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WELCOME TO MYERSCOUGH

We want you to enjoy your time at Myerscough living in halls of residence and hope that you find it as rewarding and beneficial as possible. Leaving home can be a daunting experience and in this handbook we aim to provide you with all the information you need to help you prepare for moving in and what you can expect whilst you are here. It also provides some important rules and regulations which you are required to adhere to. Please take the time to read through it. We know there is a lot of information but it is all relevant to help you get the most out of living at College.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE WILL BE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF EMPOWERED INDIVIDUALS, OFFERING AMBITIOUS LAND BASED AND SPORT EDUCATION.

We will cultivate the workforce of the future who excel through their industry-relevant knowledge, skills, and behaviours. We will continuously invest in our talented team, state-of-the-art facilities, and the latest technology to be the employer and education provider of choice.

MYERSCOUGH'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

EMPOWERED PEOPLE

- Ambitious, high-quality land based and sport education
- Employer of choice
- Graduates with sought after knowledge, skills and behaviours
- Safe, inclusive & healthy communities

UNIQUE PLACE

- Industry standard facilities and leading-edge technology
- A centre for demonstration and knowledge exchange
- Local to international recognition
- Destination of choice for learners and employers

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVITY

- Applied research, innovation and knowledge transfer
- An effective co-created curriculum with high quality work experience
- Economic, environmental and social sustainability
- Resilient finances with high impact investment

This handbook should be read in conjunction with the Accommodation and Catering Licence codes of practice. It forms part of your learning agreement with the College.

THE ACCOMMODATION TEAM

ACCOMMODATION TEAM

The Accommodation Team are responsible for all queries in relation to accommodation applications, allocations of rooms, issuing keys and fobs, room changes and withdrawals. They manage cleaning contractors and can support with addressing cleaning and maintenance issues.

☎ 01995 642332 / 01995 642324

✉ Enquiries: reshelp@myerscough.ac.uk

MAINTENANCE

The maintenance team are responsible for completing repairs and maintenance in your accommodation. Maintenance requests can be made on the maintenance reporting system using the QR code:

FOOD AND BEVERAGE FACILITIES

The Food and Beverage Facilities Team are responsible for the provision of food and refreshments in several outlets across College, offering a wide choice from snacks to a full meal service. Your meal package includes a catering allowance to cover meals over the week. The amount is dependent on the package that you have chosen. If you have any special dietary requirements, are allergic to any food types or have any comments/suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff in the Food and Beverage Facilities Team.

☎ 01995 642326 ✉ catering@myerscough.ac.uk

FINANCE

The Finance team will be happy to help and advise you on all enquires relating to finance.

☎ 01995 642138

✉ Payments, balance enquires and refunds of room deposits: salesledger@myerscough.ac.uk
Bursaries: bursary@myerscough.ac.uk

SUPPORT AND WELFARE

RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT AND WELFARE

The Residential Support team are here primarily to support and look out for your welfare, wellbeing and safety. They are on duty 24/7 to ensure you enjoy and receive an enriching experience, as well as overseeing health and safety and behaviour in the residential halls. Each of the halls of residence for under 18 year olds has its own designated Residential Support Officer. The Residential Support team are first aid trained and highly experienced in working with young people. Please don't be afraid to approach any of them if you have a problem or concern, e.g. if you are worried that someone is being bullied or if there is too much noise in your hall. If they are unable to help you with a specific problem, they will be able to advise you about who to see or where to go. The Residential Support Team can be contact on the numbers below 24 hours a day.

☎ 01995 642375 📞 07889 754287

✉ residentialsupport@myerscough.ac.uk

HELP, SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Student life is a lot more than studying and exams! As well as discovering new friends and new experiences, it's a transition period that takes you into a new phase of your life. So, if you find you need any information, advice and guidance along the way, just come and talk to the friendly team in The Core! The Core is open term time Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm, Friday 8.30am-4.30pm, and is your one stop shop for all student enquires. There are a range of support facilities specifically designed to help you on your journey; including access to mental health support, counsellors and sign posting to careers and financial support. If you have a question and you're not sure who to ask then please don't be afraid to visit The Core. There is also a list of support organisations and contact details at the end of this booklet.

If you find things are overwhelming, please talk to someone...

The Residential Support team, The Core and Residential Operations staff are here to help in any way that they can. Do ask for help and advice.

☎ 01995 642348 ✉ safeguarding@myerscough.ac.uk

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

It is recommended that you register with the local doctors' practice, Garstang Medical Practice, whilst living at College. The College has strong links with the local practice, based close by and offers transport to any appointments needed for residential students. Garstang Medical Practice will be able to help, treat and support you on health-related matters. Registration for the surgery can be completed online at www.garstangmedicalpractice.nhs.uk by clicking the dedicated Myerscough College Tab.

SUPPORT AND WELFARE

ILLNESS

If you are not well whilst you are at College, you should speak to one of the Residential Support Officers or contact The Core for advice and guidance. It is recommended that all students obtain their own emergency medical supplies. If you have registered with the local doctors' practice, Garstang Medical Practice, staff will be able to refer you to them if required. All absence should be reported via email to studentabsence@myerscough.ac.uk or call the absence line on 01995 642222. Any student under the age of 18 MUST get their registered parent or guardian to report. Tutors and the Residential Support team will be informed and follow up as appropriate.

FIRST AID

All the Residential Support team are first aid trained and can assist you with minor injuries. In addition, there are also a number of fully trained first aiders whose places of work are throughout the campus with first aid boxes in key areas. There are four defibrillators held on the Preston campus and they are situated in Reception, Residency, Sports Centre and Equine. If you require first aid outside of academic time, you should contact one of the Residential Support team.

Parents/guardians will be contacted in this instance and those living in the north-west will be expected to meet you at hospital.

SECURITY

The Residential Support team are here to ensure your safety at all times. In addition, the college also employs a 24/7 security team. If you are concerned about your safety or security, please contact the Residential Support Officers on 07889 754287.



WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- ✓ Bedding - we have single beds and will provide a mattress protector. The student will need to supply a bottom sheet, duvet, duvet cover, pillow and pillowcase. Students who fail to use a bottom sheet or remove the mattress protector will be charged.
- ✓ Students may bring their own mattress topper but they need to be fire compliant. The Accommodation Team will need to check these for suitability and safety.
- ✓ Toiletries and hair styling tools
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Toilet roll for students living in over 18's en-suite accommodation
- ✓ Laundry products if you wish to use the College's laundries.
- ✓ Cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils, tea towels, cleaning products and equipment.
- ✓ The college provides microwaves, kettles and toasters in all their accommodation. Students can bring the following appliances to supplement what we provide - Coffee Pod Machines, Lidded George Foreman Griddles and Air Fryers. For fire safety they must be stored and used in the halls common room/kitchen. They must not be left unattended whilst in use and switched off and cleaned after use.
- ✓ The college provides ovens in self-catering accommodation (for students aged 18+) and are trialling ovens in ensuite accommodation for students who are under 18. Students will need to bring oven trays and tin foil to use the ovens. It is the responsibility of the students to keep their oven clean.
- ✓ Clothing suitable for your course
- ✓ A waterproof coat and winter footwear for those rainy days
- ✓ A mini-fridge which must fit under the desk and be no more than 63cm tall
- ✓ UK electrical adaptor for any non-UK appliances
- ✓ UK sim card for international students.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- × Electric bikes, electric scooters or any other devices powered by large Lithium-ion batteries
- × Offensive weapons - Any firearms, ammunition, knives, replica weapons, water pistols, bb guns, catapults or anything else which is or may constitute to be an offensive weapon. Disciplinary action will be taken if any of these are found. Knives required as part of a course must be stored in a locker.
- × Illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia
- × Students who are under 18 are not permitted to have alcohol
- × Cooking appliances- kettles, toaster, microwaves, stoves, heating rings, deep fat fryers, chip pans, electric frying pans, griddle plates, microwaves
- × Heating Appliances- plug in radiators, fan heaters and other heating appliances
- × Electric Blankets
- × Fridges/freezers - These are not allowed except for mini fridges/freezers
- × Amplifiers and large speakers - any musical equipment deemed to be disturbing anyone due to its volume will be confiscated by staff and stored safely until it can be taken home. Headphones or a small speaker is the best idea for the halls of residence.
- × Airbeds
- × Humidifiers and Aroma humidifiers - as these set off the fire alarms
- × LED light strips - these unfortunately cause significant damage to the paintwork in accommodation. Any student found using these, will be asked to remove them and will be charged for the cost of repairing the paint work.
- × Over door hangers- these are not allowed as they prevent the fire doors from working.
- × Darts and dart boards
- × Pets/animals
- × Candles, scented room burners, wax melts, joss/incense sticks
- × Barbeques - Only officially organised barbeques can be held on campus.
- × Chainsaws and petrol/fuel cans - Under no circumstances may students be allowed to keep/store chainsaws and/or petrol/fuel containers (even empty) within halls.
- × Car parts and battery chargers
- × Fireworks/explosives
- × Water bombs, pistols, paddling pools - Water fights are not allowed
- × Weight training equipment - Small, handheld dumbbells are acceptable but exercise benches, home gym equipment are not allowed. There is a gym on campus.
- × Furniture/mattresses - For fire safety reasons, students are not permitted to bring their own furniture and mattresses into halls.

If these items are found in accommodation, they will be confiscated and stored securely in our confiscation cupboard. They can be collected either at the end of the residential term or, during term time, by a parent or guardian.



USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

INSURANCE

The College strongly advises that you take out an insurance policy to cover personal injury and theft of/damage to your property contained in your room and on your person. These areas are not covered by the College. The College cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to personal property or motor vehicles which are left at owner's risk.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE...

KEYS AND FOBBS

Your keys and room are your responsibility, you must not loan your keys to others or allow others to use your keys if you are not present. You must lock your door and close your window when you are out. Staff are instructed to lock any room they find open.

If your key is lost or stolen, your lock will be changed and you will be charged accordingly. Lost/stolen keys must be reported to Residential Staff straight away

MOVING ROOMS

We want you to enjoy your time living in at Myerscough. If for any reason you are not happy with the room you are in, prefer facilities elsewhere or wish to move to be with a friend in another room/block, you can request to change rooms during the academic year via the Accommodation Team however, a change of room may not always be possible and there may be an additional cost.

HOLIDAY PERIODS

You are allowed to use your rooms during every half term/reading break but you must vacate your room during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays (term dates can be found in the Accommodation and Catering Licence).

All rooms must be cleared of belongings for the Easter and Summer holidays. Belongings can be left in your room over the Christmas holiday period but these are left at your own risk.

You must hand in your room key to the Residential Hub office before you leave for each holiday period by the time and date specified on the end of term arrangements letter left in your room prior to the end of each term. You may be liable for replacement locks and/or replacement fob(s) if you fail to hand keys in at the end of each term as the lock may have to be changed.

We ask that you please also empty the contents of your fridges and freezers during these times. The college cannot be held responsible for items left in fridges and freezers over holiday periods

In exceptional cases, property may be stored for international students during the Easter holiday period but the College is not responsible for any items left on the premises. We strongly recommend that valuable personal property is removed.

END OF YEAR

The licence you signed when you agreed to take on the room will stipulate the date on which your licence expires and you must vacate the property on or before that date. Towards the end of the licence, you will receive a letter giving end of licence arrangements. This will advise you in detail of the procedures to follow when vacating your residence. Before you leave you should make sure that all debts to the College have been settled.

You will need to have moved out, locked your room and returned the keys to the Residential Operations office by 6.00pm on the last day of your licence (this time will vary for shorter courses/block release students).

If you fail to return your key and fobs by the end of the licenced period, you may be liable for replacement locks and/or replacement fob(s). If you fail to vacate your room at the end of your accommodation licence the College may take legal action against you.

The accommodation including your room, bathroom (where applicable) and any communal areas must be left tidy and free of rubbish prior to your departure. There should be no deterioration of the property (including communal areas) beyond fair wear and tear. You will be liable for any damages in respect of any deterioration caused by neglect or malicious damage.

After you have moved out of your room and handed in your keys, the room and communal areas will be checked. If any damages or losses are found, deductions will be made before your room deposit is refunded.

WITHDRAWALS AND LEAVING YOUR ACCOMMODATION EARLY

EARLY TERMINATION OF LICENSE

There are some circumstances in which students may be able to request to terminate their license agreement before the end of the academic year. You can only apply to end your license agreement early if you meet any of the following criteria:

- **Transferring the license** - Students can remain on their course and end their license agreement by finding another Myerscough student to replace them in their accommodation. The replacement student must be approved by the accommodation team and must not already be residing in Myerscough Halls of Residence.
- **Withdrawal from course** - Any student withdrawing from their course will also be required to withdraw from accommodation. Students must provide proof that their withdrawal from their course has been processed, before requesting to end their license.
- **Exclusion** - Any student can be asked to leave the accommodation by Myerscough College, this could be for non compliance with the Positive Student Behaviour, Engagement and Support Policy, Student Charter or through non payment of rent, non attendance, being unfit to study/reside.

