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COLLEGE



Further Education Prospectus 2025

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Welcome to the Askham Bryan College Prospectus

Whether you are progressing to further study, pursuing a degree, applying for an apprenticeship or exploring new skills for a career or enjoyment, Askham Bryan College is a great place to study.

As one of the top specialist land-based colleges in the UK, graded as 'good' for our teaching and 'outstanding' by Ofsted for our care provision and accommodation, we pride ourselves on making all of our students feel welcome.

Over the summer we have invested hugely in the college with many exciting developments. The Bioelectric Anaerobic Digester, or the 'Electric Cow', has been installed on our farm allowing us to convert organic waste into renewable energy.

Additionally, our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) has now been transformed into a state-of-the-art AI Learning Space which will enrich the student learning experience by enabling them to harness the teaching and learning power of Artificial Intelligence.

We are also undertaking a significant redevelopment of the teaching block. The project entitled 'Cyberscape' is due for completion in January 2025 and will create modern, innovative teaching and learning spaces for T-Level students.

These upgrades along with a renovation of our sports hall and gym and a new heritage farm for rare breeds are just the start of what we are trying to achieve, and represent our dedication to sustainability and advancing educational excellence.

The future is bright for the land-based sector, and we ensure that our students are supported throughout their studies and given the opportunity to leave us with the practical skills and knowledge required to lead sustainable, fulfilling careers and to make an impact in the world.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming open days, but whatever path you choose to take, I wish you all the best.

Dr Tim Whitaker

Principal, Askham Bryan College





Who we are

Diverse range of courses

We offer a wide range of courses including Agriculture, Animal Management, Equine studies, Horticulture, Adventure Sports, Motorsport Engineering, and Public Services. From foundation level all the way through to degree level.

Picturesque campus

Our main campus is located in the beautiful countryside near York, it provides an exceptional learning environment where theory and practical experience are seamlessly integrated.

State of the art facilities

We are constantly investing back into our facilities to ensure our students get the best resources to support their learning, from our new AI focused learning centre to precision livestock technology and VR tractor simulators, we make sure our students are well prepared for their future careers.

Supportive community

We are committed to creating a vibrant community with small class sizes, personalised guidance, and enriching extracurricular activities to enable our students to grow academically and personally.

Your future

With strong industry links and a reputation for producing skilled graduates, we help students achieve rewarding careers in the land-based and environmental sectors. Whatever your interests or starting point, we empower you to reach your goals in a setting that values both tradition and innovation.



Open Days

We offer several Open Events throughout the year across all our centres. Open Events are a great opportunity to tour our grounds and facilities, meet our staff and learn about our courses in more detail.

It's your chance to meet our tutors, lecturers, students and support staff from across our student services team, as well as finding out more about our accommodation (York only) and transport provision. If you need guidance on applying, then we can take you through the process on the day. Whatever your queries we'll be available to answer your questions.

Information about all our Open Events can be found on our website:

🌐 askham-bryan.ac.uk/open-days



Book your place now



Where we are

York

Our main campus at York offers our full range of subject and course options.

Middlesbrough

- Animal Management
- Equine
- Horticulture
- Environmental Conservation
- Floristry

Gateshead

- Veterinary Nursing

Wakefield

- Animal Management
- Equine
- Sport and Public Services

Saltaire

- Animal Management



View our York campus virtually
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York

Our campus at York offers all areas of study.

Our York campus is located just four miles from York city centre. We offer a full range of subject areas and levels at this location including Apprenticeships, Level 1-3 Diplomas, Foundation Degrees, Top Up Degrees and BSc Honours Degrees.

Our extensive York campus spans 200 hectares of farmland, which serves as a living classroom for students. From the award winning Wildlife and Conservation Park, which houses over 100 species, to the fully equipped equine facilities and commercial farm, students have unparalleled opportunities to gain hands-on experience.

