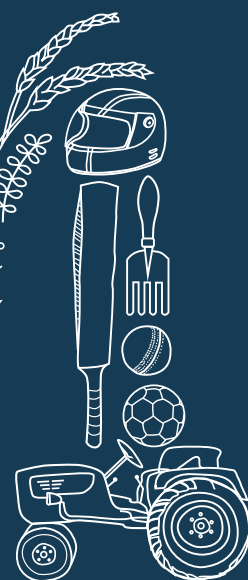




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Student Achievements. Campus Developments.  
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# Welcome by Principal

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

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

We continue to enjoy enormous success at Myerscough College, from individual student achievements to wide-ranging campus developments and national awards. We are delighted that we have continued to be one of the country's top performing colleges with very strong further education, higher education and apprenticeship achievement rates and student satisfaction rates.

Our students and staff are at the heart of our College and University Centre and being at Myerscough is more than just a job or a qualification. We believe in providing a supportive, enriching, ambitious and nurturing environment so that everyone can be the best that they can be. The many industries that we serve continue to report significant skills shortages and opportunities to forge a variety of interesting and exciting careers.

Myerscough offers not just high quality academic, vocational and professional education but the opportunity to change lives through a holistic experience of course enrichment, study trips and visits, high quality work

experience, community work and charity fundraising. This broad ranging experience builds confidence, resilience, communication skills and life skills, which enables our students to progress into their chosen careers – demonstrated by our 97% positive destinations by our further education students and 98% of our degree students progressing into education, training or employment within six months of graduation.

We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive College and have once again demonstrated this through our successful reaccreditation as Leaders in Diversity by the National Centre for Diversity. The Leaders in Diversity kitemark demonstrates our commitment to and embedding of the principles of FREDIE – fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion and engagement.

This celebratory brochure identifies a number of both collective and individual staff and student success stories and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

Very best wishes,

**Alison Robinson**

Chief Executive and Principal





# Myerscough life

## Leading Lancashire project continues to benefit county's small businesses



**A scheme from Myerscough College aimed at benefiting small businesses in Lancashire continues to be a success.**

Myerscough is a delivery partner in the Leading Lancashire programme, a project which enables Lancashire's SMEs (less than 250 employees) to develop the leadership and management skills of their workforces to create the leaders of the future, providing the county's SME workforce with access to training focussed on developing skills for current and future managers and leaders, and enabling them to progress into, sustain and develop within leadership management roles.

Short accredited courses from the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and Chartered Management Institute (CMI) offer bespoke training to meet individual employee needs.

By taking part in the Leading Lancashire project, people create their own training plan enabling them to develop effective leadership and management knowledge, skills and behaviours; improve their potential for career development and advancement and gain nationally recognised leadership and management qualifications.

## Myerscough retains Disability Confident status



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

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

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

## Myerscough leads scheme to ensure that employers get workers with right skills

**Myerscough College is leading the way in offering Lancashire businesses a 'once in a generation' opportunity to shape the future of employers' skills needs.**

The Lancashire Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) addresses concerns that employers do not have enough influence over courses and skills offered in local area and struggle to find skilled employees.

This Skills Accelerator also includes the Strategic Development Fund, a £65m investment to help colleges in the implement some of the strategic priorities set out in the local skills improvement plan. In Lancashire, the SDF will be led by Myerscough College on behalf of The Lancashire Colleges.

Lancashire's plan will be submitted to the Department of Education in 2022, with the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, working in partnership with the East Lancashire Chamber and supported by Lancaster Chamber, aiming to gather evidence from over 10,000 businesses to develop a clear plan of what skills provision is required in Lancashire.

## Myerscough's Arbor Day UK is tree-mendous



**Myerscough College staged a special day of celebration of all things trees, in a second annual 'Arbor Day UK'.**

The digital event was a celebration of trees, those that work with trees (arborists), and recognition of an important global industry. It was held via a virtual platform due to the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, and included presentations from some key names in the industry, including Tony Kirkham MBE (Head of Arboretum, Gardens & Horticulture Services, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Ben Jones (Arboretum Curator, at the University of Oxford Botanic Garden & Arboretum), Paul Nolan MBE (Director of The Mersey Forest) and many more, Jon Hammerton, Neil Lucas and other celebrated arboricultural and horticultural experts, who gave talks on a diverse range of topics.

As part of the ongoing plans, many more trees are being planted, a new woodland area is being created at Myerscough's main Bilsborrow campus, and Myerscough's greenspace staff and students are engaging in initiatives with local communities. In recent months, work has continued at Myerscough's main woodland planting site at the College's Bilsborrow campus, planting trees in the 'Rainbow Triangle' – a new woodland being created in memoriam for those that have lost their lives in the Coronavirus pandemic – and as a 'thank you' for NHS and other key workers who are working at the front line.