Any students wishing to leave accommodation must e-mail the residential helpdesk reshelp@myerscough.ac.uk to request to terminate their license. This request will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Estates and Facilities and the Accommodation Lead. Once a decision has been made the student will be e-mailed to confirm whether they can withdraw from the accommodation and any terms and conditions that apply to their withdrawal.

Full terms and conditions surrounding withdrawals can be found in the Accommodation and Catering Licence.



HOUSE KEEPING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

CLEANING

A cleaning service is provided in the accommodation by our contract cleaning company. They work in the halls Monday to Friday between 9am and 2pm. They are responsible for daily cleaning of all entrances, stairwells, corridors, common rooms and communal bathrooms. In catered accommodation they will also clean in your room daily and in self-catering they will enter your room weekly to clean your bathroom. The cleaners are required to lock any bedroom doors that they find unlocked, so please remember to take your key.

It is your responsibility to keep your room and communal areas clean and tidy. If a cleaner feels that your room or common room is untidy, they will raise this with the Residential Support team, who will follow up on the issue. If the area is not brought back to an acceptable standard within a given time frame, you may face disciplinary action in accordance with the Positive Behaviour Policy and Procedure.

If you have any issues with the cleaning in your halls, please e-mail cleaningpreston@myerscough.ac.uk with your hall, room number and details of the issue.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

If any items in your room or the communal areas are broken, damaged or faulty, these should be reported to the Maintenance Team.

Repairs can be reported to the maintenance team via the QR code displayed in each room and the residential hub.

Repairs are carried out on a priority basis. If you require an update on process with a repair, please e-mail reshelp@myerscough.ac.uk

Emergencies outside of office hours should be reported to Residential Support on 07889 754287.

You are not allowed to make your own repairs or adjustments such as painting walls, hanging pictures/mirrors/hooks, etc. Furthermore, you should never tamper with safety features such as window restrictors or smoke detectors which are in place to protect you. These are a disciplinary offence.

DAMAGES AND VANDALISM

We want you to look after your accommodation and be proud of where you live. Any damage caused to your accommodation - accidental or deliberate - which exceeds reasonable wear and tear, will be investigated. If, after investigation, it is found that you or any of your visitors are responsible for any of the damage, you will be liable to pay for the costs of replacement or repairs, including labour. Where the person(s) responsible cannot be identified, the costs of replacement or repair will be divided equally between all occupants of the room, hall or flat.

Any damages will be invoiced to individuals via the finance team.

Excessive damage by a student may result in the student being excluded from residential accommodation at the College.

Please note, costs will be charged on a new for old basis. Any damage to fixtures and fittings must be reported to the Residential Hub.

ACCESS TO ROOMS

Whilst every effort is made to respect your privacy as a resident, the College reserves the right for authorised members of staff, contractors and visitors to access rooms under the following circumstances:

- To clean and check the condition of College property.
- Maintenance issues.
- Compliance checks.
- For health and safety reasons.
- If staff have a cause for concern for you or other occupant or that there may be a breach of regulations.
- If there are unauthorised visitors in your room.
- To search your room where there are suspicions of drug/substance abuse including paraphernalia, weapons or stolen property. In this case, the occupant(s) have the right to be present.

To protect your dignity and both yours and their safety, please do not walk around halls in a state of undress and close shower cubicle doors when showering.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR UNDER 18'S

UNDER 18S

The College has a duty of care for all residential students particularly those under the age of 18. In order to provide extra protection for this age group, additional regulations are in place to safeguard students in accordance with the National Minimum Standards for Further Education Colleges. All under 18s must comply with these regulations and parents/guardians are asked to support the College in the carrying out of these rules.

Alcohol It is illegal for an under 18 year old to purchase, consume or be in possession of alcohol. If you are in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol anywhere on campus or if you return to campus under the influence of alcohol, you will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Positive Behaviour Policy and Procedure. Any alcohol which is found in under 18 accommodation will be disposed of and your parents/guardian informed. It is advisable that no student under the age of 18 is present anywhere alcohol is being consumed with the exception of the Stumble Inn which is supervised at all times.

Breathalysing The College owns a breathalyser which may be used if it is suspected that a student under the age of 18 is under the influence of alcohol. Refusal or failure to provide a specimen of breath will be seen as an admittance of guilt.

Curfew There is a curfew in place for under 18 year old residential students. Students are required to be in their own hall of residence each evening by 11.00pm and in their room by 11.15pm. The Residential Support team will run a report at 11.00pm each night to check that all students who have not been signed out are present and safe within their halls. We assume that you are on site unless you have signed out. If a student is found to be missing, every effort will be made to locate them. In the event a student is not found, the following steps will be taken:

1. Parents/guardian will be called, regardless of the time of day or night and advised that their child is missing.
2. If parent/guardian is not available or if the parent is non cooperative, the police may be rung to report the student missing. If a parent is uncooperative or intentionally misleading they may jeopardise their child's place in accommodation.

CCTV is installed in halls of residence and may be used to assist in investigations.

Parents/guardians/visitors are **not** permitted to enter any hall of residence. Should access be required, please contact a Residential Support Officer on **07889 754287** for assistance.

SIGNING OUT & PARENT PORTAL

Students, aged under 18, who are going home overnight are required to be signed out by their parent/guardian via the Parent Portal indicating when the student is going home and when they will be returning.

Parents/guardians will need to register to access this system prior to their child moving into accommodation. Should there be an occasion when a student wishes to stay overnight at an alternative address then written permission is required from the Residential Support Manager at least 24 hours in advance of them being off campus.

If a student needs to leave campus in the early hours or return later than 11.00pm due to work commitments (e.g. milking) again written permission is required from the Residential Support Manager at least 24 hours in advance of them being off campus.

It is your parent/guardian's responsibility to sign you out via the Parent Portal.

No student under the age of 18 may be off campus after 10.00pm.

