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*Success*  
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**14-16**  
**EDUCATION**

Course Prospectus  
2016

- 14-16 courses for pupils in year 10 and 11
- Home Educated Students
- Specialist School Provision
- School Based Courses and much, much more!

The North West centre for land-based and sports education  
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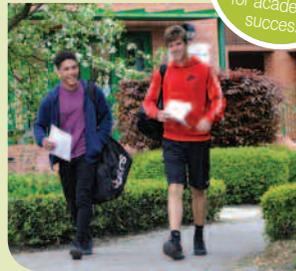
### Course Advice Mornings

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

College staff and tutors will be present to chat about the courses on offer, future career opportunities and the support available to students at that centre.

Advice Mornings are held at our Preston, Blackburn (Witton Park) and Liverpool centres on Saturdays – normally from 10.00am to 12.30pm – and they're scheduled for the following dates at each of our centres:

**Saturday 6th February 2016**



**Top 10%**  
of colleges  
for academic  
success

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

**Saturday 12th March 2016**

**Saturday 7th May 2016**

**Saturday 4th June 2016**  
(excluding Preston)

### Latest News and Information

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

The 14-16 College Facebook page can be found by searching for Myerscough College 14-16

The main College Twitter feed is @myerscoughColl

We then have five additional subject feeds according to your main area of interest:

- @My\_Animals    @My\_Motors
- @My\_Equine    @My\_Sport
- @My\_GreenSpace

# Mywelcome

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



an exciting 'hands on' approach to learning that expertly combines the theory with the real-life application of that knowledge.

Myerscough is a friendly and welcoming community. Our staff are here to work with you, helping you to achieve your goals in life. We take pride in your success and strive to ensure that you make the most of your time with us – maximising your enjoyment as well as making the most of the varied enrichment activities available!

Come along and share the 'Myerscough experience' – we know you will enjoy it.

With every good wish,

**Ann Turner FCMA**  
Chief Executive and Principal

This is a very important time in your life as you choose the next step on your journey of learning. Myerscough College offers specialist land-based and sports courses, with some of the best practical teaching facilities in the country. It's all part of our ongoing £20 million campus development programme.

We provide 'outstanding' care and support, excellent success rates, superb progression opportunities and strong links with employers. All our study programmes focus on academic knowledge supported by practical skills –



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Your comprehensive online information source!

Course Enquiries Line **0800 652 5592**

# My14-16

Myerscough College has a long tradition of working with schools demonstrating the rewarding careers within the land-based and sports sectors. The College offers a wide range of ways that schools can work with them to support students of all ages and with a wide range of needs.

This prospectus details the various options available to schools ranging from staff attending school advice events; short courses at college or in school. Year long programmes or even in certain circumstances full time courses.

The College aims to provide a caring and supportive environment for all students, whatever their age or ability. Our fundamental and most important value is to provide the opportunity for every pupil to achieve their potential whatever their background or starting qualification. If you are interested in this area of provision and want to know more please do not hesitate to contact us for further assistance. We think you will enjoy the Myerscough Experience.

## Courses

A range of courses are available from the land-based and sports sector. Please note that the courses offered differ from centre to centre. Details of what is offered at each centre can be found in this prospectus.

Course fact sheets and further information about the 14-16 programme can be found on the 14-16 pages of the college website [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)



## Fast-track Your Future

Any pupil successfully completing a course at Myerscough College whilst at school will have the opportunity to progress to a full-time or part-time course at the College.

Any pupil considering this option will have the chance to talk with course tutors and support staff to ensure appropriate choices are made.

## Course Organisation

The majority of courses offered last for one year and are available for learners in years 10 and 11. Year 10 students who successfully complete the course will, in most cases, be offered the opportunity to complete a second year to 'top up' their qualification. Details of the top up qualifications are available within the course information. In most cases year 10 students will be considered for courses first in order to ensure that the top up year remains viable. The majority of courses do however have the capacity for year 11 students as well.

For information regarding the application process please refer to the Myapplication section on page 17.

*"Partnership working is outstanding and provides significant benefits to learners, schools, employers and the wider community."*

*"Particularly effective links with local schools support the delivery of flexible vocational courses for pupils aged 14 to 16, and many progress to FE."*

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# MyMyerscough

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

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



98%+ student satisfaction with teaching and advice in 2015 surveys

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

Myerscough specialises in education and training for the land-based and sports industries. We teach more than 20 different subjects, many of which might already be hobbies and activities you enjoy doing in your spare time! For example, you can study motorsports, sportsturf, agriculture, animal care and equine studies. Plus, there's a whole range of other subjects available that will give you the hands on, practical skills that you need to secure the job of your dreams.

## Course Visits

Another good reason for studying at Myerscough is the opportunity to visit shows and businesses related to your course areas. Students visit events such as the British Turf Management Exhibition, The Great Yorkshire Show, The Dairy Event and AgriScot, as well as farms, yards, go-karting tracks etc, linked to their course of study.



## Excellent facilities and a new way of learning

Because many of the courses at Myerscough are about getting you ready for the world of work, a lot of your time will be spent acquiring practical skills – either outside in the open air, in purpose-built workshops or in environments which reflect the workplace. This means your learning experience is made more enjoyable, enriching and fun! We also have exceptional learning facilities, including an extensive library and fully resourced computer centre for all your study and IT needs.

## Progression to Further Education

One of the great things about Myerscough is that, if you're looking to progress to a Further Education course or apprenticeship at the end of your studies we offer a choice of subjects and levels at each of our centres. We also have a great range of Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees at our Preston Campus if you are thinking that far ahead.



# My campus



## Brilliant campus, superb facilities and a great location!

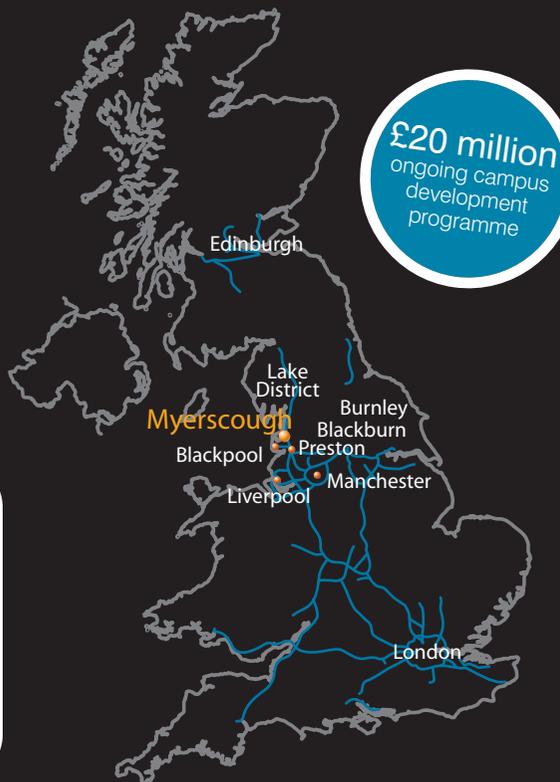
The campus at Myerscough's main centre in Preston is quite simply amazing. Set in 600 hectares of open, green surroundings, Myerscough College offers all the facilities you could need for a great time – a great social life, state-of-the-art sports academies and comfortable, easy-going accommodation.

We've recently invested upwards of £20 million on campus developments, providing new sports and changing facilities, new dining facilities, a new Engineering Centre, Animal Care Centre and a dedicated Rural Skills centre.

### Where we are

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

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



**£20 million**  
ongoing campus  
development  
programme

# Myerscough centres

There's a lot more to Myerscough College than just its Preston campus. Myerscough has additional centres of learning across the country.

## Liverpool Centre, Croxteth Park

Myerscough College Liverpool Centre,  
Croxteth Park, Croxteth, Liverpool L12 0HB  
Tel: 0151 228 7162  
Email: croxteth@myerscough.ac.uk

Croxteth Hall is just five miles from the heart of the dynamic, fast-moving City of Liverpool (the former European Capital of Culture), so you can enjoy all the excitement of this great city whilst studying in an idyllic environment, a beautiful 550-acre country park with woodlands, parkland, ornamental gardens, commercial nursery, rare breeds farm, small animal centre, equestrian centre and conservation area.

Croxteth is currently offering 14-16 courses in Animal Care and Horticulture but is also available for a range of short courses on request in Animal Care, Horticulture and Floristry.