## Myerscough Farm Lodges strategic farm status

**Myerscough College's Lodge Farm is part of a national scheme aimed at promoting excellence in the agriculture sector.**

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)'s strategic dairy farm programme is creating a network of farms, to share good practice through on-farm and virtual events, and giving access to industry experts and the latest research.

The farms also form part of the AHDB's Farm Excellence platform, a network of inspirational farmers who share and create new ideas to drive innovation and productivity.

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



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

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

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

## Myerscough collaborate on major climate change project



**Myerscough College is a project partner in a major drive to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.**

As part of a UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) investment of £30 million over four-and-a-half years, researchers at Aberystwyth University's Institute for Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS) will lead a consortium of partners to develop biomass crops.

The results will be used to shape longer-term government decision-making on the most effective technologies to help tackle climate change and reduce CO2 emissions in order to meet net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Alongside project partners, including Myerscough, they will be demonstrating the latest technologies for planting willow and Miscanthus, the two perennial biomass crops that are best suited to UK conditions.

Specifically, Myerscough's involvement in the research includes new field trials on College land, hosting willow and miscanthus plots. Both crops grow well on land that is less suited to food production, and can be harvested every one to three years.

## Myerscough retains status as a Leader in Diversity

**Myerscough College retained the prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' award, continuing to be a leading provider in equality, diversity and inclusion in the education sector.**



The 'Investors in Diversity' quality mark is awarded to establishments who strive to improve practices within their organisation. Myerscough College has held leaders' status since 2017, and a fresh assessment will see that now extended until March, 2023. The process involved a review of the College's Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, Engagement (FREDIE) policies, procedures and practices, as well as completion of surveys and a review.

The Investors in Diversity Award is recognised as much more than just a highly prized and prestigious quality mark. Those achieving the Investors in Diversity Award are enabled to take a structured and planned approach to embedding FREDIE at the heart of what they do.

Myerscough College has worked exceptionally hard over a number of years to advance and promote equality, diversity and inclusion both within college and the wider further education sector. Every member of staff has contributed to the Leaders in Diversity journey by making Myerscough a warm, friendly, inclusive and harmonious place to work, live and study.





## Myerscough landscaping apprentice named the best in the UK

**A Myerscough College apprentice was named the best in the UK after winning gold at the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) WorldSkills UK final.**

Cameron Barker was crowned champion in landscaping at a prestigious award ceremony. The 2021 WorldSkills competition saw Cameron compete alongside the other finalists from across the country to be crowned the UK's best young landscaper.

The finalists had to build a fully landscaped garden to a set specification, incorporating water and lighting features, paving, decking, turf and numerous other elements, including designing a plan for the project, which they then had 16.5 hours to complete over three days of the final.

Designed by industry experts, the WorldSkills UK Competitions equip apprentices and learners with the world-class skills needed to help UK businesses better compete globally. Competitors underwent a seven-month process of regional heats and intensive training before stepping up to pit their skills against the best of the best.

## Foundation learners thrive on Supported Internships



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

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

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

## Full steam ahead for Myerscough College rail apprenticeships



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

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

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

## Myerscough supports mental health and wellbeing



**Myerscough College continues its commitment to staff and students by being part of a national mental health and wellbeing charter.**

The charter, which was been created by the Association of Colleges, in conjunction with mental health experts, is an 11-point document, which includes commitments to:

- Promoting equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma
- Providing appropriate mental health training for staff
- Providing targeted individual mental health support where appropriate

Myerscough believes that every student and staff member deserves to work, study and train in an environment that supports them to be healthy, happy and secure. That is why Myerscough College was proud to sign the AoC Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter.

The College takes this commitment seriously and whilst we have a great track record, we are always keen to do more. This charter provides a clear direction of travel that our students and staff can hold us to account as we continue to work together to support their health and wellbeing whilst they are with us.



## Ryan goes full throttle in Streetsport Championship win

**A motorcycle ridden by a Myerscough College motorsport lecturer and serviced by students raced to the 2021 Streetstock 125 British Championship.**

Ryan Garside secured the title after a successful season on his Myerscough EasyPay Honda, supported by his students during the competition, as part of their enrichment programme.

The 2021 Streetstock 125 British Championship ran across circuits such as Donington Park, Anglesey Trac mon, Pembrey, Darley Moor & Three Sisters, with Ryan securing the title with one race to spare.

As part of their study programme, learners undertake their motorcycle study programme at Myerscough's new Motorcycle Centre at the College's main Bilsborrow campus, on courses designed to give students skills and knowledge in diagnosing and repairing any type of motorcycles, as part of a tailored course incorporating motorsport activities and resources to provide progression into the motorsports industry.

## Agriculture students over the moo-n with Christmas Calf Show



**Agriculture students staged their annual Christmas Calf Show.**

The event is organised by the College's Level 2 Agriculture students, and involves the training and then parading of a variety of dairy heifers and beef cross calves, which were prepared for the show at Myerscough's Livestock Innovation Centre, part of the College's Lodge Farm complex.

