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Dear Student

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

Here at Myerscough College 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 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.

Myerscough College 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. Our daily bus services will be running and, as currently, we'll have free parking on site for students arriving by car, bike or moped.

Teaching arrangements are expected to comprise a blend of some larger group sessions and lectures being possibly 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, while 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.

We are currently planning our initial 'welcome week', so - especially for new students - you won't miss out 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<sup>th</sup> September, with accommodation available from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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's also more support information on our Myerscough College website, covering all aspects of student life and College transport.

For new students, we shall be emailing again in the next few weeks to launch our MyFuture programme, which will provide a range of teaching materials, videos, support resources and interactive activities across each of our subject areas, to help familiarise you with the subject that you've chosen before you start in September. We will also be sending through details about enrolment and joining instructions for the start of term.

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

Yours sincerely



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