## Blackburn Centre, Witton Park

Myerscough College Blackburn Centre,  
Witton Park, Preston Old Road, Blackburn BB2 2TP  
Tel: 01254 667166  
Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

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

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

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

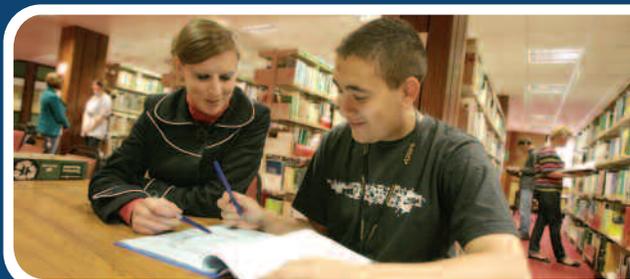
There are also excellent resources for horticulture and landscape including impressive grounds and plant collections, cultivated areas, glasshouses, potting sheds, a tree nursery and a vast expanse of park and woodland.



Animal Studies at  
Witton Country Park

# Mylearning resources

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



## An excellent library

The user-friendly College library is housed on the ground floor of the modern Learning Resource Centre. The library at Myerscough delivers a dynamic information service through a stock of around 40,000 books and journals along with a comprehensive range of electronic media. A number of local and national newspapers are also available. The College library is known to be one of the best specialist libraries in the country. Library staff are always available to provide expert advice and guidance.

Open seven days a week during term time, and weekdays during holidays, the library has a number of silent study rooms and 100 study places arranged to provide a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. 40 networked PCs are available for student use along with a series of laptops that can be loaned out to help during assignments and presentations. Printing and photocopying facilities are also available.

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



# Mystudy facilities



## Computer centre

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

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

## Amazing practical facilities

Regardless of which course you choose you can be certain that you'll have access to some of the best teaching facilities available for your subject. From the Animal Care Centre and International Equestrian Arena to the National Centre for Arboriculture and the Sportsturf Technology Unit, students benefit from using high-quality industry-standard equipment. In fact, take a closer look at the 'Resources' panel in each of the subject sections in the prospectus for a comprehensive list of teaching facilities. It's no wonder so many of our students enjoy their studies and progress to successful careers in their chosen subjects.

## Superb laboratories

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

## Academic research

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

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



# My progression

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

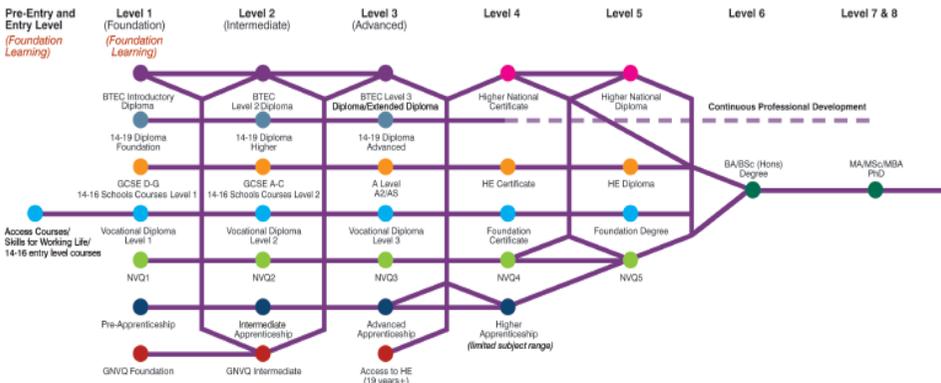
## My progression

The great thing about Myerscough College is that you can choose to study at a range of different levels. So whatever qualifications, exam results or experience you've got there will be a course that's just right for you.

Our courses start at entry level and progress to undergraduate degrees, and on to postgraduate study. So, if you enrol on a 14-16 course at

Myerscough, you can be sure there is room for you to progress to a higher level of qualification.

Each of the courses listed in this prospectus has its academic 'level' highlighted in the 'Course Details' panel so that you can find the perfect course to meet your needs. Use our career path below to help you plan your route to achievement.



**NB:** Please note that the course titles used in this prospectus may differ from the titles used on exam certificates at the end of the course. Certificate titles refer to Edexcel or other awarding body course titles, whereas Myerscough course titles aim to reflect the unit choice and course focus.

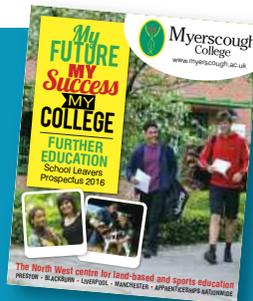
## Progressing to Further Education

Don't forget that Myerscough College also offers Further Education courses, across the majority of our subject areas. With more than 1000 Further Education students at the College, it provides an excellent progression route for successful students to continue their studies.

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

Email: [enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk) Telephone: 0800 652 5592

Copies of the Further Education prospectus can also be downloaded from the College website.



# My entry requirements

## Entry Level



Students are normally aged 14 or over (school year 10) and have interest in practical subject to qualify for an entry level course. The College will work with schools/parents to ensure that appropriate support is provided for students.

## Level 1 – Foundation



Students are normally aged 14 or over (school year 10) and have interest in practical subjects. These courses give a practical introduction to a particular subject area. Students must have functional English skills which will be assessed at application.

## Level 2 – Intermediate



Students are normally aged 14 or over (school year 10) and have good English skills which will be assessed at application. Some learning areas may require a level of prior experience and knowledge. These courses cover practical skills and relevant background knowledge.

## Progressing to Further Education

Don't forget that Myerscough College offers a range of Further Education and Apprenticeship courses for students to progress to when they leave school. All courses have progression routes on to related courses or students can choose to move in to a different college area.

# My success story

## My experience

Student Profile

Name: **Megan**

Age: **19**

Home town: **Blackburn**

Course: **Year 3 BSc Equine Science**



I did the Level 2 Horse Care Course at Myerscough when I was at school. Until then I hadn't really seen working with horses as a possible career just a hobby. The course really opened my eyes to the possibilities available to me within the equine industry and I became more and more interested in continuing my studies with horses. I stayed at Myerscough after I left school and completed my Level 3 Extended Diploma. I am now in the final year of an Equine Science Degree at Myerscough. I always hoped I would do a degree but had never thought about it being in Equine Science. Starting on the 14-16 course really helped my confidence both in my equine skills but also in my ability to progress. I now would like to do a Masters Degree and then go into Equine research.

## Myopen campus events

Campus tours can be arranged for any time with any group of students through the school liaison team (see page 14) however for schools with students interested in accessing the 14-16 programme please contact the 14-16 Office. The events consist of a tour around the campus of interest with a particular focus on any areas that students are considering studying in, a chat about the various options available at 14-16 and then moving into Further Education and a chance to ask any questions regarding the course and the College.

Wherever possible please book campus tours for the week before a formal College Saturday Open Morning (see page 2 for dates) so that students can follow up interest by bringing their parents/guardians/carers to College.



## Myschool programme

### What are we offering?

Myerscough College will support the delivery of appropriate Land-based Foundation Level courses within your school delivered by your own member of staff. If you have a cohort of foundation learners, an appropriate member of staff and suitable resources for the identified course Myerscough can support the start-up and delivery of a flexible and practical course. In most cases unless specific expertise and resources are available within school the most appropriate course for delivery of this type is Horticulture.

### How it works

Within your school you need to identify a member of staff who has a strong Horticultural/gardening background (or specialist background if different course e.g. Animal Care/Floristry etc.); this **does not** need to be in the form of a qualification. Myerscough will approve the nominated staff member's CV before they can deliver the course. Your staff member will be required to complete a work based level 2 Horticulture (or other) course if they are not appropriately qualified and they will be trained to deliver the Level 1 course. This staff member will generally **deliver but not assess** the course in year one unless they are sufficiently qualified to receive immediate approval, or there is someone else in the school qualified to assess the chosen subject.

### Further information

More detailed information regarding the programme including fees and staff training is available in the **MySchool** section of Myerscough's 14-16 webpages ([www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)).



## Myaccess to college courses

The arrangement may be for a term or an entire academic year. The main subjects of interest tend to be Animal Care, Agriculture and Horticulture as these are the areas with the best accessibility for students with limited mobility.

Myerscough's Foundation Learning team has built up an excellent reputation over many years for successfully working with students who have a wide range of learning difficulties and disabilities; helping them fulfil their potential in a safe and supportive environment.

Throughout the 14-16 course pages in this prospectus there are details of entry level courses run within the Foundation Learning team that certain students may be able to access one (or more) day a week these include options in Conservation, Animal Care, Agriculture and Horticulture.

