeship provision 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 2021.

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.



Cameron paves his way to success in Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards

A Myerscough College learner was named a winner at the inaugural Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards.

Cameron Barker won the award in the category Intermediate Apprentice of the Year. Cameron has been completing his Level 3 apprenticeship in landscaping while working for employer, Steven Foxcroft Landscapes.

The awards celebrate and recognise the hardworking individuals and organisations involved in apprenticeships that continue to shape our future. Winning an award resembles a massive achievement for not only the individual apprentice but also the larger organisation that they work for, whose continued support has facilitated the success in recognition.

Last year, Cameron was named the best in the UK after winning gold at the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) WorldSkills UK final.

Myerscough named one of the most inclusive employers in UK

Myerscough College was named as one of the most inclusive employers in the UK by the National Centre for Diversity.



Myerscough – which already holds the prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' status, and Disability Confident accreditation – is 8th on the list of the NCFD's Top 100 Inclusive Workplaces Index for 2022.

The inspiring organisations that achieve a place in the Top 100 Index, demonstrate excellent levels of the FREDIE principal: Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement; and clearly demonstrate strong employer values. The annual index covers the UK's private, public and third sectors and is reviewed annually.

Myerscough is proud to be an open, inclusive and welcoming College, where equality and diversity are promoted and celebrated and where discrimination and harassment is challenged. We encourage positive behaviour and challenge all forms of negative behaviour and ideas.

Myerscough learner a cut above in Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards

A Myerscough College apprentice was named the best student greenkeeper in the country after he scooped a prestigious national industry award.



James Gaskell was the winner of the 2022 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year, a national contest hosted by the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, BIGGA, and is sponsored by turfcare machinery and irrigation manufacturer Toro alongside official UK distributor, Reesink Turfcare.

Each year a selection of the best student greenkeepers, selected from regional interviews hosted across the country, head to the two-day finals of the event, where they complete a variety of tasks designed to test their industry knowledge and their commitment to the profession.

The finals took place in the surroundings of the Goodwood Estate in West Sussex.

Myerscough named a finalist in BIBAs 2022

Myerscough College and University Centre was named as a finalist in the prestigious 2022 BIBAs.



Myerscough has been named a finalist the category of Education Establishment of the Year for a second straight year, making the shortlist following a rigorous judging process which included a detailed written submission, and an interview in front of a panel of business experts and leaders from across the county.

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

Our Awards

Myerscough plant apprentices recognised in national ceremony



Myerscough College plant-sector apprentices received recognition for outstanding commitment to their work in a national ceremony.

The 'Stars of The Future' Awards is an annual event organised by the Construction Plant-Hire Association, in conjunction with training providers from across the country who offer plant courses.

Nominees were assessed on their attitude and quality of work throughout the year, both at their college and in the workplace environment.

Myerscough College had two regional finalists, Natalie Coulton and Ben Thomas.

Both attend Myerscough College on block release from their employer during their apprenticeships.

Myerscough's IAG provision praised in matrix assessment

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



The matrix Standard is a unique quality standard for organisations to assess and measure their advice and support services, which ultimately supports individuals in their choice of career, learning, work and life goals. Continued accreditation under the matrix Standard provides national recognition of the quality of the service delivered and is measured every couple of years.

Myerscough underwent a three-day reassessment of accreditation under the matrix Standard which reviewed IAG throughout the College, and to all areas of provision. The assessor spoke to dozens of members of staff and students across a range of subject areas and College services, to compile a comprehensive report.

Gold again for Myerscough Gardens at North West in Bloom



Myerscough College's Gardens received a Gold Award at the 2022 North West in Bloom competition.

Myerscough was named as a Gold Award winner in the category of the North West's Best Small Tourist Attraction/Visitor Centre.

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

Myerscough Gardens are at the rear of the Plantworld centre at the College's main Bilsborrow campus, and cover an area of more than an acre, and contain twenty themed plant borders set into a large lawned area, a pond and bog garden, a large collection of trees and an ornamental kitchen garden. The whole area, along with a tea room and garden centre remains as popular as ever.

Myerscough agriculture student named runner up in Dairy Student of the Year Award



A University Centre Myerscough agriculture student was recognised as a rising star in the sector in the Dairy Student of the Year Award.

Matthew McClymont was named runner-up in the RABDF Dairy Student of the Year Award.

Students were asked to submit an essay response to a case study prepared by Kite Consulting to reflect real-life farming challenges. They were then asked to give a presentation on how the dairy industry might need to change to meet future challenges.

The competition run by the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers is designed to reflect real-life challenges seen on dairy farms and wider policy issues as well as identifying some of the sector's rising stars and new entrants.

Our Information...

Course Advice Mornings

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

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

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

Advice Mornings are usually held at our Preston, Blackburn (Witton Park), Warrington (Walton Hall) and Liverpool (Croxtheth Park) centres on Saturdays and they're scheduled for the following dates at each centre (subject to change depending on any Covid-19 restrictions at the time). We also continue to offer some virtual events on Tuesday evenings, with staff available via Zoom video.

Course Advice Events in 2023

(subject to change, check www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on before travelling):

Saturday, 4th February, 2023

Saturday, 18th March 2023

Sunday, 12th June 2023

Let's Get Social...