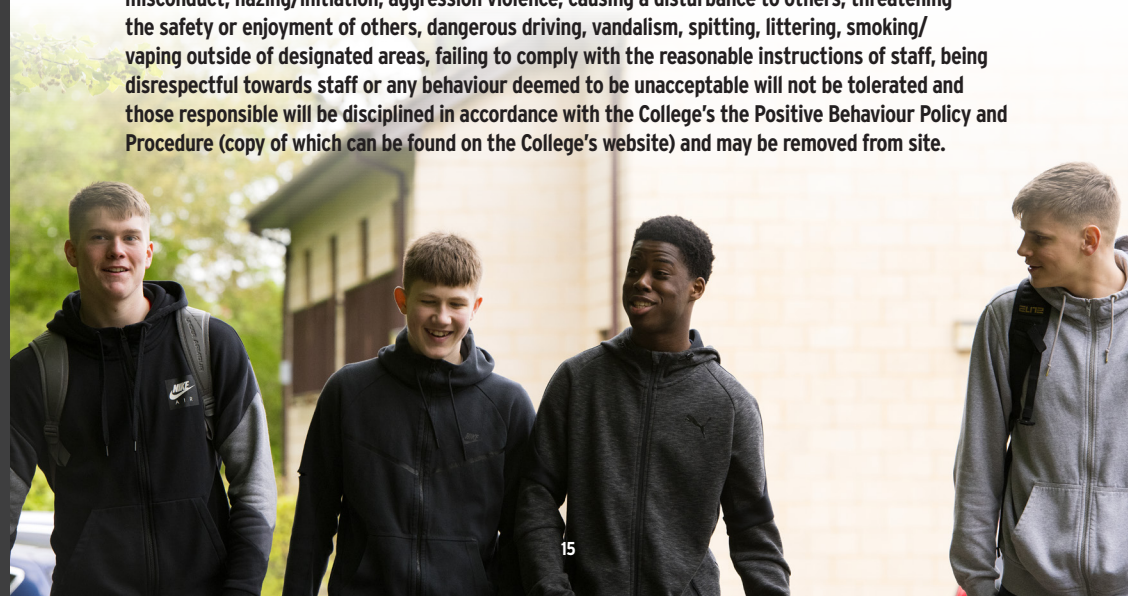
NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CARERS

Myerscough College undertakes to meet its duty of care to its residential students. However, in practice there is a limit to the degree of supervision that can realistically be exercised due to the number of residents on campus and this must be borne in mind.

- It is essential that, as part of the accommodation reservation process, you provide us with contact details (mobile phone/24 hour number) so we can get in touch with you should an emergency arise.
- It is your responsibility to sign your child out if they are going to a registered home address using the parent portal or seek written permission if your son/daughter/ward wishes to stay overnight at an alternative address or is required to be off campus for work commitments.
- Students need to be well enough to reside in accommodation, and in situations where they are not well enough to stay, they may be required to return home. Parents and guardians should carefully assess a student's condition before bringing them back to site. If further clarification is needed, please speak to a Residential Support Officer prior to returning the student so that an assessment of their condition can take place.
- Parents and guardians must inform us of any changes to a student's medical conditions, medications, upcoming operations, or serious injuries (such as broken bones or concussions), as these may require additional support or a review of safety and evacuation plans.

STUDENT CONDUCT, RESPECT AND BEHAVIOUR

It is the collective responsibility of everyone at College - students and staff - to create a safe, fair and enjoyable environment in which to live, work and study. You should treat others how you wish to be treated. Any incidents of anti-social behaviour such as intimidation, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing/initiation, aggression violence, causing a disturbance to others, threatening the safety or enjoyment of others, dangerous driving, vandalism, spitting, littering, smoking/vaping outside of designated areas, failing to comply with the reasonable instructions of staff, being disrespectful towards staff or any behaviour deemed to be unacceptable will not be tolerated and those responsible will be disciplined in accordance with the College's the Positive Behaviour Policy and Procedure (copy of which can be found on the College's website) and may be removed from site.



PERSONAL SAFETY

For your safety, the College employs security and a Residential Support team on duty throughout the day and overnight. The College also has CCTV in key areas, door access control and links with the local police.

Crime on campus is relatively low, but it's important that you keep residences secure.

CCTV

As part of our commitment towards your safety and security, Myerscough College does use CCTV in some of our communal corridors, outside areas and social spaces. We are committed to maintaining students' privacy and CCTV is only to be monitored and recorded for the following purposes.

- To assist in the reduction of crime, anti-social behaviour, the fear of crime and increase the confidence of the public in the area.
- Facilitate the identification of offenders.
- Assist in the prevention and detection of crime and disorder committed in public areas.
- Deal with any serious public safety concerns
- To monitor the security of the College's business premises.
- To ensure that health and safety rules and College procedures are being complied with.
- To assist with the identification of unauthorised actions or unsafe working practices that might result in disciplinary proceedings being instituted against employees and to assist in providing relevant evidence.

LANYARDS

You are required to wear your lanyard at all times. You will need these to gain access to the College catering facilities. Report lost lanyards to Main Reception.

All College staff wear a RED lanyard and will be happy to help with your enquiry. Anyone without a lanyard should be challenged, if you feel safe to do so or alternatively report them to a member of staff.

VISITORS TO THE HALLS

For safeguarding reasons, there are rules in place on who can visit residential students:

- Under 18 year old female students cannot enter any under 18 male hall of residence
- Under 18 year old male students cannot enter any under 18 female hall of residence

- Over 18 year old students cannot enter any hall of residence for under 18 year old students
- Under 18 year old students cannot enter any hall of residence for over 18 year old students
- Non residential students are not allowed in any hall of residence at any time.
- Parents/guardians/visitors are not permitted to enter any hall of residence. Should access be required, please contact a Residential Support Officer on 07889 754287 for assistance.

Residential students must take full responsibility for any other residential students they invite into their hall.

PLEASE NOTE

Residential students are not allowed in any other hall than their own between 8.00am and 12.00pm whilst household staff carry out daily cleaning. Unauthorised visitors will be asked to leave.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Visitors are not allowed in Halls of Residence at any time, including overnight.

NOISE IN HALLS

You are allowed to bring a licensed TV* providing they do not cause a disturbance to other residents. When you use audio equipment, it should not be audible outside your room. Other students may be studying or they may not enjoy the same type of music that you do. Please do not feel that you have to put up with unreasonable levels of noise. Report it to one of the Residential Support team when it is happening.

Try to be considerate of others, especially at night. Shouting, talking loudly, door slamming and general selfish behaviour late at night can disturb those wanting to sleep. Persistent offenders will be recommended by the Residential Support Manager to be relocated or possibly even removed from accommodation.

SEXUAL HEALTH

Free condoms are available from your Residential Support or the Core Team. The RSO team can provide advice and support on other sexual health issues.

*It is against the law to watch live TV in your room without a TV licence. It is your responsibility to obtain this.