Myerscough also offers a more flexible approach to schools working with students with a range of needs. Schools are invited to bring in groups of students for a set period each week to study across a range of vocational areas.

The courses are generally unaccredited and based on student need. Group size is dependent on the individual needs and support requirements of the students, however no more than 8 students can be accommodated per group.

These courses function as an excellent transition to full time college courses at 16 or as enrichment activities for students studying within schools.

For a discussion regarding tailored courses for individual schools please contact the Head of Foundation Learning on **01995 642222 ext. 2526** or email [bsherriff@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:bsherriff@myerscough.ac.uk)



## Myshort courses

Myerscough College offers schools and other groups the option to either have Myerscough Staff visit school or to bring groups of learners to one of our centres to complete short courses in a wide variety of subjects. If the area you are interested in is not mentioned below then please contact the 14-16 team to discuss your specific requirements. Short courses can last anything from a couple of hours to approximately 6 weeks on a day-release basis. They will usually be available in the last half term of the academic year at Myerscough's Preston site.

### MyFloristry

Myerscough Floristry staff can visit your school to work with groups of learners. This might be to prepare the flowers for a special event, train a Young Enterprise group, support a school based area of study or simply as enrichment. The visits are designed for students who are considering studying floristry at the College at Further Education. The visits are **FREE**, however schools are asked to cover the cost of flowers and other consumables used.

### MyPhotography

Schools and other groups are invited to bring groups of students to experience photography skills for the first time or to supplement an existing course of study, utilising Myerscough's specialist staff and resources. The cost for this course is £30 per hour for groups of no more than 8 students.

### MyHorticulture

Students groups have the opportunity to attend Myerscough to experience a range of different Horticultural areas. Specific activities can be discussed with the 14-16 team but activities on offer include tractor driving (Preston only), the making of hanging baskets and planted containers for the school site and basic hard landscaping skills. The cost for this course is £30 per hour plus consumables for groups of no more than 10 students.

# My schools liaison

The Schools Liaison Team at Myerscough works in partnership with schools, colleges and education advisory services throughout the North West to provide information about the wide range of courses and training opportunities available to students at 14-16 years old, post 16 and Higher Education level.

If your school is hosting a careers convention, parents evening, drop-in session or assembly, please let us know if you'd like us to attend. We can provide information on each of our subject areas, along with updates on the range of courses, apprenticeships and the choice of career options available to prospective students. Additional elements covered include college transport, residential accommodation, student finance, applying to College and student life.

### Schools Team Contact Details:

**Peter Cotterill** – Schools Co-ordinator

**David White** – Schools Liaison Officer

**Stacey Macneil** – East Lancashire Schools

**Jackie Newby** – Merseyside Schools

Telephone: **01995 642341**

or email: **schools@myerscough.ac.uk**

### Campus Tours and Activity Days

The College has grown substantially in recent years and has both the facilities and expertise to help teachers plan interactive, fun and safe visits. These can range from **free** campus tours to full-day field trips. A comprehensive range of activities can be offered or a bespoke programme developed to meet your specific requirements.



We offer a full range of activities linked to food, farming and the countryside. These are a few examples:

- Activities at one of our farms, linking food with agriculture. A popular choice for schools is a visit during the spring lambing season. (Please book early as places are limited.)
- Activities linked to food and healthy eating include 'planting', 'potting-on' and 'seed and plant structure'

### Careers Seminars

Myerscough offers full and half day careers seminars throughout the year. These are aimed at teachers, careers advisors, YPS and Connexions reps etc. and cover the full range of Myerscough FE, HE and workbased provision. Please contact David White for further details.



# My fees and finance

**For the majority of students aged 14-16 the fees will be covered by the school they are registered with. In certain cases the school may discuss with parents and guardians either sharing of the fees or parents/guardians covering the cost of the course. See pages 18-20 for more information on the finance arrangements for home educated students.**

Unfortunately as Myerscough is mainly a Further and Higher Education College it is unable to access funding for students of school age (except home educated students). This also applies to support bursaries and fee remission.

Where a student is identified as requiring support whilst at College it is the responsibility of the home school or parents/guardians to arrange this. This is usually provided by the school but in certain circumstances may be purchased from the College.

Where a student uses public transport or a College operated bus service to attend Myerscough then they must pay. Bus passes can be purchased from the Myerscough finance department if students use the College buses.



Garden Centre • Display Gardens  
Garden Café • Floral Pavilion

## Visit our superb plant kingdom

- Beautiful landscaped display gardens
- Indoor tropical zone with specimen plants
- Woodland garden and arboretum
- Temperate house with attractive displays
- Popular, well-stocked garden centre

Garden café open  
**10.00am-4.00pm**  
**7 days a week**



Plant World and Garden Centre  
Myerscough College



# My14-16 course

## Course Organisation

The majority of courses offered last for one year and are available for learners in Years 10 and 11. Year 10 students who successfully complete the course will, in most cases, be offered the opportunity to complete a second year to 'top up' their qualification. Details of the top up qualifications are available within the course information. In most cases Year 10 students will be considered for courses first, in order to ensure that the top up year remains viable. The majority of courses do however have the capacity for Year 11 students as well. For information regarding the application process please refer to the Myapplication section on page 17.

## Costs

Prices are based on a 37 week year. Certain top up courses only run for 31 weeks in Year 11 to allow time for GCSE exams. For more information about course fees please contact: The 14-16 Team on **01995 642222 ext. 2593** or email us at **14-16@myerscough.ac.uk**

Additional costs may be incurred for extra off-site delivery, smaller group sizes or additional equipment and teaching requirements.

## Additional Support and/or Learning Support Assistants

If a pupil has additional support at school, the school must provide this support whilst the pupil is at College. Schools sending large groups of students must be supervised by a member of school staff.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

Pupils may bring their own packed lunches or purchase meals from any of the College catering outlets. Pupils must stay on campus during breaks and lunchtimes. If a pupil is entitled to free school meals the school must make appropriate arrangements with the 14-16 Office.

## Transport

Arrangements for the transport of pupils to and from College is the responsibility of the school/parent.

No supervision is available for pupils after classes have finished. If students are catching College buses they need to be aware that these may not run the full length of the school term. A free shuttle bus is provided from the Preston campus to the service bus stop on the A6.

## Maintaining Contact with Schools

Throughout a pupil's time at the College, contact is maintained with the schools to inform of progress, attendance and behaviour. The College actively encourages regular dialogue with each participating school or co-ordinating body and both are welcome to contact the 14-16 Team to discuss any aspect of the 14-16 provision at the College.

## Myerscough College 14-16 Contact

The 14-16 Team Tel: **01995 642222 ext. 2593**  
**14-16@myerscough.ac.uk**

## Safeguarding

Myerscough College and its partner schools are fully committed to the 'Safeguarding'/ Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda. All organisations are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities and will follow appropriate guidelines, policies and procedures.

For more information on Myerscough's Safeguarding/Risk Assessment procedure please contact Bernard Pendleton on **01995 642222** or **bpendleton@myerscough.ac.uk**

## DISCLAIMER

All courses are subject to sufficient levels of recruitment in order to run. This prospectus was compiled in Autumn 2015 and every care has been taken to ensure that the information contained herein is accurate at the time of printing, but the course programme is subject to continuing development and changes of circumstances may necessitate cancellation of courses or alteration to the programme of courses, course location, fees and other matters.

# Myapplication

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

## Speak to Your School/Parents or Guardians

If you have decided that you might like to apply for a Myerscough course during years 10 and 11 then the first thing you need to do is speak to your school. The 14-16 team can sometimes advise you on the member of staff within your school who deals with college courses otherwise your Head of Year is always a good point of contact. You need to be ready to provide information like the course day, the course level and title and the cost. This information can be found later on in this prospectus. If you do not attend a school then you need to discuss the course with your parents or guardians. The 14-16 team are always happy to speak to you, your parents/guardians and your school so just give us a ring on **01995 642222 ext. 2593** or email us at **14to16@myerscough.ac.uk**

## Apply Online

Our new online application system is the fastest way to make your application. If you have permission off your school or Home Educating Parent or Guardian then you can start this process. To start the application process simply visit the Myerscough website, click on the **14-16 tab** at the top of the homepage, and then click your subject area and chosen course. You'll see the **Apply** button on the factsheet. Please ensure that you fully complete all sections of the form. Applications can be delayed as a result of missing or incomplete information. Your school or Home Educating Parent/Guardian will need to contact the 14-16 Co-Ordinator on **01995 642222 ext. 2593** or **14to16@myerscough.ac.uk** to request a 14-16 Application Form Part B. This needs to be printed out and signed.