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

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

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

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

Your comprehensive online information source!

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

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

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

The chance to travel

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

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

T-Levels

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

Students spend 80% of their time at College and 20% of their time developing the skills needed for the workplace, on a 45-day industry placement. Myerscough College will be offering T-Levels in the subjects indicated opposite from September 2023, running alongside the established Level 3 Diploma programmes in each of the subjects indicated.

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

Progression to university level degree courses

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

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



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Sports Success

Myerscough golfers get in the swing with double success



One of University Centre Myerscough's golf teams won a league and cup double.

League matches are played in a six-ball format, and three teams, all from Myerscough, play under the banner of UCLan. The third team has won the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) Northern Conference League 2 title, in addition to the BUCS Sport Northern Conference Cup.

Members of the squad are all studying either Foundation Degree or other courses in Golf Management and Performance programmes. In partnership with the University of Central Lancashire, the courses on offer allow students every opportunity to move into course management or to become professionals themselves. Opportunities available to them, whilst also developing a spirit for enterprise amongst pupils or students and encouraging entrepreneurship. Myerscough was named the winner of this category at the 2020 event.



Myerscough hailed as top provider by The Cricketer magazine

For the fourth year in a row, Myerscough College's cricket study programme at Emirates Old Trafford was named among the best in the country by The Cricketer magazine.

The Cricketer has published its Good Schools Guide 2022, featuring its top 100 schools and providers. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

This included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching. Also taken into account was how schools kept the game alive during the pandemic, and how they look to ensure cricket remains a central part of school life.

Another national title for Myerscough basketballers



Myerscough College's basketballers earned another national title, winning the AoC Sport National U19 Cup.

Myerscough beat Richard Huish College, from Taunton in Somerset, 70-52, in the final at the University of Wolverhampton.

The Academy also made it to the EABL Championship Game, as well as two other national school finals.

The College's U17s and U19s both competed in the finals of the DYNAMIK National Schools Championships.

Old Trafford cricket students make national final



Myerscough cricket students from the College's Old Trafford made the final of the 2022 National Schools T20 competition.

Myerscough made finals day of the prestigious competition for the very first time, after winning the North West cup with victory over Sedbergh School, followed by beating St Peters, York to win the Northern Group.

That booked Myerscough's passage through to finals day, which was held at Arundel.

Myerscough rugby and football students enjoy elite action



Myerscough Rugby Academy students have been enjoying high quality fixtures in the elite ACE League.

The league is part of a programme that gives students the opportunity to combine rugby training on a daily basis with academic study, allowing students to not only gain an excellent education, but also experience high quality rugby training and match opportunities.

Myerscough College offers an outstanding and aspirational rugby and academic development programme for talented young players to achieve their potential both on and off the pitch, in association with Premiership side, Sale Sharks.

Meanwhile Myerscough football students have enjoyed competitive action in the English College's Football Association (ECFA) and English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Leagues.

This includes regular scheduled fixtures throughout the season and entry into local and national cup competitions.

In addition, Myerscough's excellent links to a range of local semi professional and amateur clubs and colleges provide a wide range of additional development games.



Myerscough cricket tutor Ric stars on England T20 debut

A Myerscough College cricket tutor had a dream international debut as he starred with the ball in England's T20 series with India.



Ric Gleeson, a lecturer in cricket studies at Myerscough's Preston centre, made his debut in the game at Edgbaston, where he returned figures of 3-15, the three wickets coming in four balls, and recording the second best debut ever by an English player in international T20 cricket.

The wickets will live long in the memory too, as fast bowler Ric dismissed international superstar batsmen Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant.

Ric then went on to feature in the series against South Africa and Pakistan, as well as being named as a stand-by squad member for the T20 World Cup in Australia.



American adventures for Myerscough golf graduates

A group of University Centre Myerscough golf degree graduates headed to the USA to begin the next stage of their careers.

Thanks to Myerscough's superb connections, they were all given the opportunity to progress to an internship at the prestigious Frenchman's Creek Beach & Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida.

They join the existing Golf Operations Team that already consists of past University Centre Myerscough graduates, with most of that group already working at the venue for a large part of the year.



Myerscough College & University Centre
KEY FACTS

- A superb range of full-time and part-time courses across more than 20 different specialist land-based and sports subjects
- 98% of learners in employment or study within six months of graduation
- 95%+ student satisfaction with teaching, learning and support
- £35 million campus development programme
- OFSTED rated GOOD with 'highly effective' teaching
- OFSTED rated OUTSTANDING for care & support of students
- Awarded prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' accreditation by the National Centre for Diversity
- Brand new multi-million-pound Centres opened at Croxteth Park, Liverpool and Walton Hall, Warrington
- New Cumbrian study available with partners in Barrow and Penrith
- Awarded High Sheriff of Lancashire commendation for 'great & valuable services to the community'
- National centre of sporting excellence in Football, Rugby, Golf, Cricket and Basketball
- Three-time Floristry Training Provider of the Year winner at the British Florist Association Annual Awards
- Farmers Weekly top-ten centre for studying agriculture
- One of the largest land-based apprenticeship providers in the UK



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