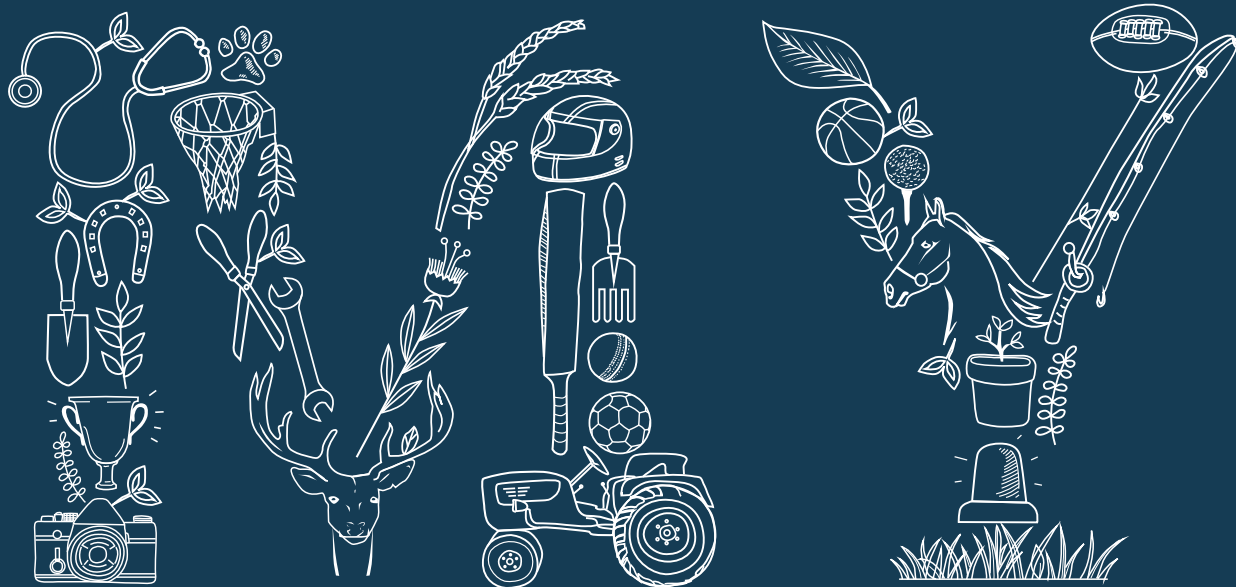




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Welcome by Principal

These last few months have been very tough for us all. To quote something I saw on social media during the pandemic: 'We are all in the same storm but not in the same boat'.

I continue to be incredibly proud of the work our Myerscough team, both staff and students do every day. Their teamwork, care, resilience and dedication is outstanding, as they adapt to a different way of College life. Thank you to every one of you for supporting each other, and our wider Myerscough community.

The pandemic has inevitably meant that we have lost so many activities that would normally be at the very heart of our student's experience and success while at Myerscough. Cup finals, international sporting recognition, overseas trips and much more besides over recent months simply hasn't been able to take place. Our annual graduation celebrations and appointing of new Honorary Fellowships also couldn't go ahead, which is bitterly disappointing.

Despite everything, it's still been another fantastic year of success at Myerscough College, 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. 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.

This end of year celebratory brochure identifies a number of both collective and individual staff and student success stories and we hope that you enjoy reading it. I wish you the very best of health in these challenging times – take care of yourselves, your families and each other.

Very best wishes,

Alison Robinson

Chief Executive and Principal



Myerscough life

Furness students take first steps into animal management careers



A new partnership that will support future careers in the animal care or countryside management sectors was launched.

Myerscough College welcomed the first cohort of students from Furness College, on a Level 3 programme in Animal Management.

Learning is spread across both centres, where they learn theory at Furness's sixth form campus in Barrow, and travel weekly to work with animals in Myerscough's state-of-the-art facilities, 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 will go on to learn about animal behaviour, genetics and conservation and gain the two-year science-based qualification.

Myerscough retains Disability Confident status



Myerscough College reaffirmed its commitment to equality in the workplace by retaining its status as a Disability Confident Employer.

Disability Confident is a government scheme designed to encourage employers to recruit and retain disabled people and those with health conditions. Myerscough has taken part in the scheme for a number of years, and the accreditation has been confirmed until September, 2023.

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

Myerscough motorsport stays on track



Two Myerscough College motorsport lecturers competed in the Thundersport GB motorcycle racing season.