**Applications cannot be processed without both parts of the application form.**

## Attend an interview and a guided tour

We will always invite applicants to attend an interview at the College. This will include a tour of the College's practical, teaching and support

facilities. It also gives you an opportunity to meet the course tutor to discuss the course content, your career ambitions and any specific learning support requirements that you might have.

## Apply early

Most of our courses are very popular and fill up quickly. In order for us to work within the timescales that schools need to arrange their timetables for the next academic year our applications close on **Friday 28th April 2016** although we will still take applications for courses that are not full after this date.

## What happens next?

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

1. Your application is received and an acknowledgement letter sent out to you. The admissions tutor within your chosen subject area will review and assess your application.
2. You will be invited to attend an informal interview. For Preston this will be the middle of May, other centre dates may vary. If you attend school then they will also be informed of your interview and you will need to discuss with your teachers who will be responsible for bringing you to College.
3. Once you have received an offer you will be able to access a wide range of College resources on your individual 'MyPage' section of the College website. This 'one-stop shop' enables you to – amongst other things – accept your offer, complete your consent and indemnity form, order clothing and submit bursary applications.
4. Students start College in September.

# Home Educated Students

## Part Time 14-16 Courses

## Full Time Courses for Under 16 Students

**Age Range:** Ideally students will be 14 before the 31st August of their start year. Most students will be 14 or 15 on or before 31st August of their start year meaning their one or two year programme leads them directly into post 16 education. Students whose dates of birth are only just after the cut off point will be considered on an individual basis.

**Course Offer:** Myerscough offers a wide range of courses which run one day a week throughout the academic year. These courses are detailed in the 14-16 prospectus. Myerscough courses are open to all students who meet the age and entry criteria regardless of their educational background. This means that students on each course come together to study a common interest but may be based anywhere throughout the Northwest and be educated in a variety of ways. These programmes provide an excellent transition onto post 16 full time College courses.

**Fees:** Funding is provided for Home Educated students accessing the 14-16 programme. Parents/Guardians must fund transport and clothing/equipment fees. If students have additional learning needs these must be discussed with the 14-16 team and if possible appropriate evidence provided. Part time under 16 home educated students are eligible to apply for the majority of bursaries available to post 16 students if they meet the criteria. Support will be calculated on a fractional basis based on the number of days the student attends College.

### Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Alasdair Burrows**

Age: **15**

Home town: **Carnforth**

Course: **Level 1 Agricultural Engineering (14-16 Programme)**

I found out about the course online and my mum contacted the College to ask about it. I was interested in coming to College because I enjoy hands on work. I thought it would be a good step into College for me, letting me get the feel of the place before I thought about attending full time when I was 16. The course is very different to anything I have done before and I am really enjoying it. My favourite parts of the course are the tractor driving and working in such a big workshop. I have really enjoyed meeting new people and everyone has been very friendly. When I started the course everyone was in the same situation as me and very few of the students knew each other so we all just got to know each other and we get on really well. I would definitely recommend the College to other Home Educated students.

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**Age Range:** Students must be 15 on or before 31st August of their start year.

**Course Offer:** In certain circumstances it is beneficial for students to join full time programmes before their 16th birthday. Most Entry and Level One Further Education courses detailed in the prospectus will consider 15 year old students. In certain circumstances students may even be considered for Level Two programmes. Myerscough staff must feel that accessing full time programmes early is the right thing for the individual both from a social and academic point of view. All programmes include Maths and English GCSE or equivalent unless the student has already obtained a C or above at GCSE in each subject.

**Fees:** Funding is provided for Home Educated students accessing full time provision. Parents/Guardians must cover a £95 facilities and resources contribution, transport and clothing/equipment fees. College bursaries and support funds are available to eligible students. Residential accommodation is not available to students until they reach their 16th birthday.

### Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Beth Sadler**

Age: **15**

Home town: **Preston**

Course: **Full Time Level 1 Horse Care**

When I moved into the area I knew I wanted to do something with horses even though I wasn't the right age to go to college. My Uncle used to attend Myerscough College so my mum rang up to discuss whether there was anything I could study. I started off looking at part time courses on the 14-16 programme but we discussed my situation with the College and decided I should try for a full time course. I was accepted onto the Full Time Level One course. I found it hard to settle at first but the College staff were brilliant and introduced me to other students who were also struggling. I have now made some really good friends and really enjoy coming to College. The course is really fun and is full of people who share my interests. I would like to go on and study to be a veterinary nurse at Myerscough. I would definitely recommend the College to other home educated students.

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# Home Educated Students

Full Time Courses for Post 16 Students

**Age Range:** Students must be 16 or over on 31st August of their start year.

**Course Offer:** Once students reach the statutory school leaving age they are eligible to apply for funded post 16 education in exactly the same way as school leavers. The Further Education School Leavers Prospectus details all available courses. If students with a Home Education background apply then Myerscough tutors are provided with additional support and guidance before interview. This means they understand that some Home Educated students have a non-standard qualification profile and may require additional support and guidance when settling in to College. The College is bound by qualification profiles when making initial course offers however all students undergo an initial assessment programme during the first six weeks of the academic year. Some students may then be moved onto courses which better fit their academic abilities and social needs. The College appreciates that some students who have been Home Educated may require additional academic or social support whilst they settle into College. All students from a Home Educated background are tracked to ensure they receive all the help and support they require.

**Fees:** Funding is provided for all students accessing full time provision. Parents/Guardians must cover a £95 facilities and resources contribution, transport and clothing/equipment fees. College bursaries and support funds are available to eligible students.

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Callum Heywood**

Age: **17**

Home town: **Blackburn**

Course: **Full Time Level 3  
BTEC Photography**



I started on the 14-16 Level One photography course when I was 14. My sister was studying Horse Care at one of Myerscough's campuses so I knew about the College. I was interested in photography and was pleased to find I could study the subject at College. I was really nervous when I first started at college but soon found my feet. I completed a Level One Photography course on the 14-16 programme then moved on to the Level 2 in Creative Design. As I had already been at College two years I was much more confident when I started my full time course in fact I was helping the other students find their way around. I am now on the Level Three photography course and am finding that the information I learned at level one has given me an excellent grounding for my new units. I enjoy everything about my course, especially working in the dark room and the studio.

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# Open Day and Country Fair

Sunday 12th June 2016  
10am - 5.00pm

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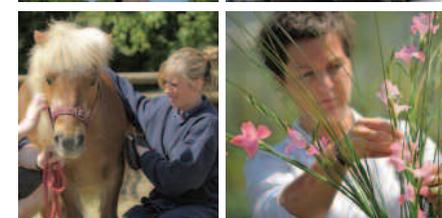
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  - Equestrian Arena Shows and Demonstrations
  - "Made in Lancashire" Food Fayre
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  - Uniformed Services – Police, Army, Navy & Air Force
  - Photography and Floral Design Exhibitions
  - Agriculture, Countryside and Conservation Arena
  - Archery, Laser Clay & Airgun Rifle Shooting
  - The 'Sheep Show' and Falconry Demonstrations\*
  - Gundog Scurry and Thwaites Shire Horses\*
  - Full Catering, Refreshments and Bar
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Plus careers and course advice and demonstrations from all our subject areas.

# Mydirections

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

## Road

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

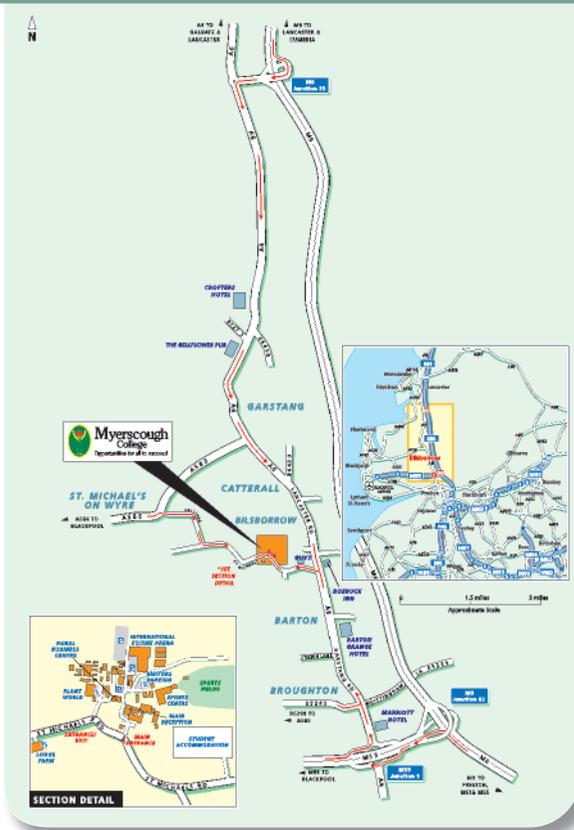
For satellite navigation users our postcode is PR3 0RY, on St Michaels Road, Bilborrow.

