



10th March 2021

Dear Careers Advisor / IAG Practitioner

NEW AGRICULTURE & ANIMAL STUDIES OPPORTUNITIES IN PENRITH

Following the recent announcement about the closure of Newton Rigg College this summer, I am writing to update you about our exciting new partnership with Ullswater Community College in Penrith.

From September 2021, we will be offering full-time Level 2 and Level 3 study programmes in both Agriculture and Animal Studies, based at their Penrith Campus. Students will spend two days there each week, making use of the excellent teaching facilities. Transport will then be provided one day each week to our Preston Centre, enabling students to make use of the fantastic practical resources on site. Work experience will be completed at local employers in Cumbria.

This will provide an opportunity for those Year 11 pupils who were considering Newton Rigg to remain in Cumbria for their post 16 education, whilst still benefitting from class-leading practical facilities and the support of dedicated subject specialists. Applications can now be made via our website. A range of daily bus services are available to the UCC campus.

We shall also be offering progression opportunities for those Newton Rigg students who will be completing the first year of two-year programmes this summer, enabling them to stay local for their second year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

I've attached an information booklet to this letter, explaining more about our course offer and the excellent practical facilities available at Myerscough. Students can apply online and more information is available at www.myerscough.ac.uk/cumbria

COURSE ADVICE MORNING – SATURDAY 13th MARCH

Our next (virtual) Course Advice Morning is on Saturday 13th March and interested pupils and parents can register for this at the following link: <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/> I have also attached a graphic for use on social media, should you wish to promote it.

ADDITIONAL LAND-BASED SUBJECTS

At this stage our plan is to focus on Agriculture and Animal Studies provision. However, this could be expanded, subject to demand. In the meantime, we offer excellent residential options at our Preston campus for Cumbrian students wanting to focus on the likes of Agricultural Engineering, Arboriculture, Land & Wildlife (Gamekeeping and Countryside Studies), Motorsports, Floristry, Horticulture and Equine Studies.

APPRENTICESHIPS

We are the largest specialist land-based apprenticeship provider in the UK and offer a range of career paths in areas such as Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Arboriculture, Underkeeper (Gamekeeping), Horticulture, Equestrian, Animal, Sportsturf, Greenkeeping, Railway Engineering and Construction Plant. There's more information, and current vacancies, at this link: www.myerscough.ac.uk/apprenticeships

I hope this provides some reassurance to those pupils interested in careers in the land-based sector.

If you would like to have a personal tour of Myerscough facilities, I would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you may have. Please contact Jane Brash on jbrash@myerscough.ac.uk

If you would like a presentation (either virtual or physical) to any Year 10 or 11 students, or would like to talk to our Schools Liaison Team, please contact Nick Harrison, our Schools and Colleges Liaison Co-ordinator on 01995 642167 or nharrison@myerscough.ac.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Alison Robinson
Chief Executive & Principal