Last year, Ryan Garside clinched Thundersport GB's Blackbird Corporate Golden Era Steelsport Championship, riding his EasyPay Myerscough College Honda on the country's top racing circuits. This year also saw fellow Myerscough motorsport tutor, Richie Harrison, compete in the Thundersport GB GP1 Sportsman Elite, on a new Kawasaki ZX10R.

HE Equine gallop to another great year



It was another busy and successful year for University Centre Myerscough's equine department.

This included the latest cohort of MSc Equine Science students completing their masters degrees, while a host of students completed their degrees, including eight students being awarded first class honours.

There were a number of trips for the department, which provided opportunities for students to explore the mounted police, rehabilitation and therapy.

The Myerscough British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) Equestrian team continued their competitions in the North West leagues, with one team reaching the Regional Finals.

Four students jetted off to Vienna during the start of the pandemic, whilst some of their visits were restricted or cancelled, they still enjoyed the trip and what Vienna had to offer. Visits to the Spanish Riding School and the aquarium were enjoyed.



Bernard retires after half a century with Myerscough

Estate Supervisor, Bernard Rimmer MBE, retired after dedicating more than 50 years of service to Myerscough College.

Bernard has been part of Myerscough's staff for half a century, and is the first member of staff in the College's history to achieve the milestone.

Bernard has been part of the Myerscough family since 1970. His initial role was to look after the College's former site at Winmarleigh Hall. When the centre closed down, Bernard bought and developed the Holmefields Farm site, where he and his wife Barbara, still live today.

In 2019 Bernard was recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours list for services to the agricultural community, and received the MBE at a ceremony hosted by Prince Charles.

Myerscough student aiming to complete one of the world's first ever farriery science PhDs



A University Centre Myerscough graduate is aiming to be become one of just four specialists worldwide to hold a doctorate in farriery science.

Norman Johnson is currently working towards the little known qualification and once complete, the 53-year-old will become one of the world's only PhD qualified experts in the sector. Norman first got the idea for doing the PhD whilst studying for a higher education diploma and then a full BSc honours degree in Farriery Science at Myerscough College.

Norman hopes to follow in the footsteps of renowned farrier, and Myerscough College Honorary Fellow, Dr Simon Curtis, and is one of just three specialists currently world wide known to have a PhD in the area.

Myerscough's inaugural Arbor Day is tree-mendous



Myerscough College hosted a special day of celebration of all things trees, in an inaugural 'Arbor Day'.

The event, supported by the Arbor Day Foundation (US) and the Mersey Forest, was a huge celebration of trees, those that work with trees (arborists), and recognition of a hugely important global industry. Although there is a UK National Tree Week, focusing specifically on planting initiatives, no official day celebrates all things arboriculture.

The day featured a number of VIP guests from as far afield as Gibraltar and Italy, major industry guest speakers, a tree climbing demonstration, as well as an official tree planting event at the centre of the College campus to mark the occasion. Work is already well underway on a new woodland area which is being created on campus, called 'Arbor Day Wood'.

The day also received high profile endorsements from Sir David Attenborough, Dan Snow MBE, and F1 stars Jonathan and Jolyon Palmer, among others. Meanwhile, Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation in the USA, sent a special video message as part of the celebrations. It's hoped that the day will now become an annual event.

As part of wider tree planting projects, Myerscough has been involved in a number of initiatives, including planting trees at the local primary school, as part of outreach to the local community, as well as assisting the Mersey Forest with the clearing of new sites for tree planting schemes.

Trees are very important for the well-being of people living in towns and cities, so Myerscough has chosen to support the Mersey Forest for the work they do with local communities to achieve greener and healthier neighbourhoods.

Myerscough welcomes triple Olympic Dressage gold medallist



A capacity crowd welcomed triple Olympic dressage gold medallist, Charlotte Dujardin CBE, at Myerscough College's International Equine Arena.

Britain's most successful dressage rider in history made a special appearance at Myerscough for a 'through the levels' masterclass. Working with a number of horses through the day, she

demonstrated the training techniques that have kept her on podiums around the world for years.

The day was a unique occasion to learn from one of the best in the world, in an intimate setting, with the day earning rave reviews from the audience.



Saltex Cup winners are a cut above at El Clásico

The victorious group of Myerscough College sportsturf apprentices from the annual SALTEx College Cup enjoyed an unforgettable experience at Spanish footballing giants, Real Madrid.