## Rail

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

## Bus

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



Shuttle buses also run during the day to Bilborrow village, for connections to Stagecoach services from Lancaster, Morecambe and Preston bus station (connecting to the Bolton, Horwich, Chorley and Bamber Bridge 125 service). Detailed timetables for the current year can be found on the page opposite.

Shuttle buses also run at the Liverpool centre, collecting students from connecting Arriva and Stagecoach services at Page Moss, West Derby, Oak Lane and Croxteth Hall Lane.

# Mybus timetable

Many students travel to Myerscough using our great-value daily bus services. Our routes cover much of Lancashire and are outlined below. Return services depart from College at around 5pm. Students can pay for a single trip or purchase a discounted Annual Pass.

From less than **£1.50** per day

Annual passes are also available for Stagecoach service 125 (from Bolton, Horwich, Chorley and Bamber Bridge) to connect with the College service from Preston Bus Station and service 40/41 (from Lancaster and Morecambe) to Bilborrow village.

PRESTON BUS STATION <span>Service 437</span>	
Preston Bus Station	0825
Moor Park Gates	0828
Withy Trees	0832
Fulwood Black Bull	0833
Broughton	0838
Barton, Jepps Lane	0841
Myerscough College	0848

PRESTON RAILWAY STATION <span>Service 433</span>	
Preston Railway Station (Fishergate)	0850
Moor Park Gates	0855
Withy Trees	0857
Fulwood, Black Bull	0858
Broughton	0903
Barton, Jepps Lane	0915
Myerscough College	0920

The popular 'Number 80' bus service runs during the day, between College and Preston Bus Station, as does the 401 service to Bilborrow Village and Brock, to connect with the Stagecoach 40/41 service to Preston and Lancaster.



BURNLEY • ACCRINGTON • BLACKBURN <span>Service 852</span>	
Queensgate	0715
Burnley Interchange	0720
Rosegrove	(approx) 0725
Hapton Inn	(approx) 0730
Huncoat, Griffins Head	0735
Accrington Bus Station (Stand O)	0740
Church, Commercial Hotel	0745
Intack, Accrington Road	0750
Blackburn, Penny Street (Stop C1)	0805
Billinge End	(approx) 0812
Mellor, Windmill Hotel	0820
Samblesbury, Norman Villas	0825
Broughton	0840
Myerscough College	0845

LYTHAM ST ANNES <span>Service 853</span>	
St Anne's Square	0745
Lytham Square	0800
Warton, Pickwick Tavern	0810
Freckleton War Memorial	0820
Kirkham, Market Square	0830
Windy Harbour Road End	0840
St Michael's (Hall Lane opp. school)	0850
Myerscough College	0855

An informative leaflet which details the bus routes, prices and connecting bus/train services is available to download from the College website.

FLEETWOOD • BLACKPOOL • POULTON <span>Service 400</span>	
Fleetwood, Queen's Terrace	0733
Rossall School	0746
Cleveleys (various stops)	0748-0755
Blackpool Talbot Road, TA1	0810
Poulton, Teanlowe Centre	0820
Little Eccleston	0830
St Michael's (Hall Lane opp. school)	0840
Myerscough College	0850

CLITHEROE • RIBBLE VALLEY <span>Service 995</span>	
Clitheroe Interchange	0737
Whalley Bus Station	0748
Mitton Three Fishes	0755
Hurst Green Post Office	0801
Knowle Green	0806
Ribchester Black Bull	0811
Longridge Market Place	0818
Goosnargh Stags Head	0825
Inglewhite	0830
Myerscough College	0845



# Agriculture

*staying ahead of the herd*

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

There is currently a significant demand for highly trained and well-educated professionals to enter the agriculture industry. In recent years fewer people have been attracted to careers in agriculture and a skills shortage has developed.

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



## Resources

- A purpose built Rural Skills teaching centre with state-of-the-art facilities
- Myerscough Farms (two farms totalling more than 300 hectares of farm and woodland)
- Comprehensive field study equipment, research and laboratory facilities
- Livestock and cereal enterprises (including 250 commercial Holstein dairy cows,

- 150 dairy heifers, 1000 ewes, 1800 fattening lambs, a beef enterprise and 40 hectares of cereals)
- A dedicated four hectare conservation area and countryside management zone.
- Off-road driving course for developing skills with tractors.

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: Amy

Age: 14

Home town: Lancaster

Course: Level One Agriculture



I heard about this course through my school. As I live on a farm and want a career in Agriculture this course sounded ideal for me. My favourite part of the course is going onto the farm and handling the beef cows. It is a long way for me to get into College but I really enjoy it. I get on with the other students and the College staff really well. I also like the fact you get treated as an adult at College.



Rural Skills Centre



## NPTC Entry Level 2/3 Award in Skills for Working Life – Agriculture

Duration: 1 year

Course Day: TBC

Course Times: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Location: Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

Cost per pupil: £902 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will cover a variety of agricultural skills. Most of the course is practical and based on the college farm but some work will be in a classroom. Units covered include move and prepare animal pens, recognise a healthy farm animal, weigh farm animals and feed young farm animals. This course is suitable for students working at entry level.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who progress well may move onto the Level One Certificate in Agriculture for Year 11.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Practical and theory assessment.

**Group Size:** Learners will join full time students.

**Credit value:** 6-14.

**\*NB** – As learners will join a full time student group they will follow the College rather than the school term dates.

## NPTC Level 1 Certificate / Diploma in Land-based Studies – Agriculture

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

Cost per pupil: £989 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is a blend of practical and theory sessions and involves plenty of "hands on activities" on the College farm. Units of study include health and well being of farm animals, animal accommodation and health and safety. Pupils must have an interest in the subject.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Certificate in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Diploma in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Multiple choice exam, assignments and portfolio of evidence of practical skills.

**Group Size:** 10.

**Credit value:** Certificate 18, Diploma 42.

# Agricultural Engineering

*operator and machine in harmony*

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus



**Agricultural Engineering involves the development, testing of highly specialised agricultural machinery.**

There are fantastic employment opportunities for anyone with both a keen interest in mechanisation and the relevant academic and practical skills. An increased demand for trained staff means that career opportunities exist throughout the world, with many large machinery dealerships based in the United States, Canada and Australia. Our courses are delivered by a highly qualified, dedicated and experienced teaching team, with strong support from leading industry partners.

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

## Resources

- New state-of-the-art Engineering Centre housing an extensive fleet of vehicles, tractors, field machinery and equipment
- Access to extensive laboratories, testing equipment and commercial research and trials areas
- An off-road vehicle test facility and demonstration area
- Three fully equipped engineering workshops complete with a wide range of maintenance equipment including diagnostic and test facilities
- A comprehensive Information Technology suite
- An off-road vehicle test facility and demonstration area

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Tom**

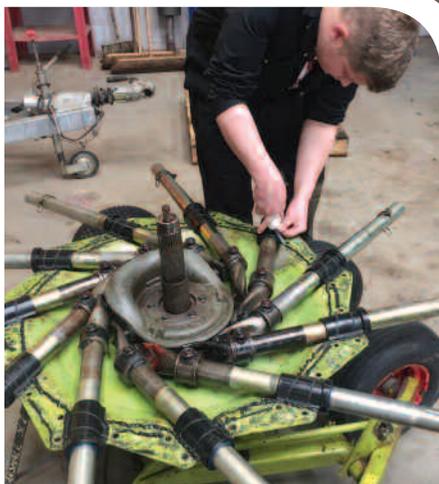
Age: **15**

Home town: **Wigan**

Course: **Level One Agricultural Engineering**



I did my Junior Tractor Driving course at Myerscough so when I came to pick my options I decided to have a look on the website to see if the College ran any courses I could go on. When I saw the Agricultural Engineering course I took it to my school to see if I could do it. I wanted to do the course because I like fixing things. I enjoy everything about the course, I get on with the other students and the staff are really good. When I leave school I would like to get an apprenticeship through College.