SMOKING AND VAPING

Smoking, of any form (including the use of electronic cigarettes), is not permitted in any area of the College, except for the designated smoking shelters. Cigarettes must be extinguished responsibly and disposed of in the metal bins provided. Any student found smoking in breach of these regulations will face disciplinary action in accordance with the Positive Behaviour Policy and Procedure.

BALL GAMES

Ball games are not permitted in or near to any halls of residence or campus buildings. There are plenty of appropriate areas on campus in which to play. Light fittings and windows etc are very expensive to replace and any damage caused as a result of playing ball games will be charged to those responsible.

GOLF CLUBS

Golf clubs can be dangerous items if used inappropriately and can cause damage to carpets and walls. All clubs must be kept in the golf lockers provided. See your course tutor on how to have access to a locker. Golf clubs found in halls will be confiscated.

ALCOHOL - OVER 18S

Alcohol may only be consumed in designated areas on campus - inside over 18 accommodation. You are not permitted to consume alcohol anywhere else on campus. All under 18 accommodation areas are alcohol-free zones, regardless of age. Any student failing to comply with this may be subject to disciplinary action and their alcohol confiscated and disposed of. The brewing and drinking of home-brewed alcohol is not permitted at College. No person under the age of 18 may be supplied with, consume or be under the influence of alcohol whilst at College.

DRUGS

The possession, supply, production and use of drugs and mind altering substances are covered under the 'Misuse of Drugs Act 1971', the 'Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001' and the 'Psychoactive Substances Act 2016' are against the law. Accordingly, the College operates a zero tolerance policy in relation to the supply, possession and use of drugs including any drugs paraphernalia and will deal seriously with students who commit such offences and who may thereby bring the College into disrepute. Students will be subject to disciplinary action in line with the PStudent Engagement, Behaviour and Support Policy and may be excluded from College.

Where there are suspicions of drug/substance abuse or if any student is found using or possessing any drug, solvent, volatile substance or other chemical including Nitrous Oxide which is intended to be used for mind altering purposes or any drug related equipment or materials including paraphernalia, (eg foil, grinders, papers, roaches, baggies, wigets etc) on College premises, staff at the College may search persons, room or vehicles at any time in this respect in accordance with the College's Learner Searches procedure and may call the police. Where residential accommodation /vehicles are searched, the occupant(s) will have the right to be present if practicable and a written record will be made of the search.

Under the College's duty of care towards its students we will endeavour to provide health education and information about the dangers of illicit drug use and refer those who need help to the appropriate support agencies via The Core.

SAFETY

- Always keep your bedroom, flat and building doors locked. Housekeeping/Residential Support Officers will lock any door they find left open if the area is unoccupied.
- Do not lose your room key or lend it to any other person.
- Never leave valuable items on display.
- Keep the amount of cash and valuables you have in your room/on you to a minimum.
- Close your window when you go out.
- Be alert to any unauthorised visitors. If you are suspicious of anyone, please contact a Residential Support Officer as soon as possible.
- Keep pedal cycles locked and secure when not in use in the designated areas.
- Please report any faults with locks or security measures you may find.
- It is a criminal offence to interfere with safety and fire equipment

If you are unfortunate enough to become a victim of crime, you should report the details to a Residential Support Officer as soon as possible. If you wish to report the matter to the police, the College will co-operate fully with the inquiry.



**Myerscough
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SAFEGUARDING
KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE

SAFEGUARDING AND PREVENT

FOR THOSE IN RESIDENCY

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF ALL STUDENTS INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS. WE ALSO RECOGNISE THAT WE HAVE A DUTY TO HELP STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. AS A STUDENT AND RESIDENT AT MYERSCOUGH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND WHAT SAFEGUARDING MEANS TO YOU.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Everyone must take reasonable measures to ensure that the risks of harm to any individual are minimised. Any student can become vulnerable at any time and as such, safeguarding arrangements cover all students.

WHAT IS PREVENT?

Prevent is a government strategy about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of all types of extremism and radicalisation, including terrorism. It is also about the promotion of British Values.

If you have any concerns regarding yourself or any other student, it is your responsibility to report these to the Safeguarding Team (see Useful Telephone Numbers section for contact details).

SAFEGUARDING YOU IN YOUR RESIDENTIAL STUDENT VILLAGE

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure all of our students and staff are kept safe and protected from harm. The Government provides statutory guidance to colleges on what we need to do to achieve this. We adhere to all guidance and pride ourselves on going above and beyond to make College and your residential village a safe, happy and thriving environment for all. It is important to us that all College users are treated with respect and dignity and feel safe and listened to.

Your Residential Support Officers and Student Support Officers have the skills, knowledge and expertise to deal with a range of safeguarding incidents including:

- **BULLYING**
- **DOMESTIC ABUSE**
- **EATING DISORDERS**
- **EMOTIONAL ABUSE**
- **FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)**
- **FINANCIAL ABUSE**
- **FORCED MARRIAGE**
- **HATE CRIME**
- **HOMELESSNESS**
- **HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE**
- **NEGLECT**
- **ONLINE SAFETY**
- **PHYSICAL ABUSE**
- **PREVENTING RADICALISATION**
- **SEXUAL ABUSE, HARASSMENT OR VIOLENCE**
- **/SUICIDAL THOUGHTS**
- **SEXTING**
- **SEXUAL OR CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION AND GROOMING**
- **SUBSTANCE MISUSE**
- **HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION**
- **MENTAL HEALTH**
- **MORDEN SLAVERY/TRAFFICKING**
- **VERBAL ABUSE**

If you are worried about any of the above, please contact the residential support team who will be more than happy to help and support you.

PREVENT

Prevent is designed to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. You may find yourself in a position to identify and support someone who may be vulnerable to becoming involved in extremism or terrorism. If you feel that something is not right, report it. Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These changes can be big or small and can take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned, act early. You can tell us in confidence. You won't be wasting anyone's time and you might save lives.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY SEXUAL HARASSMENT, MISCONDUCT OR VIOLENCE

Here at Myerscough College, we have a zero-tolerance approach to all bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct and hate crime. All Myerscough Students, those in our community and wider society have a right to feel safe. If you think you or someone you know are being bullied, harassed or the target of sexual misconduct or hate crime, remember that it's never your fault. Please contact the RSO on duty and they can provide a wide range of support and information about how you can protect yourself and support others.



FIRE SAFETY



When you move into your accommodation, you must familiarise yourself with your surroundings, escape routes, location of firefighting equipment, alarm systems and evacuation procedures. You must carefully read the fire regulation notices which are displayed in all bedrooms and buildings across campus. The College takes a very serious view of any actions that could jeopardise the safety of staff and students alike and appropriate action will be taken in line with the College's disciplinary procedures.