Every year the students spend months planning and preparing for the event, with the Christmas Calf show now an annual fixture in the Myerscough calendar. The student's hard work and stockmanship shows how they have developed their skills and confidence in handling and showing the animals, as well as taking pride in both their own appearance and that of their animal.

## World-renowned horticulturalist works with Walton learners



**Students at Myerscough College's Warrington campus have been working with a world-renowned horticulturalist thanks to a new partnership.**

Myerscough has been based at Walton Hall and Gardens since, with the classroom and learning environment at Walton Estate was made possible thanks to a two-million-pound grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Don Billington has moved into the glasshouses on the site, where his collection now lives, as well as Don being on hand to work with the latest group of Myerscough horticulture students.

Don is a world-renowned Bromeliad expert, specialising in Bromeliads and having three National Collections of Aechmea, Billbergia and Neoregelia. The collection in question is bigger than that found at Kew, Wisley and Edinburgh Botanical gardens, making the move perfect for both Don, Walton Hall, and the Myerscough students, who are able to get a unique, first-hand experience of dealing with such plants.

## £1.3million project launched to train mechanics in electric and hybrid repairs



**Myerscough College and University Centre is part of a £1.3million project designed to train mechanics how to repair electric and hybrid vehicles.**

Myerscough is involved in the Lancashire Automotive Skills Accelerator Project funded by the Department for Education, which will bridge the skills gap in low-carbon vehicle mechanics.

The scheme aims to create low-carbon skills centres across the county, providing significant investment in cutting-edge technologies and upskilling teachers to ensure that study programmes meet the needs of employers and the industry.

The project also aims to support the Government's commitment to withdrawing the sale of new petrol or diesel cars in 2030, and will also create a range of new short courses to meet employer needs, whilst Master Technicians will deliver masterclasses for staff and students.



# Our Partnerships

## Myerscough launch Cumbrian partnership with Ullswater Community College



### Myerscough College successfully launched an exciting, new, land-based educational offer for Cumbria.

The 2021-22 academic year saw agriculture, animal studies and arboriculture further education programmes run as a partnership between Myerscough College and Ullswater Community College, near Penrith.

The collaboration recognises the importance of the future of the land-based sector, and in particular, the agriculture, animal management and arboriculture sectors to the county, and how vital it is that the next generation have the best possible opportunity to obtain high level qualifications locally.

Learners follow a blended learning model where learners still live at home, while enjoying the benefit of quality, local, academic study, with theory and classroom sessions in Penrith, combined with additional weekly travel to Myerscough College, where practical elements are taught in state-of-the-art, sector leading facilities, as well as the opportunities to study in the workplace or residentially at Myerscough.

Students will be taught in state-of-the-art, sector leading facilities, which have recently benefited from a £35m investment in the past few years. This work includes the opening of a state-of-the-art, multi-million-pound Food and Farming Innovation & Technology Centre ('FFIT'), the only one of its kind in the UK, incorporating AfiFarm 5.2 dairy technology and a new Livestock Innovation Centre incorporating Growsafe feeding technology.

Myerscough College has three farms, a specialist rural skills centre and an off-road driving course for developing skills with tractors, trailers, 4WD vehicles and quadbikes.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB) recently made Myerscough's Lodge Farm a Strategic Dairy Farm, adding the farm to the AHDB's Farm Excellence platform, a network of inspirational farmers who share and create new ideas to drive innovation and productivity and share good practice nationally.

Our Animal Studies Centre has recently tripled in size after the completion of a £3 million extension and major refurbishment, while Myerscough also boasts fantastic arboriculture facilities, with an international reputation for excellence and is home to the purpose-built National Centre for Arboriculture.

Find out more about our range of study programmes on offer for Cumbria at [www.myerscough.ac.uk/cumbria](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/cumbria)

## Furness College animal partnership goes from strength to strength

### An animal studies partnership between Myerscough College and Furness College has gone from strength-to-strength.

The programme, launched in September, 2020, has allowed the first cohort of students to take their first steps into animal management careers, in either a Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care or Level 3 Animal Management Technical Diploma.

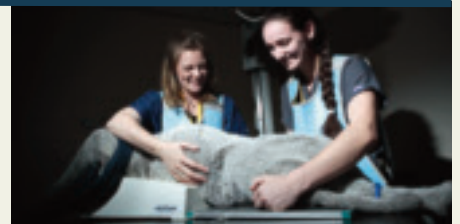
Learning is spread across both centres, where students learn theory at Furness's sixth form campus in Barrow, and travel weekly to work with animals in Myerscough's £3 million, state-of-the-art, Animal Studies Centre, at the College's main Bilsborrow campus. They will also enjoy the chance to do field work and work experience in Furness and the South Lakes. During the programme, they will go on to learn about animal behaviour, genetics and conservation.