**Level One Certificate in Practical Countryside Skills – Agricultural Engineering Level One Award Motor Vehicle (Agricultural Engineering)**

**Duration:** 2 years

**Course Day:** Wednesday

**Course Times:** 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Location:** Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

**Cost per pupil:** £1122 per annum

**School Year:** 10

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### Overview:

This course is an excellent starting place for students wishing to work with highly specialist agricultural machinery. Units covered include tractor preparation, maintenance and operation, machinery maintenance and care of equipment.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete a composite course over two years.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Overalls and steel toe capped boots (please contact College for the latest standard required).

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Assignments, assessments, portfolio building and practical skills.

**Group Size:** 8.

**Credit value:** Certificate 21, Award 16.



# Animal Studies *exploring and investigating the animal kingdom*

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus



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

If you care about animals and have a deep interest in their health and wellbeing, Myerscough provides an excellent opportunity for you to further your studies.

Our courses cover a wide range of skills, from basic animal care through to more specialised areas. You will also have the opportunity to care for a wide range of companion animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets, farm animals and ponies and more exotic species, such as geckos, lizards and invertebrates.

## Myexperience



Student Profile

Name: **Dominic**

Age: **14**

Home town: **Blackburn, Lancashire**

Course: **Level One Animal Care**

When I took my options my teacher asked me what I would like to do in the future. I have always wanted to work with animals so she suggested I apply for the Animal Care course at Myerscough. I enjoy working with all sorts of animals and there are lots of different types at College. I like the fact that sometimes we are working outside and sometimes inside, both with the animals and in a classroom. I like working with students from lots of different schools and have met lots of new friends. When I leave school I would like to come to Myerscough on a full time course and then eventually work in a zoo.

## Resources

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

- An aquarium housing 56 tanks of tropical and cold water fish, incorporating amphibians and crustaceans
- Housing for farmyard animals, including goats, sheep, pigs, geese, turkeys, ducks, quail and Shetland ponies
- Two catteries, including a feline observation room
- A commercial grooming parlour
- A feed store and preparation room
- Wildlife rehabilitation rooms
- Facilities for trial work and research
- A range of housing for chipmunks, chinchillas, ferrets and degus
- A commercial canine hydrotherapy unit in the Canine Health Studio
- A suite of isolation, examination and treatment rooms
- A reptile breeding unit and vivaria
- A block of kennels with exercise training area
- A range of housing units for poultry, rabbits and caviae
- A range of aviaries

## NPTC Entry Level 2 / 3 Award in Skills for Working Life- Animal Care

Duration: 1 year

Course Day: TBC

Course Times: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Location: **Preston: Bilsborrow Campus**

Cost per pupil: £893 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will cover a variety of small animal care skills. Most of the course is practical but some work will be in a classroom. Units covered include recognising different small animals, assisting with their feeding, cleaning, grooming, welfare and general health checks. This course is suitable for students working at entry level.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who progress well may move onto the Level One Certificate in Animal Care for Year 11.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Practical and theory assessment.

**Group Size:** Learners will join full time students.

**Credit value:** 6-10.

**\*NB** – As learners will join a full time student group they will follow the College rather than the school term dates.

## NPTC Level 1 Certificate / Diploma in Land-Based Studies – Animal Care

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: **Preston: Bilsborrow Campus**

Cost per pupil: £989 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course provides pupils with a practical introduction into the care of a variety of domestic animals. Areas of study will include feeding, cleaning and handling animals. Some time will be spent in the classroom but the majority of time will be spent in the College's purpose built Animal Academy developing practical skills. Pupils must have an interest in the subject and have some prior experience of working with animals.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Certificate in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Diploma in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Waterproof clothing and wellington boots/sensible work boots. Warehouse coat purchased via Animal Care Centre. Files/paper/pens.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Assignments and portfolio of evidence of practical skills.

**Group Size:** 10.

**Credit value:** Certificate 18, Diploma 42.

# English and Maths

*essential life skills*

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

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An understanding of English and Maths is essential in all aspects of life and further study. Myerscough College is offering the opportunity for Home Educated students in years 10 and 11 to study towards a recognised qualification in English and Maths. This can be alongside a vocational College qualification or taken as a standalone programme. Students will spend one day a week studying English and Maths. Due to the limited time available to cover the programme students will be expected to complete further work in their own time guided by resources available on Bloom, Myerscough's online learning platform.

Myerscough is offering GCSE and Functional Skills programmes. When deciding which programme is most appropriate for individual learners Myerscough will take into account a student's age and current learning level as well as social factors such as ability to manage exam pressure. There is the opportunity for movement between the programmes during the first 6 weeks of the course.

This programme is only available to students who are electively Home Educated. The bespoke programmes are available at Myerscough's Bilsborrow Site. There may be the option for Liverpool based students to infill with full time students if they are working at an appropriate level.



## Functional Skills English and Maths

**Duration:** 1 year  
**Course Day:** Thursday  
**Course Times:** 9.30-4pm  
**Location:** Preston: Bilsborrow Campus  
**Cost per pupil:** Centrally funded  
**School Year:** 10 or 11

### Overview:

This course is aimed at students who are not ready to undertake a full GCSE programme. This may be due to their age, current academic level or social issues such as anxiety. The programme covers many of the skills needed for students to achieve GCSE's at a later date however allows time for basic concepts to be covered and understood.

### Entry Requirements:

Students must be Home Educated and 14 before the end of September of their start year. Students must be prepared to complete additional study outside of their lesson time. Entry onto this programme can either be alongside a vocational application or as standalone qualification.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who successfully achieve this qualification may if appropriate move onto the GCSE provision for year 11. Students must undertake both courses they cannot select either English or Maths.

### Equipment Requirements:

Students require pens, paper, files and a calculator. Access to an internet enabled computer outside of lesson time is essential.

### Progression Opportunities:

This qualification is recognised by post 16 providers so can be used when applying for full time courses/apprenticeships.

### Assessment Procedure:

These qualifications are assessed through one exam for each subject. Myerscough sets the exam dates based on student progress.

**Group Size:** 12-16. This programme will only run subject to appropriate recruitment.

## GCSE English and Maths

**Duration:** 1 year  
**Course Day:** Thursday  
**Course Times:** 9.30-4pm  
**Location:** Preston: Bilsborrow Campus  
**Cost per pupil:** Centrally funded  
**School Year:** 11 (in some circumstances younger students will be considered)

### Overview:

This programme is designed to allow students to complete GCSE English and Maths before entering post 16 education. Students follow the Pearson Edexcel Specification.

### Entry Requirements:

Students must be Home Educated, ideally in equivalent to school year 11 and working at a level where they are likely to be able to achieve a GCSE qualification at the end of one academic year. Younger students may be considered if they are assessed as meeting the entry requirements. As well as age and academic level the ability for students to manage the pressure of full GCSE exams will also be considered. Students must be prepared to complete additional study outside of their lesson time. Entry onto this programme can either be alongside a vocational application or as standalone qualification.

### Course Organisation:

Students achieving a Level 5 (former C) or above will not need to retake the GCSE subject in post 16 education.

### Equipment Requirements:

Students require pens, paper, files and a calculator. Access to an internet enabled computer outside of lesson time is essential.

### Progression Opportunities:

This qualification is recognised by post 16 providers so can be used when applying for full time courses/apprenticeships.

### Assessment Procedure:

The new GCSE programme is mainly graded on a final examination. These exams run in May/June. The English qualification has two final exam papers and a speaking a listening exam which is listed as a separate item on the GCSE certificate. The maths qualification has three final exams.

**Group Size:** 12-16. This programme will only run subject to appropriate recruitment.

# Equine Studies

*on course for an equestrian career*

Preston: Bilborrow Campus



The equine industry in the United Kingdom is expanding rapidly, with a turnover approaching £1 billion per year. It encompasses many different sectors, from racing, driving and endurance to dressage, horse trials and show jumping. These areas are supported by a large ancillary industry and leisure market which provides extensive career opportunities.

The equine department at Myerscough College has excellent resources. A busy equestrian centre runs affiliated and unaffiliated events as well as being a training and examination centre for British Horse Society qualifications stage 1, 2, 3, 4, PTT and ITT.

Myerscough is well known as one of the leading equine colleges in Britain. The facilities and expert knowledge of the tutors provide an ideal learning environment.

## Resources

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

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Samantha**

Age: **15**

Home town: **Burton in Kendal, Cumbria**

Course: **Equine Studies**



I found out about Myerscough through a family friend. They had been to Myerscough and highly recommended the College. The course is really different from anything I have done at school, it is full of practical work, hands on with the horses and duties on the yard. I have two of my own horses and thought I knew the basics but Myerscough has really given better knowledge, which is great as I use it in my own time at home. The course obviously has theory, but the way the tutors talk to us and put the information in to real life situations works for me perfectly.

