



University Centre
Myerscough



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Dear Student

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

Here at University Centre Myerscough, we are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning students to the Preston campus for the start of the autumn term.

Our plans are to open the campus fully in time for the start of the new academic year in September. The Higher Education Centre, library, study areas, catering outlets, equestrian centre and sports facilities will be available, with a range of robust protective measures in place for the safety and wellbeing of students and staff, as well as for the wider local community.

University Centre Myerscough intends to offer on-site accommodation to all students who wish to reside in halls. This will include an option for international students to carry out any required quarantine on campus before the term starts. Accommodation bookings are now available via the *MyMyerscough* portal of our website.

Teaching arrangements are expected to comprise a blend of some larger group sessions and lectures delivered online, with small group classes, tutorials and practical sessions delivered face to face in suitably spaced classrooms. We are very fortunate to have a spacious rural campus that lends itself well to social distancing guidance.

Staff are working very hard to make sure that all necessary arrangements are in place for September. Ensuring the safety of the entire Myerscough community on campus is our top priority, whilst also maintaining the high quality of our student experience. Guidance is changing all the time so, fingers crossed, if coronavirus rates continue to drop, we should be in a position to be in an even more 'normal' situation when September arrives.

Our partner institution, the University of Central Lancashire, is currently planning 'welcome week', so - especially for new students - you won't miss out on making new friends and getting to know your surroundings. We will be in touch with more information in the coming weeks and months about enrolment plans and arrangements for the first weeks of term.

As a date for your diary, term starts for new first year students on Monday 7 September, with accommodation available from Sunday 6 September. Returning students start on 14 September.

In the meantime, keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for relevant updates. We are hosting another **Online Virtual Advice Morning** on **Saturday 18th July**, where each of our departments and support areas will be available for one-to-one discussions on everything from curriculum teaching to financial support, bursaries and accommodation.

There is also more support information on our University Centre Myerscough website at this link:
<https://www.ucmyerscough.ac.uk/students/fees-and-finance/>

In the meantime, please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Downham-Clarke
Vice Principal & Deputy Chief Executive