Myerscough's Animal Studies Centre houses the following specialist facilities: an aquarium of tropical and cold water amphibians and crustaceans, herpetology room housing species from all continents, a cattery – working in partnership with Blue Cross, a brand new lemur enclosure, dog day-kennels, a tortoise enclosure, farmyard animals, including goats, sheep, geese, ducks, alpacas and emus, fully equipped grooming parlour and canine hydrotherapy unit, international equine arena, housing for over 50 horses and equine hydrotherapy, aviaries housing birds from around the world, specialist veterinary and veterinary nursing staff and facilities including x-ray facilities, intensive care beds, operating theatres and patient referral rooms, an exotics rooms (including Gambian pouched rats and sugar gliders), free range poultry paddocks, rabbits and guinea pigs enclosures, ferrets enclosures and Scottish Wildcat enclosures (part of national conservation programme).



## Myerscough partners with UCLan to create prestigious Veterinary School

### Myerscough College and University Centre is partnering with the University of Central Lancashire to create the county's first Veterinary School.



The opening in September 2022 will see the provision become the 11th Veterinary School in the UK and Lancashire's first.

The new Veterinary School will deliver foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate courses in areas such as veterinary medicine, bioveterinary science, veterinary clinical practice, veterinary physiotherapy and rehabilitation, and clinical animal behaviour and training.

Myerscough is collaborating with UCLan and local veterinary partners to deliver certain programmes of study. Students will benefit from Myerscough's renowned animal training facilities which have underpinned established Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) accredited vet nursing programmes, alongside UCLan's experience of establishing leading UK medical, dental, pharmacy and optometry schools with significant and continuing investment in state-of-the-art clinical training facilities.

## Inspiring Excellence

### Vision Statement

Our vision is to:

- Be the leading college in the land based, science, engineering and sports sectors
- Be the natural choice for students, staff and employers
- Provide a highly skilled, creative and technical workforce
- Deliver excellent outcomes through inspirational and inclusive learning and services
- Build sustainability into all we do



### Myerscough Values

Our Myerscough values directly support our Strategic Goals:

#### Learning:

Our delivery will be high quality and innovative with students at the heart of decision making.

#### People:

We will enable staff and students to fulfil their potential whilst promoting resilience, leadership, accountability and teamwork.

#### Sustainability:

We will provide a happy, healthy, safe, supportive and sustainable environment in which to live, work and study.

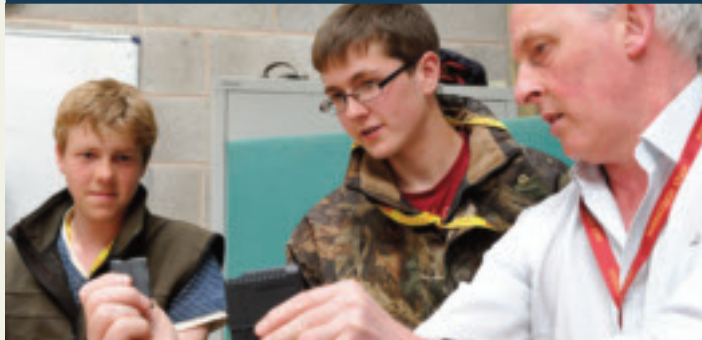
We will advance FREDIE: Fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion, engagement in all we do.





# Strategic Goals

## Strategic Goal 1: Learning



To provide excellence in learning we will:

- Design, deliver and recruit with integrity to land based, engineering, science and sports qualifications in line with local, regional and national economic skills needs.
- Provide excellent teaching, applied research and scholarly activity that creates curious and aspirational learners, improves achievement and transforms lives.
- Enable students at all levels and contexts to develop their personal development and employability skills to enable them to achieve their aspirations and full potential.
- Develop high level technical, creative and digital skills in staff and students.
- Provide outstanding resources which are safe, industry relevant, cutting edge and standard setting.



## Strategic Goal 2: People



Our greatest assets are our people. To support them we will:

- Attract, retain and invest in high quality people through providing a supportive environment where staff feel listened to and valued.
- Promote and advance FREDIE principles with a culture of fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion, engagement.
- Provide a safe, secure, healthy and supportive environment to live, work and study.
- Develop strategic partnerships with universities, schools, local / devolved authorities, employers to enhance skills and productivity and align with local, regional and national skills needs.
- Promote and embed a culture of ambition, innovation, resilience and high performance supported by coaching and supportive challenge.

## Strategic Goal 3: Sustainability



To support the College's long-term sustainability we will:

- We will deliver ongoing value for money, including outstanding financial management and planning, which will effectively and efficiently enable quality outcomes for learners, good governance and the robust stewardship of College funds.
- Deliver an annual plan that allows for ongoing investment in our resources.
- Review College services and estate to improve resources, produce efficiency savings, financial, cyber and digital resilience and agility.
- Promote and embed a green / sustainability agenda across all activities.