The College Cup is a prestigious skills competition held by The Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG), at the annual Saltex turf management exhibition and trade show.

The Myerscough College team saw off competition from four other colleges to win the trophy and a once-in-a-lifetime visit to Real Madrid's Bernabéu Stadium, learning from the very best in the industry in the form of Myerscough alumni, Paul Burgess, Madrid's Director of Grounds and Environment.

The group enjoyed an invaluable groundscare work experience placement, in the run up to one of the biggest domestic fixtures in world football, the El Clásico, between Real Madrid and Barcelona. During their weekend visit the group enjoyed a full, behind-the-scenes experience of just what it takes to prepare the playing surface for such a prestigious fixture, and even got the golden opportunity to be part of the team who actually maintain the Bernabéu's hallowed turf.



High pass rates for Myerscough further education study programmes

The latest government figures show that Myerscough College scores highly for learning achievement in further education across all of its centres.

The National Achievement Rates Tables (NART) reveal the latest figures based on exams and qualifications completed in the last academic year. Myerscough is in the top 3 land-based colleges in the country when it comes to pass rates on 'All Level' diploma programmes among 16-18 year-olds (94%), and is also in the top 3 in the country for achievement rates for Level 3 diploma programmes studied by learners of all ages.

Across all of Myerscough's Level 2 diploma programmes, students achieved a pass rate of 99% pass rate, the second best in the land-based sector in the country.

Myerscough's Merseyside centre at Croxteth Park is the number one college in the city of Liverpool, while the cricket studies programme at Emirates Old Trafford is the top performing in the area. Myerscough's centre at Witton Park in Blackburn returned an impressive overall pass rate of 93%.

Agriculture's moo-vellous Calf Show



Agriculture students staged their annual popular Christmas Calf Show.

Organised by the College's Level 2 Agriculture students, the event involved the usual parade of dairy heifers and beef cross calves, which were prepared for the show judging, at Myerscough's Livestock Innovation Centre, part of the College's Lodge Farm. Every year the students spend months planning and preparing for the event, with special guests invited along to take part and judge the animals and share their knowledge and industry experience.

The Christmas Calf show has become an annual fixture in the Myerscough calendar and the student's hard work and stockmanship shows how they have developed their skills and confidence in handling and showing the animals, as well as taking pride in both their own appearance and that of their animal.

Foundation learners thrive on Supported Internships



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

Supported Internships are aimed at young people who want to move into employment and are intended to enable the young person to become 'job ready'. Internships normally last for one year and they include a work placement. Students complete a personalised Study Programme working towards a qualification, usually 'Employability Skills'. Maths and English are also delivered as an important element.

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



Dyno Day shows horsepower

Myerscough College's agricultural engineering department raised hundreds of pounds for charity through their popular 'Dyno Day'.

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

The cash was donated to the department's nominated charity, the North West Air Ambulance.

Trinity thrives at Myerscough thanks to hearing dog Alvin



A deaf Myerscough College University Centre equine student is thriving thanks to the help of her hearing dog.

20-year-old Trinity Rogers is joined on her degree programme by Show Cocker Spaniel, Alvin. Alvin was assigned to help Trinity last year, and supports her in both her daily life and her studies at Myerscough.

Trinity is profoundly deaf in both ears, and has been given Alvin by the charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Myerscough vet nurses recognised for their studies



Three University Centre Myerscough veterinary nursing graduates are looking forward to a promising career after they were recognised for the quality of their studies.

Emily Corrie, Emma Dever and Katie Scott all scooped prizes at the end of their study programmes in the summer.

Foundation degree student Emily received the Robert Allan Memorial Award, Emma picked up the Diploma HE Clinical Veterinary Nursing Student of the Year Award, while Katie was named FdSc Veterinary Nursing Student of the Year. Usually, the awards would be presented during Myerscough's annual graduation ceremonies, but as they were postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Full steam ahead for Myerscough College rail apprenticeships



The apprentices are employed within Northern Trains and East Midlands Railway depots across the country.

They spend part of their programme as residential learners at Myerscough College's main campus at Bilsborrow, and then the remainder at their work depots with their host employers. They also spend periods of time with the National Training Academy for Rail (NTAR) in Northampton.