Under current Health and Safety legislation, you have a personal responsibility to conduct yourself in a way that does not endanger yourself or others around you. You must never interfere with health and safety, CCTV or firefighting equipment.

Fire Extinguishers, Fire alarms, smoke detectors, fire signage and fire doors are all in place for your safety and if tampered with they will not be available when needed and this put yourself and others at risk in the event of a fire. Abuse or tampering with firefighting and fire prevention equipment is a Criminal Act and will lead to severe disciplinary action, a fine (please see residential contract for fine amounts) and/or prosecution. You will be charged for the cost of repair or replacement of any damaged fire equipment.

The spread of smoke during a fire kills more people than the actual fire itself. Fire doors have a vital role to play in allowing people to escape (alive) from a building but they cannot work if they are wedged open. The colleges Health and Safety Policy and fire regulations prohibit the practise of wedging a fire door open. Anyone found doing so will be disciplined and fined accordingly.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS (PEEPS)

If you would have difficulty evacuating a building safely in the event of the activation of a fire alarm, please let a Residential Support Officer know. A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) will be put in place to identify the assistance you may require when an incident occurs.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

When the fire alarm sounds in your building you must leave immediately, following the fire exit signs. You must leave even if you think you know what has caused the alarm. Do not stop to collect personal belongings go to the nearest designated FIRE EVACUATION POINT, and await further instruction. Do not re-enter the building until you are told to do so.

If you Discover a Fire

- Activate the fire alarm immediately by breaking the glass cover on the red call point located at the exit and other parts of the building.
- Leave the building, contact a Residential Support Officer and inform them of the nature of the fire making your way to the assembly point as specified on the fire regulation notices.
- College staff will inform the fire service and manage the incident.

FIRE DRILLS

The fire alarms are tested on a weekly basis. The Residential Support team will also organise fire drills throughout the year.

In the event of a fire drill being unsatisfactorily carried out, a repeat fire drill may be necessary to ensure that all residents are familiar with the evacuation procedure. Anyone failing to leave the building or evacuate in a timely manner may be disciplined.

All halls are fitted with smoke detectors in bedrooms and corridors. Smoke detectors are very sensitive and may be easily activated by aerosols such as deodorants and hair sprays, steam from showers or hot taps, smoking cigarettes/e-cigarettes, and the use of hair dryers or straighteners. If a detector is activated, the fire alarm will sound and you will have to evacuate the building. Smoke detectors should not be covered up - this is a disciplinary offence.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SAFETY

All electrical equipment brought into Myerscough halls of residence must meet the current electrical safety regulations. You must use a UK electrical plug adaptor for any non-UK electrical appliances.

During the first few weeks of the academic year, all student-owned portable electrical equipment will be tested (PAT testing) by a registered electrical contractor to ensure that all appliances comply with electrical regulations. Residential Operations should be advised of any additional electrical equipment brought into accommodation after the testing dates.

Where an item is found to be unsafe or if an appliance requires significant power and/or causes overloading to ring main circuits it may be confiscated. You will be advised of the action taken and the item will be stored until it can be removed from site.

If you are unsure about equipment safety or power requirements, you should contact the Residential Operations who will be pleased to advise.

REMEMBER

- Never wedge any doors open
- Keep any cookers and grill pans clean (burning fat creates smoke)
- Never leave cooking food unattended
- Never leave any cooking appliance switched on when not in use
- Make sure the extractor fan is on when cooking
- Always use the correct plugs and do not overload sockets
- Keep the shower door shut whilst taking a shower and afterwards in order to prevent steam entering your room or the corridor
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted in any building on campus
- Do not use your hairdryer or hair straighteners underneath a smoke detector or leave them on the bed or carpet or on top of clothing/towels whilst hot or cooling down



CATERING FACILITIES

OUR CATERING OFFER ON CAMPUS IS PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS:

RICHMOND'S

Our largest dining room located at the centre of the campus offering traditional home cooked hearty food.

THE NOOK

Located in the upstairs of Richmond's. The Nook provides our students with a relaxing coffee shop. Serving freshly prepared artisan coffee along with a selection of Sandwiches and Cakes.

FRANKIES

Located at the equine arena, the Horseshoe is our very popular Burger Bar.

MYERSDOUGH PIZZA

Our hugely Popular Pizza Takeaway. Located in the Hive. We serve artisan dough with delicious toppings. One that students won't want to miss.

FILLY & FOAL

located outside Richmond's - Serving hearty homemade sandwiches.

MEAL PLANS

Meal plans operate on a weekly basis, where students have a monetary amount per week that they can use in all our catering outlets. The amount students have to spend per week is based on the catering package they have chosen. Students will be registered on the till system and their Student ID Card will be their method of payment and will be required at all times.

If a student has any special dietary requirements, please contact catering@myerscough.ac.uk or 01995 642326. Allergen information is readily available in each of our catering outlets, please ask any member of the catering team.

It is our intention to offer students a well-balanced and value for money service, if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know either in person or via catering@myerscough.ac.uk.

All catering outlets are self-clearing. Students are required to place their trays and rubbish in the racks provided.

Sleepwear, muddy boot, football boots, hats, dirty overalls, and other outer work clothes must not be worn in the catering outlets.

COLLEGE SHOP

The campus shop is located in the T Block. They sell a wide range of chilled and frozen foods, groceries, toiletries, non-prescription medicines, stationery, greeting cards, drinks and confectionery.

SPORTS CENTRE

A range of enrichment activities and gym sessions are planned in the Sports Centre.

GOLF COURSE

Discounted membership of the Myerscough Golf Course is available to residential students. Please contact the Sports Centre staff for more information.

LIBRARY

The library has been newly refurbished. It has a stock of around 45,000 books and journals along with a comprehensive range of electronic media. A number of local and national newspapers are also available. Library staff are always available to provide advice and guidance. Open five days a week during term time, and weekdays during holidays, the library has a number of silent study rooms and 100 study places arranged to provide a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Printing, photocopying and refreshment facilities are also available.

LAUNDRY

There are two laundries available on campus - one next to Duddon hall of residence and one located behind Pendlewater. To use the washing machines and tumble dryers in the laundry, you need to download the Circuit Laundry app. You will be able to create an account and top up your laundry balance through the app. There are detailed instructions on how to do this on your card and there are full instructions on how to use the washers/dryers online (www.circuit.co.uk) and in the laundries. These laundries are run by an external company. Any issues with any of the laundry equipment should be reported to the numbers displayed in the laundries and in the Useful Telephone Numbers section within this handbook.