# Our Awards

## Myerscough College named Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider at Educate Awards



**Myerscough College was Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider at the 2021 Educate Awards.**

The Educate Awards celebrates the excellence of educational establishments in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

**The Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider** category celebrates the most outstanding delivery of 16–18 education provision for the academic year 2020-2021, including excellent outcomes and measured success for students with inspirational and high levels of teaching and learning.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic, it's still been another fantastic year of success at Myerscough College, from individual student achievements to wide-ranging campus developments. Myerscough is one of the country's top performing colleges with very strong further education, higher education and apprenticeship achievement rates and student satisfaction rates. Our students and staff are at the heart of our College and University Centre and being at Myerscough is more than just a job or a qualification. Myerscough believes in providing opportunities for all to succeed in a supportive, enriching, ambitious and nurturing environment so that everyone can be the best that they can be.

**In addition, Myerscough was also shortlisted for The Careers & Enterprise Award**, recognising the College's work in preparing young people the best they can for their future careers and opportunities available to them, whilst also developing a spirit for enterprise amongst pupils or students and encouraging entrepreneurship. Myerscough was named the winner of this category at the 2020 event.



## Double delight for Myerscough College in prestigious Tes FE Awards

Myerscough College was recognised for its contribution to further education with two nominations in the 2021 Tes FE Awards.



The Tes FE Awards celebrate the very best of the sector, with Myerscough shortlisted in the category of **Further Education College of the Year**.

This award seeks to reward the colleges whose imagination and passion have led to stellar provision in all areas, with judges looking for evidence of excellence in providing a high-quality curriculum with excellent student outcomes, reflected in strong recruitment and success rates.

Meanwhile, Myerscough's Merseyside campus at Croxteth Park was nominated in the **Contribution to the local community** category.

This award recognised the provider that has made the most impact in supporting their community socially, culturally or economically. Myerscough's entry was focussed on food security and sustainability in the local area.

The Myerscough College Liverpool Campus is located in Croxteth Park, one of the most socially deprived areas in the country. The College uses an Adult Education Budget (AEB) to deliver education programmes to adult learners, and has been proactive in establishing horticulture programmes locally, with engagement and community benefit increasing substantially since lockdown.

## Myerscough make the cut as a top UK turf influencer



**A leading industry magazine named Myerscough College as one of the most influential bodies in the sportsturf industry.**

The Turf Business' Turf Top Influencer Award recognises the industry's most influential figures who possess an outstanding level of knowledge, experience and skillset within their specific field of expertise. Myerscough was named 4th on the list, the third year in a row the College has been named inside the top 10.

A prestigious shortlist was made up of individuals who create some of the best playing surfaces in the world of professional football, cricket, golf, rugby league and tennis, and organisations who make a real difference in supporting the development of the sportsturf sector in general.



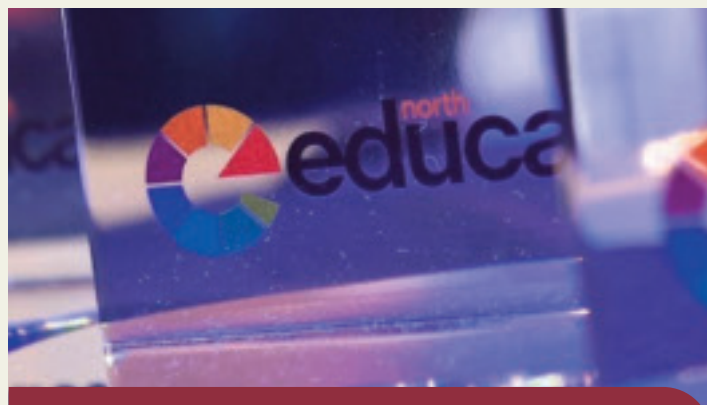


## Myerscough's IAG provision praised in matrix assessment

**Myerscough College and University Centre has been highly praised for the quality of its information, advice and guidance.**

The matrix Standard is a unique quality standard for organisations to assess and measure their advice and support services, which ultimately supports individuals in their choice of career, learning, work and life goals. Continued accreditation under the matrix Standard provides national recognition of the quality of the service delivered and is measured every couple of years.

Myerscough underwent a three-day reassessment of accreditation under the matrix Standard which reviewed IAG throughout the College, and to all areas of provision. The assessor spoke to dozens of members of staff and students across a range of subject areas and College services, to compile a comprehensive report.



## Myerscough recognised in Educate North Awards

**Myerscough College was recognised at the prestigious Educate North Awards.**

The awards celebrate the very finest work in higher and further education, with Myerscough shortlisted in four categories:

**Further Education College of the Year** – recognising Myerscough's teaching, student experience, innovation and economic impact.

**UK Apprenticeship Award** – recognising Myerscough's work in the promotion and delivery of high quality of apprenticeships across the United Kingdom.

**Social Mobility Award** – recognising Myerscough's work in improving the prospects of students from lower socio-economic background, specifically the College's work with the community at our Merseyside campus at Croxteth Park.