Myerscough College has a long and proven track record of delivering a range of engineering apprenticeships, including pathways within the rail, groundscare, agriculture, crane and construction industries, supporting around 150 apprentices with their training across the country. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) remains a key driver and focus in terms of Myerscough apprenticeships and education provision, and the number of apprentices in this area is growing rapidly.

Our Anniversaries

Key to the door for Croxteth campus



This year marks the 21st anniversary of Myerscough College providing a range of land-based study programmes at Croxteth Park, in Liverpool.

In September 1999, the first cohort of students began a range of programmes at a centre situated within in the Victorian walled garden of the Park, surrounded by more than 500 acres of parkland. This provided a unique setting, equipped with excellent practical facilities to study land-based subjects, just five miles from the heart of Liverpool City Centre.

The Croxteth centre quickly become one of the top land-based colleges in the Merseyside area, and in the early years, facilities gradually expanded and included a small animal centre, a commercial farm and rare breeds centre, an on-site equine arena and stable yards, woodlands, parkland, ornamental gardens and a commercial nursery, as learners enjoying programmes in Animal Studies, Equine Studies, Horticulture, Landscape, Floristry and Arboriculture.

In future years further courses, including football were added, and in addition further expansion and improvements followed. These included a new paddock, stables and animal centre in 2013, while a few years later permission for a state-of-the-art Animal and Equine Studies Centre to be built on the former Glendale council depot on the site, to compliment the College's provision at the site.

The facilities include three animal studies blocks along with stabling, aviaries and pens for goats, alpacas and hens adjacent to the Grade II listed former Laundry House. Two other buildings were converted for animal housing and dog grooming, and a third for reptiles, amphibians and tropical species, as well as accommodation for staff and students.



A great first year at Myerscough's new Warrington campus



The first learners completed the first year of their studies at Myerscough College's new centre, based at the historic Walton Hall, in Warrington.

Walton Hall Gardens was awarded nearly two million pounds from the National Lottery via the Heritage Lottery Fund to transform and restore part of the estate. Warrington Borough Council worked with Myerscough College, along with other partners, Walton Lea Partnership and the Friends of Walton Estate on the winning bid, which included plans to restore the historic conservatory and stable buildings and transform the old buildings into a dedicated learning centre

Now, the first group of learners on animal and horticulture study programmes have completed a very successful first year of study at the new centre.

As part of the renovation work, the stable yard, once occupied by Lady Daresbury's prized Kerry cattle, became classrooms and offices, with the historic conservatory and vinery used as teaching, growing and display space. Students also carry out project work on the Walton Estate and in the Children's Zoo as part of their course.



Inspiring Excellence

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.

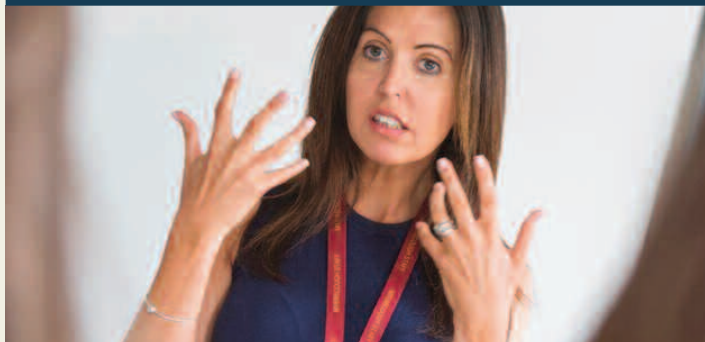
FREDIE:

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:

- 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.

Our Awards

Myerscough's awesome foursome of nominations in Educate North Awards



Myerscough College received four nominations in the 2020 Educate North Awards.

The prestigious awards are designed to celebrate the very finest work in higher and further education, with Myerscough College is shortlisted in the categories of Further Education College of the Year, UK Apprenticeship Award, Social Mobility Award, and External Relations Team of the Year.

Myerscough apprentices recognised in national ceremonies



Myerscough College plant maintenance apprentices have received recognition for outstanding commitment to their work in online national ceremonies.

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 maintenance courses. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event was a virtual online ceremony.

Nominees were assessed on their attitude and quality of work throughout the year, and Myerscough College had two regional winners:

Level 2 Plant Mechanic of the Year sponsored by L Lynch Plant Hire – Connah Craw, Griffiths Hire Shops

Level 3 Plant Technician of the Year sponsored by L Lynch Plant Hire – Matthew Gregory, William Hare

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

Meanwhile, Myerscough College learner, Thomas Sealeaf, based at Vp Brandon Hire Station, was named as Apprentice of the Year at the 2020 Hire Awards of Excellence.