The campus also comprises of:

- Science labs
- Ai Learn
- Gym, sports hall, climbing wall, sports pitches and army obstacle assault course
- Animal Management Unit (with cattery, kennels, wildlife and conservation park)
- Digital Academy
- Home Farm
- Westfield Farm
- Electric cow
- Mock veterinary clinic
- Commercial grooming salon
- Equestrian centre
- Indoor and outdoor riding schools
- Glass houses, arboretum and display houses
- Landscape design studios
- Engineering workshops
- Institute of Technology - Beef Unit
- Accommodation for students aged 16 years+
- Refectory and deli bar
- Students' Union with common room



Courses at York

Agriculture - page 34

Level 2: Agriculture

Level 2: Land Based Engineering

T-Level: Agriculture – Livestock pathway

T Level: Agriculture – Crop Production pathway



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Animal Management - page 36

Level 2: Animal Care

T-Level: Animal Care and Management – Behaviour pathway

T-Level: Animal Care and Management – Science Pathway



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Arboriculture and Forestry - page 40

Level 2: Forestry and Arboriculture

T Level: Trees and Woodland (Arboriculture)



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Askham Bryan, York,
YO23 3FR

Telephone:

01904 772 277

Equine - page 48

Level 2: Equine Care

Level 3: Equine Science and Business

Level 3: Equine Practical Management



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Floristry - page 52

Level 2: Floristry

Level 3: Floristry



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Foundation Learning - page 58

Entry 1 Skills for Independence and Employability

Entry Level 1 – 3.5 (Certificate): Skills for Working Life

Level 1: Land Based Studies – Agriculture, Animal Care, Horse Care, Horticulture and Conservation



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Horticulture and Environmental Conservation - page 38/50

Level 2: Horticulture

Level 2: Environmental Conservation

Level 3: Environmental Conservation

T Level: Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping



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Land and Wildlife - page 56

Level 3: Land and Wildlife – Gamekeeping



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Motorsport - page 44

Level 1: Introduction to Transport Maintenance

Level 2: Motor Vehicle Technology and Motorsport

Level 3: Motorsport Engineering



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Public Services - page 46

Level 2: Sport and Public Services

Level 3: Uniformed Public Services



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Sport - page 42

Level 2: Sport and Public Services

Level 3: Sport Coaching

Level 3: Outdoor Adventure Sport



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Veterinary Nursing - page 54

Level 2/3: Introduction to Animal Nursing and Welfare

Level 2: Certificate in Animal Nursing (Blended Learning)

Level 3: Veterinary Nursing

Access to HE: Veterinary Science (Fully Online)



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University Centre Askham Bryan Courses – see page 68

Gateshead

Our Gateshead Centre is based near the Metro Centre and offers programmes solely in Veterinary Nursing.

It holds a range of specialist equipment and expert staff to enable plenty of practice and preparation for qualification completion and exam completion.

Facilities at the centre include:

- Local catering facilities nearby and the ability to prepare food on site
- Library and computer access
- Social space

Courses at Gateshead

Veterinary Nursing - page 54

Level 2: Certificate in Animal Nursing (Blended Learning)

Level 3: Veterinary Nursing

Foundation Degree: Veterinary Nursing

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Address

Suites 1 and 3
Cameron House – West Wing
Metrocentre
Gateshead, NE11 9XW

Telephone

01914 911 275



Middlesbrough

Our Middlesbrough Campus, located in the heart of Stewart Park, features lecture rooms, a science lab, a learning resource centre, animal handling areas, and workshops, providing students with an excellent start to their careers.

Students have access to the park's 120 acres of parkland, including mature woodlands, an arboretum, and two lakes, creating habitats for diverse species to enhance study opportunities. This area also houses farm animals such as fallow deer, llamas, and goats.

We offer support services, including a dedicated careers and employability team with strong employer networks to help students secure bespoke work experiences.

The student services team provides assistance with financial options, mental health support, and overall guidance. Additional learning resources are available through our learning support team.

The campus also includes the Stewart Park Visitors' Centre, Henry's Café, and walled and kitchen gardens, all open to the public year-round.