**External Relations Team of the Year** – celebrating the promotion of the College's annual summer Open Day and Country Fair.

## Myerscough is one of the most inclusive employers in UK

**Myerscough College was named as one of the most inclusive employers in the UK by the National Centre for Diversity.**

Myerscough – who already hold the prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' status, and Disability Confident accreditation – is 6th on the list of the NCFD's Top 100 Inclusive Workplaces Index for 2021. The inspiring organisations that achieve a place in the Top 100 Index, demonstrate excellent levels of the FREDIE principal: Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement; and clearly demonstrate strong employer values. The annual index covers the UK's private, public and third sectors and is reviewed annually.

Myerscough is proud to be an open, inclusive and welcoming College, where equality and diversity are promoted and celebrated and where discrimination and harassment is challenged. We encourage positive behaviour and challenge all forms of negative behaviour and ideas.

Myerscough College believes in providing opportunities for all to succeed. This means making sure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect, and with high expectations of conduct and behaviours of staff, students and stakeholders. There is a College-wide culture which actively promotes equality, diversity and inclusion, which ensures an inclusive approach to the staff experience, and provides a positive working environment.

Meanwhile, Myerscough College's Director of Student Support was shortlisted for a prestigious award also held by the National Centre for Diversity.

Lisa Hartley was nominated in the category of Employee of the Year in the organisation's annual FREDIE Awards, a scheme designed to champion and celebrate individuals and organisations who are going above and beyond in their commitment to fairness, respect, equality, diversity, inclusion and engagement.



## More national award nominations for Myerscough floristry

**Myerscough College's floristry department received a number of nominations in the 2021 British Florist Association (BFA) Awards.**

The awards recognise the best in the industry, with Myerscough receiving four nominations across three categories.

The College was shortlisted in the category of Training Provider of the Year, highlighting the excellent provision provided for floristry and floral design.

Floristry tutors Susanna Brandon and Nicola Harrison were both nominated in the category of Floristry Tutor of the Year, while Ruth Wigmore was nominated for Floristry Student of the Year, highlighting her outstanding work and dedication throughout the year.

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



# Our Awards

## Myerscough College apprentices recognised in national ceremony

Myerscough College plant-sector apprentices have received recognition for outstanding commitment to their work in a national ceremony.



The 'Stars of The Future' Awards is an annual event organised by the Construction Plant-Hire Association, in conjunction with training providers from across the country who offer plant courses.

Nominees were assessed on their attitude and quality of work throughout the year, both at their college and in the workplace environment and there are separate prize schemes for Level 2 and Level 3 apprentices, at both regional and national level.

Myerscough College had two regional winners - Ben Thomas and Thomas Sealeaf, who both work at Brandon Hire Station and attend Myerscough College on block release from their employer during their apprenticeships.

## Myerscough recognised in BIBAs 2021

# BIBAs

## Finalist 2021

Myerscough College and University Centre was named as a finalist in the prestigious 2021 BIBAs.

Run by the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, the Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs) is Lancashire's longest running, largest and most prestigious business awards ceremony.

Myerscough was named a finalist the category of Education Establishment of the Year, making the shortlist following a vigorous judging process which included a detailed written submission, and a virtual interview in front of a panel of business experts and leaders from across the county.

The Covid-19 pandemic has placed a huge burden on schools, colleges and universities to provide a continuing education to Lancashire's students throughout the crisis.

Being named a finalist recognises these achievements and vital role that Myerscough has played in helping the county 'bounce back', and highlights the College's outstanding work across both academic and professional services operations.

Myerscough College **Celebrating Success**

## National award for Myerscough's apprenticeship provision



Myerscough College's apprenticeship provision achieved national recognition at the annual AAC Apprenticeship Awards.

Myerscough was named the Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care Apprenticeship Provider of the Year category.

The FE Week and AELP AAC Apprenticeship Awards are a celebration of excellence in apprenticeship delivery in the UK and provide an opportunity to give the recognition employers and providers deserve.

## Myerscough a cut above in Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards



A Myerscough College apprentice was named the best student greenkeeper in the country after he scooped a prestigious national industry award.

Matthew Milligan was named winner of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year, a national contest hosted by the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, BIGGA.

Each year, a selection of the best student greenkeepers, selected from regional interviews hosted across the country, head to the two-day finals of the event, where they complete a variety of tasks designed to test their industry knowledge and their commitment to the profession.

Myerscough College student Matthew, 26, is First Assistant at Rudding Park, and received a Toro Scholarship that includes a turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts, a trip to the Golf Industry Show and a visit to the Toro factory.



# Our Information...

## 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!

Staff and tutors will be present to chat about the courses on offer, future career opportunities and the facilities and resources available to students at your chosen centre.

They'll also be able to advise about daily transport and financial support. At the Preston centre there'll also be representatives from our accommodation team, to discuss the range of residential options that are available.