STUDENT POST

The reception team will email you when letters or parcels are received for you. These can be collected from the Main Reception at the following times:

Term Time:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am- 5.45pm
Friday 8.30am- 4.45pm

Non Term Time:

Monday to Friday 8.30am till 5pm

Please help us by asking that any mail sent to you is clearly addressed.

MONEY

The majority of campus is cashless. There is a cash machine on site located to the right of Main Reception on the outside of the Fitzherbert-Brockholes building.

INTERNET

Wi-Fi is available across campus; students accessing and using the student computer network should do so in a responsible manner; at all times observing the College requirements within the legal framework in accordance with the Student Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy and Procedure. Access to gambling, pornography and sites deemed to support terrorism are blocked and suspicious activity will be investigated.

The College IT drop in centre, located above the library, is open Monday-Friday during office hours and until 8.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday should you require any advice or guidance on using computer equipment or games consoles on site.

Game consoles, smart speakers and other devices may need MAC codes taken to IT to authorise the devices on the network.

The College blocks access to certain sites to promote safety and welfare. Any attempts to access certain sites may result in further action.

CAR PARKING

The College provides limited car parking spaces for residential students in a designated barrier access car park. This car park is for residents only, you must not use/allow others to use your fob to gain access to the car park. To access the parking areas, please email reshelp@myerscough.ac.uk to obtain a registration form, you will need to return this along with a copy of your insurance certificate and driving licence.

All students are asked to drive with due care and attention and observe the 10 mph on campus. Vehicles must be parked in designated carparks and not on footpaths, grassed areas or anywhere that would cause an obstruction. Any student persistently breaking the rules or driving dangerously on campus will result in disciplinary action and they may be banned from bringing vehicles on to campus.

Please note all vehicles are kept on campus at the owner's risk.

Vehicle maintenance must not be carried out on any of the car parks.

BICYCLES

Bicycles may be brought onto campus provided they are used responsibly and not ridden on footpaths and grassed areas. We recommend that you have your bike insured and that it is kept locked in a bike shelter at all times when not in use.

Bicycles, electric bikes, electric scooters or any other devices charged by large Lithium-ion batteries are not permitted in halls of residence.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNER VOICE

The Residential Learner Voice is a group of students who represent the residential cohort. The College values the feedback and opinion and endeavours to address points raised. If you want to get involved, please speak to one of the Residential Support Officers.

The College also seeks the views of residential students through surveys on residential life and catering regularly throughout the year. There are also opportunities to put forward any suggestions at the higher and further education course representative meetings or direct to staff within the residential team.



ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY LITTER

The College is committed to sustainability and to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment through the energy efficiency, discouragement of litter, graffiti, noise and light pollution, and the minimisation of wastes by reduced consumption and the development of effective wastes management and recycling procedures, (“Reduce, Re-use, Recycle”).

Do your bit for the environment and limit carbon emissions by:

- Turning off lights, televisions, computers, stereos etc when you leave the accommodation or your lecture/classrooms
- Not leaving electrical equipment on standby
- Only boiling the amount of water you need
- Turning your radiator down or having a shorter shower
- Dispose of your waste in the correct waste/recycling scheme
- Reporting leaking/dripping taps as soon as possible

In addition, please respect the environment by disposing of litter in the appropriate waste bins provided.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
MYERSCOUGH GENERATES
ELECTRICITY ON SITE
THROUGH SOLAR PANELS
ACROSS IT'S PRESTON
CAMPUS**

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR TIME AT COLLEGE. WE OFFER NUMEROUS EXCITING ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES THAT ALLOW STUDENTS TO TAKE UP NEW INTERESTS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE. WE ALSO HAVE THE 'MY SPORT AND ENRICHMENT' PROGRAMME WHICH OFFERS FREE, FUN AND FRIENDLY SPORT TO ALL STUDENTS.

MY SPORT & ENRICHMENT

There are many clubs, groups and societies available at College

- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Football
- Rugby
- Netball
- Women's Only Gym
- Themed Evening
- Quiz/Bingo
- Pool Competitions
- Boardgames
- Craft Activities
- Music
- Baking
- Film Club
- Off Campus trips
- Shopping Trips
- Wellbeing activities

We regularly organise social activities such as themed nights, off campus trips, competitions, sport teams, quiz nights and more.

Details of events and activities are shared on our social media pages and through staff in the Accommodation and Residential Support teams.

We're always eager to involve students in shaping what we do, so your ideas and suggestions are warmly welcomed. Please share any thoughts or ideas with staff in the Accommodation and Residential Support teams.

All residential students receive a free gym membership. Our gym is equipped with a wide range of cardio and resistance machines, free weights and a separate dedicated strength and conditioning suite.

We have grass football and rugby pitches, a multi-use 3G pitch and a four-court indoor sports hall with facilities for basketball, five-a-side football, volleyball, tennis, cricket and badminton.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

COLLEGE

Myerscough Centre	01995 642222
Residential Support	07889 754287
Security	07741 324116
Accommodation Team	01995 642332 / 642324
Student Support - The Core	01995 642348
Finance Office	01995 642138
Student Absence	01995 642222
Food and Beverage Team	01995 642326

BANKS

Barclays	0345 734 5345
HSBC	0345 740 4404
Lloyds	0345 300 0000
Natwest	0345 300 2585
Royal Bank of Scotland	0345 724 2424
TSB	0345 975 8758
Garstang Banking Hub Unit 1B, River View, 96 High Street, Garstang, PR3 1WZ	

HEALTH

Dentist (NHS) - Garstang	01995 602464
Dentist (NHS) - Great Eccleston	01995 670546
Doctor - Garstang Medical Practice	01995 607399
NHS Direct	111
Optician - Clare & Howard, Garstang	01995 602014
Optician - Gibson & Thomson, Garstang	01995 605621
Optician - Montgomery & Burrows, Garstang	01995 605354
Royal Preston Hospital	01772 716565

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

LAUNDRY

If you need help topping up your card or want to report a fault with a machine/request a refund please call Circuit Laundry on 01422 820040.

LIBRARIES

The University of Lancashire Library
Garstang Library

01772 895000
0300 123 6703

POLICE

Non-Emergency
Emergency

Dial 101
Dial 999

POST OFFICE

Bilsborrow

01995 640223

TRANSPORT

Millers Taxis
(special rates for Myerscough College students)

01772 884000

National Rail Enquiries

0345 748 4950

National Traveline

0871 200 2233

Preston Bus

01772 253671



HELPLINES

There are a number of external services who can provide you with support, advice and guidance, we have listed some of the key services below. If you can't find a service that meets your needs, Staff in the Core will also be able to advise you other services that may be available to you.