Croxteth campus shortlisted in prestigious Tes FE Awards



Myerscough College's Merseyside campus at Croxteth Park has received national recognition at the 2020 Tes FE Awards.

The prestigious awards honour the most outstanding individuals and institutions that the further education sector has to offer, with Myerscough's Merseyside campus being celebrated as a national finalist in the Contribution to the local community category, which aims to recognise the FE provider who has made the most impact in supporting the community socially, culturally or economically in the 2018-19 academic year.

Community cohesion has been a key focus at Myerscough's Croxteth Park centre for many years, but with added focus since the official opening of the campuses multi-million pound refurbishment and extension in January, 2019, the centre receiving significant investment (£3.5 Million) from Liverpool City Region to provide outstanding facilities and specialist equipment for those studying at the College, and in doing so, recognising the significant contribution the College makes to the local community.

Myerscough at the double in Educate Awards nominations



Myerscough College and University Centre received more national award nominations, this time at the 2020 Educate Awards.

The Educate Awards celebrate the excellence of educational establishments in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester, with Myerscough shortlisted in the categories of Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider, recognising excellent outcomes and measured success for students with inspirational and high levels of teaching and learning; and The Careers & Enterprise Award, recognising the College's work in preparing young people the best they can for their future careers.



Gold for Myerscough's Future Zoo collaboration

An exciting project organised by Myerscough College, Lancashire Future U and Blackpool Zoo, to encourage more people to consider study programmes within the animal industry, was recognised with a national award.

Future Zoo has been given a Gold Education award by BIAZA (British and Irish Association of Zoo and Aquariums), as part of their annual awards. The Future Zoo project aims to inspire young people with an interest in animals to consider a higher education course or pathway. Running for more than two years now, Myerscough College joined forces with the Blackpool Zoo Education Department to facilitate groups of 14-17-year-olds to take part.

Teenagers taking part in the programme shadow the zookeepers, help to clean out animal enclosures and assist with feeding time, while learning all about endangered species and the importance of raising awareness of conservation.



Myerscough named one of the most inclusive employers in UK

Myerscough College was named in the top 20 employers in the UK by the National Centre for Diversity.

The College – who already hold the prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' status, and Disability Confident accreditation – appears on the list of the NCFD's Top 100 Index for 2020. The list is compiled using data from surveys completed by employees at businesses working with the NCFD. An algorithm is then used to benchmark organisations and accumulate the index.

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.



Farriery apprentice Craig a shoe-in for national awards

A Myerscough College farriery student was recognised for the quality of his work on a national level during the industry's annual registration ceremony.

The Worshipful Company of Farriers and the Farriers Registration Council presented diplomas to newly qualified apprentices from across the country at a ceremony held at The Honourable Artillery Company, in London. Among them were a number of Myerscough students, who received their diplomas as part of the 'passing out' ceremony.

22-year-old Craig Taylor won both of the prizes available to all successful apprentices across the country, by gaining a Distinction grade in his overall exam result, and also picked up the prize for the highest mark in his exam paper.

Triple recognition for Myerscough floristry in national industry awards



Myerscough College's floristry department has received national recognition in the 2020 national British Florist Association (BFA) Awards.

The awards recognise the best in the industry with a prestigious annual ceremony and after Myerscough figured heavily in the initial nominations earlier this year, the College has now been recognised in three categories

Myerscough has been named runner-up in the category of Training Provider of the Year, highlighting the excellent provision provided for floristry and floral design. Myerscough won the award in both 2018 and 2017, as well as 2015.

Meanwhile, higher education student, Rebecca Sherwin, was runner-up in the category of Floristry Student of the Year, while fellow student, Katherine Birtles, was named as a finalist, highlighting their outstanding work and dedication throughout the year.

Nicola Harrison was named as national runner-up in the category of Floristry Tutor of the Year.

The British Florist Association is the official voice of the UK floristry industry and the only trade organisation in the industry to be formally recognised as such. In recent years, Myerscough has won numerous BFA awards, as well as being nominated a number of other times.



Sports Success

Football student Jake stars in prestigious Italian tournament



Myerscough named in top providers by Cricketer magazine



Myerscough College's cricket study programme at Emirates Old Trafford was named among the best in the country by The Cricketer magazine, for a third time.