Advice Mornings are usually held at our Preston, Blackburn (Witton Park), Warrington (Walton Hall) and Liverpool (Croxteth Park) centres on Saturdays and they're scheduled for the following dates at each centre (subject to change depending on any Covid-19 restrictions at the time). We also continue to offer some virtual events on Tuesday evenings, with staff available via Zoom video.

**Saturday, 5th February, 2022**

**Saturday, 19th March 2022**

**Saturday, 23rd April 2022**

## Let's get social

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

Like & follow our main pages across social platforms for more info and behind the scenes content on everything we get up to across our subject areas.



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Search 'Myerscough College' on any of them to discover our many individual accounts run by specific study programmes.

Student Enquiries Line 0800 652 5592 or 'Live Chat' via [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)

Your comprehensive online information source!

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

Myerscough specialises in education and training for the landbased 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!

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.

### The chance to travel

Another good reason for studying at Myerscough is the opportunity to work and study abroad. We have close links with many overseas colleges and three American universities, allowing a number of our students to undertake study abroad.

What's more, several of our courses provide the opportunity to work abroad on placements – so if you like travel, here's a great place to start your journey!

### 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 university level degree courses

One of the great things about Myerscough is that, if you're looking to progress to a degree course at the end of your studies, we offer a choice of Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees at our University Centre at the Preston campus. Higher Education opportunities exist in each of our subject areas and don't forget that by studying for a two-year Level 3 qualification it provides the opportunity to progress to a degree course either here at Myerscough or many other colleges and universities.

## Myerscough College Open Day and Country Fair

**Sunday 12th June 2022  
10.00am - 5.00pm**

Come along and experience the superb facilities and excellent campus life at Myerscough College by visiting our popular Summer Open Day and Country Fair.

**Subject to Covid restrictions.**

# Sports Success

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**cricketer**  
SCHOOLS GUIDE 2022  
**TOP 100**

## Myerscough hailed as top provider by The Cricketer magazine

For the fourth year in a row, Myerscough College's cricket study programme at Emirates Old Trafford was named among the best in the country by The Cricketer magazine.

The Cricketer published its Good Schools Guide 2022, featuring its top 100 schools and providers. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

This included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching. Also taken into account was how schools kept the game alive during the pandemic, and how they look to ensure cricket remains a central part of school life.

## Myerscough students tee-off at junior golf's 'major'



**Two Myerscough College students played in the biggest junior golf competition in Europe.**

Callum Moncur, Level 2 BTEC Certificate Sports Studies, and Jack Clare, Level 3 Golf Studies, qualified for a place at the finals of the Junior Golf Championship, which took place at the Alcaidesa Links Resort, Cadiz, Spain.

The event has helped launch the careers of some of the best British and Irish junior golfers, notably Justin Rose, Luke Donald and Sky Sports presenter Nick Dougherty. The event was broadcast on Sky Sports Golf.

## Myerscough College get to the Root of cricketing excellence



**Myerscough College teamed up with the prestigious Root Academy, to provide local young talent with the pathway to a great career in the sport.**

By becoming an official partner, Myerscough became a Development Centre for 14-16-year-olds, who were given a fantastic opportunity to attend a specialist programme in technical and tactical aspects, gameplay and strength and conditioning, at the College's main Preston campus.

Young people on the programme received training from Myerscough College Cricket Preston's Head Coach and Programme Leader, James Wiggan, alongside Root Academy coaches, with an opportunity for participants to apply to enrol in Myerscough's range of further education BTEC cricket study programmes, and also for current students to get involved and develop their skills.

The R66T Academy Camps are a snapshot of the High-Performance Programme that is held for elite players in Australia that Joe Root participated in as a 20-year-old, and include a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a year in Australia to receive further expert coaching and experiences.



## Myerscough's basketballers are European history makers



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

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

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

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

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

*"The thing we've really learned over the last 12 months is the effectiveness of the British style in Europe. The boys have bought into what we as a coaching staff are trying to preach and that makes us a difficult team to play against."*

The group were all in contention to make the Great Britain squads for the summer tournaments. Myerscough Basketball Academy had eight players in total, including four alumni, named to their respective age groups at the U20 and U18 levels.

**You can read more about Myerscough Basketball Academy at [www.myerscoughbasketball.co.uk](http://www.myerscoughbasketball.co.uk)**



## Myerscough rugby and football students enjoy elite action

Myerscough Rugby Academy students have been enjoying high quality fixtures in the elite ACE League.

The league is part of a programme that gives students the opportunity to combine rugby training on a daily basis with academic study, allowing students to not only gain an excellent education, but also experience high quality rugby training and match opportunities.

Myerscough College offers an outstanding and aspirational rugby and academic development programme for talented young players to achieve their potential both on and off the pitch, in association with Premiership side, Sale Sharks.

Meanwhile Myerscough football students have enjoyed competitive action in the English College's Football Association (ECFA) and English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Leagues.

This includes regular scheduled fixtures throughout the season and entry into local and national cup competitions.