Citizens Advice Bureau - www.citizensadvice.org.uk or 0800 144 8848

Provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities.

ChildLine - www.childline.org.uk or call them on 0800 1111

ChildLine counsellors are available 24/7 for young people to phone or chat online with, confidentially about any worries that they may be experiencing.

Cruse Bereavement Support - www.cruse.org.uk or 0808 808 1677

Preston, Central and East Lancs: 01772 433645

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people.

Renaissance - www.ren-uk.com or 01253 311431

Renaissance offer a range of substance misuse projects for adults, young people and their families across Lancashire.

Gamblers Anonymous - www.gamblersanonymous.org.uk or 0330 094 0322 (NW 07974 668 999)

Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to do the same.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Foundation - www.lgbt.foundation or 0345 3 30 30 30

LGBT Foundation, formerly known as The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (The LGF), is a national charity delivering a wide range of services to lesbian, gay and bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities.

Meningitis Helpline - www.meningitisnow.org or 0808 80 10 388

Provide range of free support services on meningitis or meningococcal septicaemia.

Mind - www.mind.org.uk or 0300 123 3393

Mind is a mental health charity. They ensure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn to for advice and support.

NHS mental health - www.iscft.nhs.uk/talkingtherapies - 01772 773437 - Crisis line: 0800 953 0110

Find information and support for your mental health.

National Centre for Eating Disorders - www.eating-disorders.org.uk or 0845 838 2040

Provide effective help and treatment for sufferers with eating related disorders.

Beat Eating Disorders - www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Providing support and information for people with eating related disorders

Samaritans - www.samaritans.org or 116 123

Samaritans is a confidential emotional support service. If something's troubling you, then get in touch.

They are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Sexual Health - www.lancashiresexualhealth.nhs.uk

Better Health - www.nhs.uk/better-health

Support from the NHS to help you or someone you know stop smoking, drinking alcohol, get active or lose weight.

Talk to Frank - www.talktofrank.com They offer online live chat 2.00pm- 6.00pm

email, text - 82111 or telephone 0300 123 6600

Confidential information and advice for anyone concerned about their own or someone else's drug or solvent misuse.

CEOP Education - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

CEOP Education is a website that has lots of advice to help young people keep safe online and what to do if something has happened online that has worried or upset them. There is also a parent and carer section that offers advice and information.

(We are) With You - www.wearewithyou.org.uk

With You support adults, children, young adults and older people to make positive behavioural changes. Whether that's with alcohol, drugs, or mental health and wellbeing, they are there to help people to improve their lives in ways they never thought possible.

YoungMinds - www.youngminds.org.uk

The UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

DO'S

- ✓ **DO WEAR YOUR LANYARD AND ID CARD AT ALL TIMES**
- ✓ **DO REPORT LOST OR STOLEN KEYS IMMEDIATELY TO THE RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS OFFICE (DURING OFFICE HOURS) OR ONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT TEAM AT ANY OTHER TIME**
- ✓ **DO REPORT ANY ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE, BULLYING OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR IMMEDIATELY TO A MEMBER OF COLLEGE STAFF**
- ✓ **DO RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND DISPOSE OF RUBBISH RESPONSIBLY**

DON'TS

- ✗ **DON'T ALLOW PEOPLE ACCESS TO YOUR ROOM, VEHICLE OR LOCKER AT ANY TIME WHEN YOU ARE NOT PRESENT**
- ✗ **DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR KEYS OR FOB TO ANYONE AT ANY TIME**
- ✗ **DON'T LEAVE PEOPLE IN YOUR ROOM OR BLOCK WITHOUT YOUR SUPERVISION**
- ✗ **DON'T LEAVE DOORS OR WINDOWS OPEN OR UNLOCKED WHEN YOU ARE NOT PRESENT**
- ✗ **DON'T TAMPER WITH ANY FIRE OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT OR SET OFF THE FIRE ALARM MALICIOUSLY. IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO INTERFERE WITH FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT**



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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

OUTSTANDING

Progress and Experiences
of Residential Students

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Protection and Care
of Residential Students

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Effectiveness of Leadership
and Management

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MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE IS OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS IN THE LATEST OFSTED INSPECTION.

INSPECTORS SAID THAT MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE PROVIDES HIGHLY EFFECTIVE SERVICES THAT CONSISTENTLY EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF GOOD, AND THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED OUTCOMES AND POSITIVE EXPERIENCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The inspectors noted that: In rating Myerscough as OUTSTANDING in overall experiences and progress of young people, the inspectors noted that:

- A stable, experienced, and suitably trained residential team offers warm, nurturing and empowering care that supports students to develop in all areas of their lives.
- Students have positive relationships with the residential staff. They feel comfortable in raising any problems, they feel listened to and can talk to staff when needed.
- Staying at the residential provision has enhanced students' lives. This is particularly prominent for students with additional needs, whose experience of staying at the residential has provided them with opportunities that they may otherwise not have had access to.
- Students are welcomed to the residential provision through careful and considerate planning to ensure that their individual needs are met.
- Residential staff work collaboratively with parents to ensure that suitable arrangements are in place for students to live comfortably and any reasonable adjustments made.
- From their starting points, students are encouraged to express their views, wishes and feelings.
- Students are supported to develop their independent living skills and social skills to prepare them for adulthood.
- Students are encouraged to embrace their identities and because of this, they develop their self-confidence and emotional resilience.

The inspectors rated how well young people are helped and protected by the College as OUTSTANDING, noting in particular:

- Safeguarding is of paramount importance and is central to everything that the college and residential staff do. This provides students with a strong sense of safety and protection.
- Highly effective planning takes place to ensure that risks are well managed, and students are kept safe.
- Leaders and managers work collaboratively with other professionals and take a shared approach to managing risk.
- Residential staff benefit from comprehensive safeguarding training and because of this they have an excellent understanding of their roles and
- Behaviour management is exceptional, with clear expectations and boundaries for students.
- Complaints are taken seriously and well managed.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers at the College was rated as OUTSTANDING, with inspectors noting:

- Leaders share a vision of creating an empowering community and providing inclusive residential educational opportunities.
- Leaders and managers model and promote an open and transparent culture where diverse opinion is listened to, valued and considered.
- Leaders and managers are ambitious and have high expectations for what students can achieve.
- Improvement is driven by what students believe to be important to them.



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