The Cricketer has published its Good Schools Guide 2020, featuring its top 100 schools and providers. It follows an exhaustive process which saw a record number of schools submit entries to be included in the guide. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

Myerscough also offers high quality Cricket Studies programmes at its Preston centre.

A Myerscough College football student was one of the star players for the English Colleges FA in European tournament, the Roma Caput Mundi.



Jake Connelly headed off to Rome, Italy for the prestigious annual event, which is now in its 14th year, where the best players from across Europe represent their countries at Under-19 level.

During the week-long tournament, Jake played in competitive fixtures against Moldova, the Italian National Amateur League (Italy/LND) and Wales Colleges (Welsh Colleges FA). Other teams in the tournament included Kosovo, Malta, Greece (EPS Pellas), and C.R Lazio, gaining great experience and an understanding of what tournament football is like.

Winger Jake was awarded the Man of the Match award for his display against Moldova, while data also showed across the tournament, he covered the most distance on the pitch, and was involved in the most 'Power Plays'.

Myerscough's basketballers are European history makers



Myerscough College's basketballers became champions of Europe after winning the European Youth Basketball League (EYBL) regular season.

Myerscough College's Basketball Academy won all of their five games in the third and final stage in Valmiera, Latvia, to finish with a record of 14 wins from their 15 games across three stages, including 12 straight victories. The under-20 competition regular season is staged across three weekends throughout the year, and usually concludes with a Final Four and Superfinal, that was unable to take place due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The EYBL is one of the premier FIBA competitions for juniors and features renowned teams from across the continent, with Myerscough joining the Under-20 'Euroleague' format tournament. The U20 league table comprises of seventeen teams from different countries across the continent, with Myerscough's record ensuring they finished top of the table. It is only Myerscough College's second season of competing in the EYBL. In 2019, Myerscough came within a whisker of becoming overall champions, losing in the Superfinal.

Neal Hopkins, Myerscough's Basketball Programme Leader, said: *"I've poured my life into basketball for as long as I can remember to earn a moment like this. This is a moment in British basketball history that will forever belong to Myerscough College!"*

"Playing in the EYBL has provided our players, staff and the programme with an amazing opportunity to gain experience playing at a very high level against some of the best U20 teams in Europe."

Meanwhile, Myerscough College's basketballers were crowned Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL) co-champions. The Academy topped the North Conference after winning all 14 of their games to end the regular season with a perfect record, before qualifying for the Grand Final, that couldn't be played due to the pandemic.



Golf alumni Jake sets Miami course record



A recent Myerscough College golf studies student is making waves in the next stage of his career.

Jake Hibbert completed a Level 3 BTEC in Golf Studies at Myerscough College last year, and has since gone on to the USA, where he is currently a Freshman on the Florida Atlantic University Golf Team, where he is also studying Business Management.

Jake set a new course record on the way to winning the Golfweek Miami Amateur tournament.

While he was a Myerscough College student, Jake was a part of the successful team that won back-to-back national AoC Sport Open Golf Championships at St Andrews, in 2018 and 2019.

WATCH: Rugby alumni share their memories of Myerscough: scan the QR code to watch:





Coronavirus

Community Commitment



Myerscough College is now committed to playing its part to ensuring skills are at the forefront of economic recovery both during the remainder of, and following the Coronavirus pandemic.

Myerscough has made a commitment to:

- Help young people achieve their full potential and to maximise their future opportunities as they make the transition from school to college.
- Deliver a wide range of exciting education and training opportunities for adults, from foundation skills to degree-level courses, to develop new skills and further their careers.
- Work more closely than ever with employers, ensuring their workforce have the professional and technical skills needed to help businesses bounce back.

Myerscough College **Inspiring Excellence**

Covid commitment



Since September, term across Myerscough's six campuses has resumed, with a mix of on campus and remote learning, to try and give students as normal an experience as possible.

Myerscough has put in place a wide variety of health and safety measures to enable a safe return to student life.

Among the initiatives, student and staff numbers on site at any time has been reduced to enable strict social distancing, with timetables amended to ensure no more people than necessary are on campus.

Additional safety measures include clear signage and direction systems, with controlled access for staff and students, hand sanitiser stations, residential students operating in restricted household groupings, and staff and students expected to wear masks or face coverings throughout campus, among a whole range of protocols to ensure the highest level of Covid security.