## NPTC Level 1 Certificate / Diploma in Land-based Studies – Horse Care

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: **Preston: Bilborrow Campus**

Cost per pupil: £996 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11

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### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will include units on feeding and watering horses, horse health, caring for horses and exercising horses. Most of the course is based on the equine stable yard but some work will be in a classroom. Pupils must have a strong interest in looking after and caring for horses. The riding of College horses is subject to ability and experience. This will be assessed at interview.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview (including ride assessment).

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Certificate in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Diploma in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Black or navy jodhpurs and sweatshirt. Dark jacket. Long or short riding boots. Riding hat (kite mark PAS 015). Gloves and short whip. Body protector (only required if riding). Pen, folder and paper.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Multiple choice exam, assignments and portfolio of evidence of practical skills.

Group Size: 12.

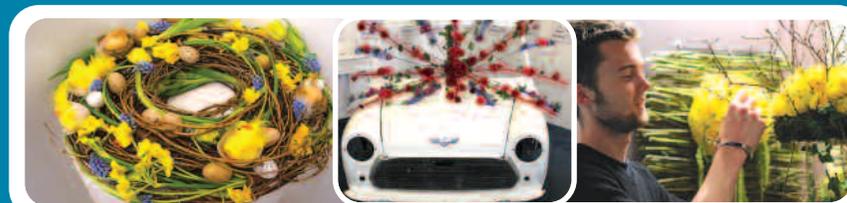
Credit value: Certificate 18, Diploma 42.



# Floral Design

*creative flair in full bloom*

**Preston: Bilsborrow Campus**



**The floral design industry now reaches far beyond the traditional confines of high street retailing. Employment opportunities continue to grow in this country and abroad, as the sector diversifies and expands.**

The industry now employs more than 25,000 people and the fresh cut flower market alone is worth more than £1.5 billion to the UK economy.

Myerscough celebrated its Floral Design Silver Jubilee in 2012, having been at the forefront of floristry teaching for more than 25 years. It is regarded as one of the leading colleges in the country for floristry, winning the prestigious BFA Training Provider of the Year award. We have some of the most advanced design studios in the country, having recently invested more than £250,000.

Our courses are highly practical and creative, taught by our well qualified and experienced floristry team. They equip students with the range of knowledge and skills required for successful careers in the industry.

## Floristry at Bilsborrow Campus

For 2016/17 there will be no formal course offer for 14-16 Floristry at Bilsborrow however if individual schools have appropriate cohorts of approximately 8 students we are happy to discuss bespoke provision. This might be a full year accredited programme or something more appropriate for individual groups of learners both in content and curriculum time. We are happy to support courses such as ASDAN or employability skills that are running within schools with some specialist input for a shorter amount of time. We can also provide enrichment courses that compliment work done around post 16 progression and option. Please contact the 14-16 co-ordinator on 01995 642222 ext. 2593 for further details

## Resources

- Five floral design workrooms equipped with workbenches, flower food dosing units, sinks, display units and visual aid equipment
- Experienced professional floristry tutors (ICSF and NDSF holders)
- Comprehensive range of teaching equipment and accessories
- A commercial plant centre and flower shop
- Design and craft studios
- Exciting range of International visiting guest speakers, design workshops and master classes
- Dedicated foliage borders
- Walk in cold store



# Horticulture & Landscape Construction

*shaping the future of the land*

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus



The Horticulture and Landscape construction industries are currently experiencing strong growth. Career opportunities are widely available and varied. According to the Royal Horticultural Society the horticulture industry is the largest employer in the UK, supplying 18 million gardeners. It is estimated that the landscape industry is made up of nearly 8,000 businesses employing approximately 140,000 people.

Students completing courses in this area will have the basic skills and knowledge to go onto careers in the horticulture, landscape or construction industries. Potential employers include local authority departments, parks and gardens; domestic and commercial landscape companies, garden centres, private gardens and grounds maintenance contractors. Students can also go on to specialise in one of the construction trades such as building, joinery or plumbing.

## Resources

- Extensive plant collection
- Five hectares of ornamental features and landscaped gardens
- A range of display greenhouses featuring four different environmental regimes
- A dedicated nursery stock production unit
- Commercial plant centre
- 30 hectares of woodland
- A purpose build teaching unit comprising four fully equipped landscape and construction workshops
- A wide range of maintenance equipment and tools

## NPTC Entry Level 2/3 Award in Skills for Working Life - Horticulture

**Duration:** 1 year  
**Course Day:** TBC  
**Course Times:** 9.30am – 3.30pm  
**Location:** Preston: Bilsborrow Campus  
**Cost per pupil:** £902 per annum  
**School Year:** 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will cover a variety of horticultural skills. Most of the course is practical but some work will be in a classroom. Units covered include identifying trees and plants, watering and feeding plants, using appropriate tools and garden maintenance. This course is suitable for students working at entry level.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who progress well may move onto the Level One Certificate in Landscape, Garden Design and Construction for Year 11.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Practical and theory assessment.

**Group Size:** Learners will join full time students.

**Credit value:** 6-10.

**\*NB** – As learners will join a full time student group they will follow the College rather than the school term dates.

## Level One Certificate/Diploma in Landscape Garden Design and Construction

**Duration:** 1/2 years  
**Course Day:** Wednesday  
**Course Times:** 9.30am – 2.30pm  
**Location:** Preston: Bilsborrow Campus  
**Cost per pupil:** £992 per annum  
**School Year:** 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This practical course is an ideal first step towards a career in Landscape garden design and Construction, it provides a basic introductory 'hands on' approach and will involve designing and building a Show Garden in the Award Winning Myerscough Gardens. The course will involve hard and soft landscape skills, design and construction.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Certificate in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Diploma in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Outdoor work clothes and steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Assignments, assessments and portfolio of evidence of practical skills.

**Group Size:** 10.

**Credit value:**  
Certificate 24, Diploma 37.



# Motor Vehicle Studies

*kick start your career at the front of the grid*

**Preston: Bilborrow Campus**



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

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



## Resources

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

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Tom**

Age: **15**

Home town: **Preesall, Lancashire**

Course: **Level One Motor Sport**



I enjoy working with cars so when the school told me about this course I really wanted to do it. I have learnt loads about the way cars work and how to mend them since I started. I normally don't like writing but it's not bad at College because I am learning about stuff I am interested in. When I leave school I would like to get an apprenticeship and come to College part time.



## ABC Level One Award/Certificate in Motor Vehicle

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: **Preston: Bilborrow Campus**

Cost per pupil: £974 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11

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### Overview:

This qualification covers a broad range of areas within the subject of motor vehicle maintenance.

Modules will include health and safety, fuel and lubrication systems, vehicle electrical systems and routine maintenance.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Award in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Certificate in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Overalls and steel toe capped boots (please contact College for the latest standard required).

### Progression Opportunities:

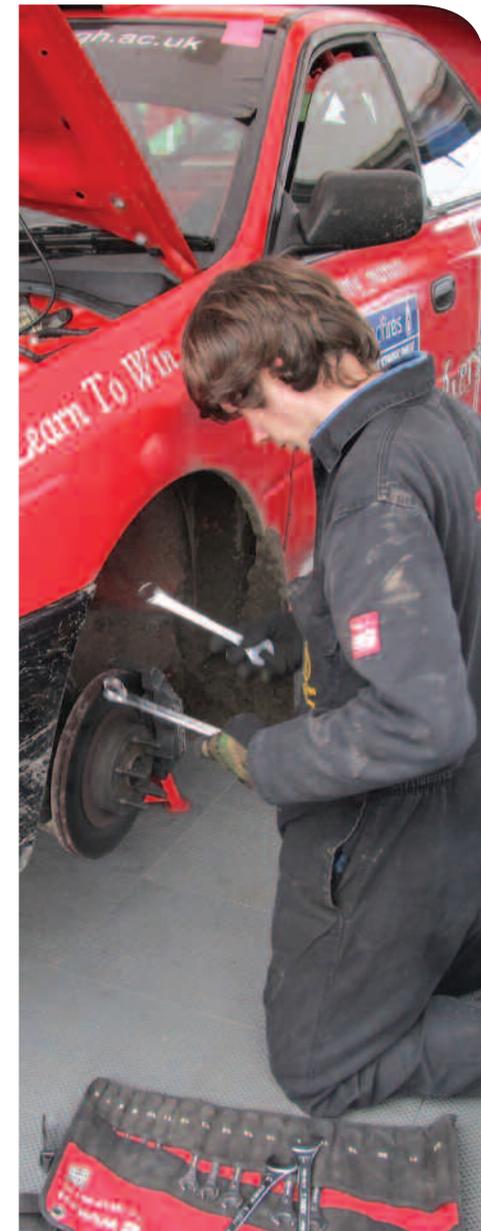
Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Ongoing practical assessment and portfolio of evidence.