In addition, Myerscough's excellent links to a range of local semi professional and amateur clubs and colleges provide a wide range of additional development games.

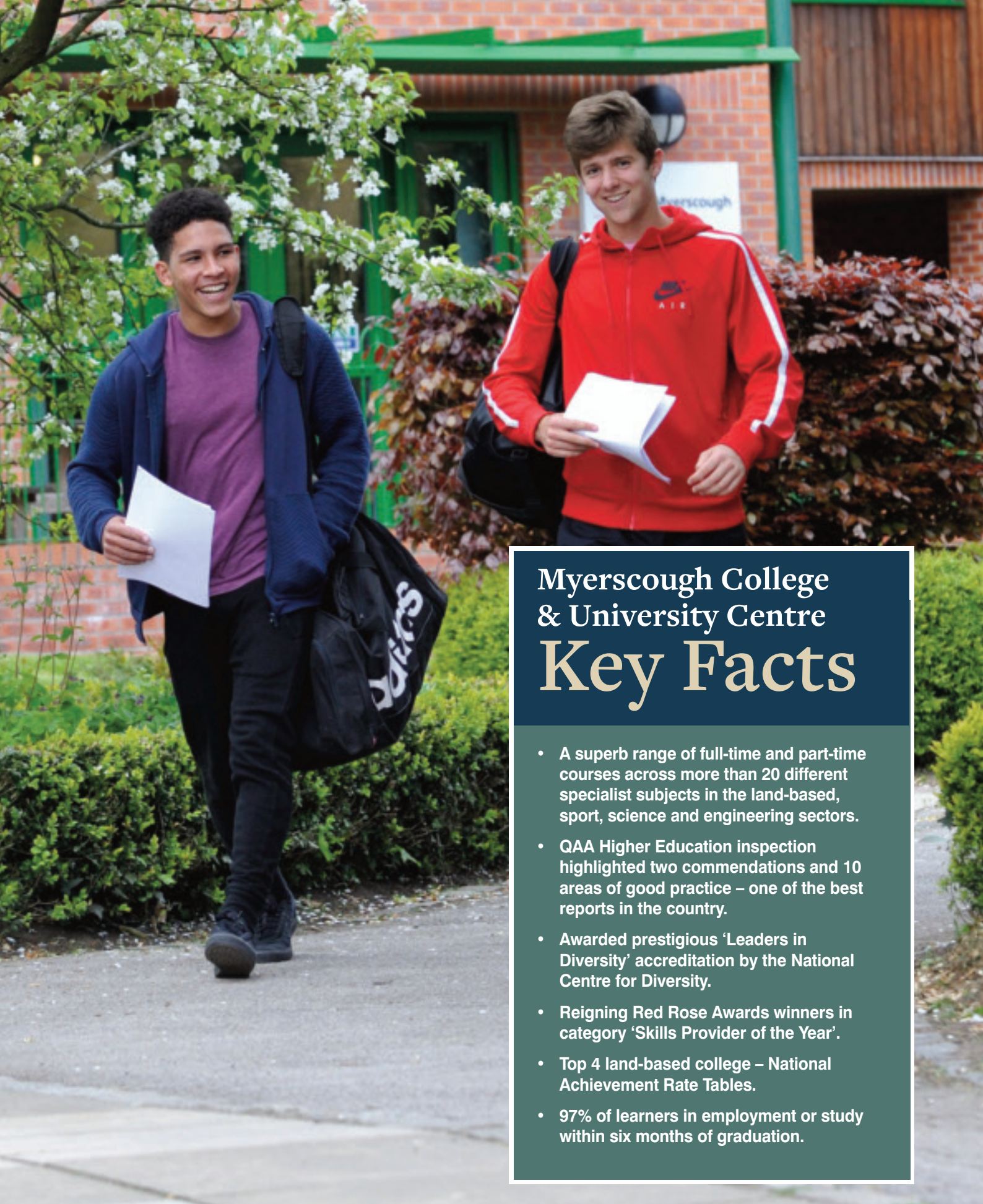
## Choose Myerscough

**We are proud of being a vocational college and university centre, helping our students achieve jobs in their chosen industries, in the land-based, sport, science and engineering sectors!**

Student happiness, fantastic support and quality teaching are just a few of the reasons you should choose Myerscough to kick start your dream career. Apply now for 2022 entry!







## Myerscough College & University Centre Key Facts

- A superb range of full-time and part-time courses across more than 20 different specialist subjects in the land-based, sport, science and engineering sectors.
- QAA Higher Education inspection highlighted two commendations and 10 areas of good practice – one of the best reports in the country.
- Awarded prestigious 'Leaders in Diversity' accreditation by the National Centre for Diversity.
- Reigning Red Rose Awards winners in category 'Skills Provider of the Year'.
- Top 4 land-based college – National Achievement Rate Tables.
- 97% of learners in employment or study within six months of graduation.



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