Lockdown Learning



When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, the College entered lockdown and all teaching for the remainder of the academic year went online, with staff working and teaching from home.

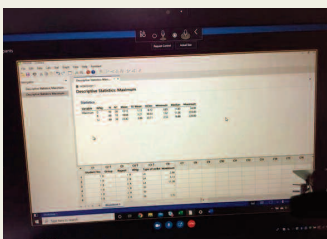
Learners across all of Myerscough College's teaching areas in the land-based and sports sectors continued to receive quality study thanks to the innovative efforts of tutors, with staff devising a number of online initiatives so that study programmes could be delivered to as high a standard as possible.

Students were able access a range of online teaching resources remotely, with teaching staff continuing support through CANVAS, the College's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Skype and Office 365.

Among the other ways of keeping learning going, subject areas posted home-made videos online, to inspire students back home. This included members of Myerscough's horticulture department getting green-fingered in their own gardens, uploading tutorials to official social media channels for easy access to further education learners.

In Myerscough's equine studies department, one to one tutorials were carried out with degree students via Skype, with other video conferencing such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams being utilised to further support teaching. The department also teamed up with the equine department at Sparsholt College in Hampshire for students from both centres to enjoy an online industry guest lecture.

Learners in sports subjects were given fitness programmes to follow at home, in addition to the same academic support, while our apprentices were being supported via remote and online learning, as face to face visits to workplaces by Myerscough staff had to be discontinued in line with Government guidance about non-essential travel.



At Myerscough College's main Bilsborrow centre, in addition to a state-of-the-art campus, the college also operates two commercial farms, Lodge and Lee, where work continued with more staff working round the clock to ensure the welfare of animals and ongoing cultivation of the land.

This included the Spring Lambing Season, with around two thousand newborn lambs delivered, and looking after a herd of around 200 dairy cows, that required milking twice a day.

In addition, the other livestock on the farm had to be fed and looked after, fields ploughed and drilled, as well as many other activities required to keep the farms operational. Government measures meant that the College's agriculture staff lived on the College estate, with additional welfare support provided in the form of accommodation and food.

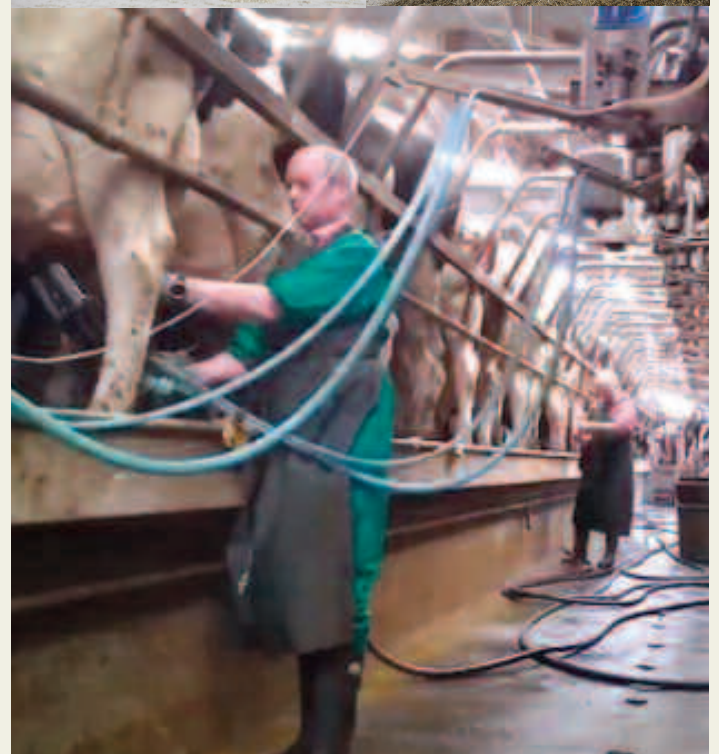
Covid response



Meanwhile, Myerscough College was used as a base for key workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

The College's main Bilsborrow campus was offered as an accommodation hub, with NHS staff working for the North West Ambulance Service using halls of residence, in the event they couldn't return home due to family self-isolating. In addition, teaching facilities were utilised as training and meeting rooms, observing social distancing guidelines and bio-security measures.

A dedicated team of agriculture staff had to remain to carry out the College's many farm operations.





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