Group Size: 8.

Credit value: Award 12, Certificate 24.



# Photography

focus on your new career

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus



If you enjoy taking photographs and would like to develop your hobby into a career, then Myerscough is the ideal place to achieve that goal. Our picturesque surroundings offer students the chance to develop their photographic skills and share their creative passion.

Our tremendous resources, along with our expert lecturers, provide the creativity, skills and knowledge to help you secure a job in this ever-growing market place.

Career opportunities in photography are varied – from fashion, commercial, travel, sports and portraiture to education, advertising.



Myerscough photography tutors at our Open Day Exhibition



## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: Alex

Age: 15

Home town: Preesall

Course: Level One Photography

I originally applied for the Animal Care course but then moved to photography. I am really glad I decided to do photography because I really enjoy it. I have always been interested in taking pictures and have learned lots at College. I get treated differently than at school, more like an adult. I get on really well with all the other students in the group and the photography staff. When I leave school I am thinking about coming to College full time to do a photography course.



## Resources

- Picturesque campus ideal for enhancing photography skills
- A photography dark room, ideal for learning skills and techniques associated with processing and printing of photographic materials
- Professional level camera equipment
- A computer-aided design studio for digital imaging
- A professional grade studio lighting system

## Level One Award/Certificate Photography

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: Preston: Bilsborrow Campus

Cost per pupil: £984 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11

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### Overview:

This qualification is practical in its nature, exploring aspects such as image capture, digital manipulation and presentation.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Award in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Certificate in year two.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Camera desirable but not essential, sketch book and pens/pencils.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Assignments, assessments, portfolio building and practical skills.

Group Size: 10.



# Sportsturf

from one famous course to another

Preston: Bilsborrow Campus



The most popular team and individual sports played outside today involve the use of turf or grass surfaces. These include golf, football, rugby, cricket, bowls and horseracing.

Our tremendous resources, along with our expert lecturers, provide the creativity, skills and knowledge to help you secure a job in this ever-growing market place.

If you are passionate about sport and would like to work outdoors, our courses offer an excellent platform to a career in sportsturf with superb employment prospects.

## Myexperience

Student Profile

Name: **Salman**

Age: **15**

Home town: **Preston, Lancashire**

Course: **Level One Sports Turf**



I heard about the course through school but I also had a friend in the year above me who was already on the course so he told me all about it. It sounded like my kind of thing because I like practical hands on work. I enjoy everything about the course both when we are out doing practical lessons and also the theory work. Next year I hope to either return to College full time or do an apprenticeship, also through Myerscough.



## Resources

The Sportsturf Technology Unit is at the centre of the vast sportsturf facilities at Myerscough. This comprises:

- A nine-hole golf course displaying a wide range of design philosophies and construction profiles, some of which are the only examples in the UK
- A fully automated irrigation system with a variety of sprinkler heads, controllers and fittings
- Turf-care management software
- Winter sports pitches including hard porous hockey, football, rugby and training areas
- Demonstration and trial plots
- Practice putting and chipping greens
- A wide range of maintenance equipment and tools
- Fully-equipped workshops
- Turfgrass research laboratory
- 3G Pitch

## Level One Certificate / Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills – Sportsturf

Duration: 1/2 years

Course Day: Wednesday

Course Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Location: **Preston: Bilsborrow Campus**

Cost per pupil: £992 per annum

School Year: 10 and/or 11

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### Overview:

This practical course is designed for pupils who wish to follow a hands on approach to learning about how to develop and maintain sports surfaces and facilities. The course covers a wide selection of practical skills such as using mowers, laying pitches and maintaining surfaces such as golf courses and football/ rugby pitches.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Students will complete the Certificate in year one and Year 10 students will progress to complete the Diploma in year two.

### Progression Opportunities:

Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Assignments, assessments, portfolio building and practical skills.

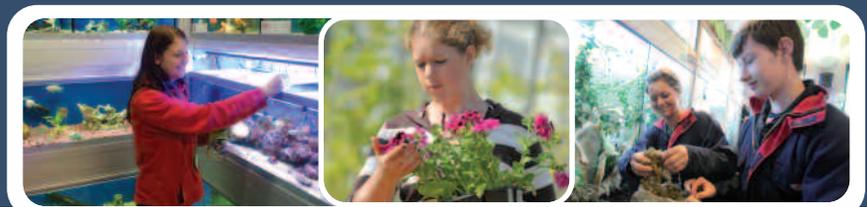
Group Size: 10.

Credit value: Certificate 24, Diploma 37.



# Blackburn

*studies in East Lancashire*



For 2016/17 there will be no formal course offer for 14-16 courses at Witton Park due to a lack of interest in recent years.

If individual schools have appropriate cohorts of approximately eight students we are happy to discuss bespoke provision, this will generally be round the area of Small Animal Care. This might be a full year accredited programme or something more appropriate for individual groups of learners both in content and curriculum time.

We are happy to support courses such as ASDAN or employability skills that are running within schools with some specialist input for a shorter amount of time. We can also provide enrichment courses that compliment work done around post 16 progression and option.

Please contact the 14-16 co-ordinator on 01995 642222 ext. 2593 for further details.



# Croxteth Park

*studies in Merseyside*

## Entry Level 3 Certificate Animal Care

**Duration:** 1/2 years  
**Course Day:** Thursday  
**Course Times:** 9.30am – 2.30pm  
**Location:** Liverpool: Croxteth Park  
**Cost per pupil:** £1110 per annum  
**School Year:** 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will cover a variety of small animal care skills. The animal care centre at Croxteth is based on the farm within the Country Park and has a vast range of small animals.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who progress well may move onto the second year of the programme. Students may join the course in September or January.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

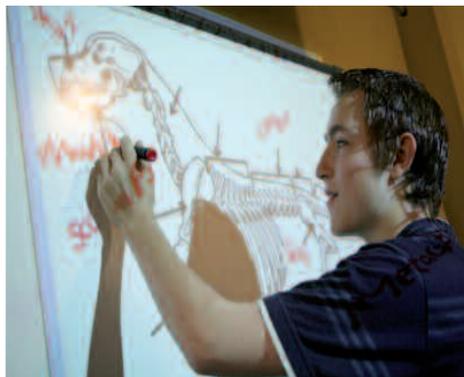
Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Practical and theory assessment.

**Group Size:** 12.

**Credit value:** 22.



# Croxteth Park

*studies in Merseyside*

## Entry Level 3 Certificate Horticulture

**Duration:** 1/2 years  
**Course Day:** Thursday  
**Course Times:** 9.30am – 2.30pm  
**Location:** Preston: Croxteth Park  
**Cost per pupil:** £1110 per annum  
**School Year:** 10 and/or 11



### Overview:

This course is very practical in its content and will cover a variety of horticultural skills. Most of the course is practical but some work will be in a classroom. Units covered include identifying trees and plants, watering and feeding plants, using appropriate tools and garden maintenance. This course is suitable for students working at entry level.

### Entry Requirements:

Successful interview.

### Course Organisation:

Year 10 students who progress well may move onto the second year of the programme. Students may join the course in September or January.

### Equipment/Clothing Requirements:

Sensible outdoor clothing. Steel toe capped boots/wellingtons.

### Progression Opportunities:

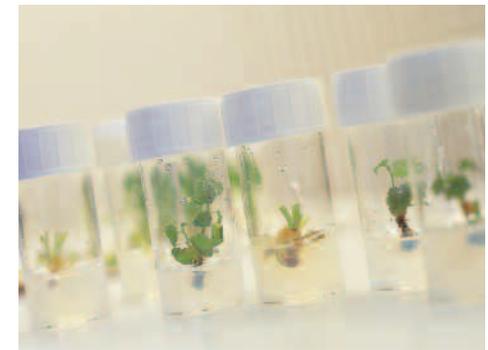
Related Further Education courses.

### Assessment Procedures:

Practical and theory assessment.

**Group Size:** 10.

**Credit value:** 22.



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