Address
Stewart Park
Middlesbrough
TS7 8AR

Telephone
01642 327 998



Courses at Middlesbrough

Animal Management - page 36

Level 2: Animal Care

Level 3: Practical Animal Care Skills

T-Level: Animal Care and Management - Behaviour pathway

T-Level: Animal Care and Management - Science pathway



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Equine - page 48

Level 2: Equine Care

Level 3: Equine Management



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Floristry - page 52

Level 2: Floristry



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Foundation Learning - page 58

Entry level 2-3 (certificate) Skills for working life

Level 1: Land Based Studies - Agriculture, Animal Care, Horse Care and Horticulture

Level 2: (Diploma) Animal Care



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Horticulture and Environmental Conservation - page 38/50

Level 2: Horticulture

Level 2: Environmental Conservation (subject to approval)

T Level: Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping (subject to approval)



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Saltaire

Situated in the beautiful World Heritage site of Saltaire and surrounded by Robert's Park. It's a great place to study and easy to get to by bus or train from most areas of West Yorkshire (the Centre is directly next to the train station for easy access).

Facilities at the campus include:

- A dedicated animal unit, comprising of three rooms:
- A small mammal room: housing species including degu, hamsters, harvest mice, rats, chinchillas, gerbils and tenrec.
- An exotics and aquatics room: housing a range of reptiles and amphibians, including bearded dragons, skinks, snakes, frogs, toads and invertebrates.
- An outdoor mammal and birds section: with aviaries and wooden stand-alone enclosures housing chickens, ferrets, guinea pigs and rabbits.
- Links to the York equestrian facilities, Flamingo land zoo and our York campus on-site wildlife park
- An excellent library and resource centre
- Canteens and social spaces

Courses at Saltaire

Animal Management - page 36

Level 2: Animal Care

Level 3: Practical Animal Care Skills

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Address

The Mill Building,
Victoria Road,
Saltair, Shipley,
BD18 3LA

Telephone:

01274 327 261



Wakefield

Our Wakefield Centre is conveniently located in the city centre. It is just a short walk from the bus and train stations, with excellent transport links to the surrounding area, and close to all the amenities of Wakefield shopping centres.

Students enrolled at the Wakefield Centre will split their study time between Wakefield and at our York campus, gaining a unique experience in two diverse learning environments. They will receive academic support from specialist staff at both locations and enjoy free transport to York. Students will have access to specialist facilities related to the course such as our zoo-licensed wildlife park, kennels, VR Suite and labs, gym and sportshall, and equine centre.

Courses at Wakefield

Animal Management - page 36

Level 2: Animal Care

T-Level: Animal Care and Management - Behaviour pathway

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Equine - page 48

Level 2: Equine Care (subject to approval)

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Sport - page 42

Level 2: Sport and Public Services (subject to approval)

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Address

Bullring House
23 Northgate
Wakefield,
WF1 3BJ

Telephone

01904 772 277

Transport

We provide transport for students enrolled on our courses, partnering with local coach companies to offer reliable service to and from our York and Middlesbrough campuses, operating from designated points across Yorkshire. Our college buses run Monday to Friday during term time only.

All buses drop off and pick up at the campuses, returning along the same routes as the inbound journey. We regularly review existing routes and develop new ones throughout the year.

To keep travel costs low, we subsidise most of the transport expenses, ensuring a cost-effective, safe, and comfortable travel option to our campuses.

For York campus travellers, costs vary by distance from the pick-up point. There is a flat fee for using transport to our Stewart Park, Middlesbrough location.

If you are applying to study at our centres located at Gateshead, Saltaire and Wakefield, although we don't offer transport directly, if you contact the individual study centre, they will be more than happy to answer your questions on the options available.

For the latest route and fare information, please contact our Transport team or visit our website.

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✉️ transport@askham-bryan.ac.uk



Accommodation

We offer on-site term-time catered accommodation for learners aged 16 and over at our York Campus only.

Living on our York Campus places you at the centre of college life. We know starting college can be a new and unfamiliar experience, so we offer a variety of accommodation options to fit different needs and budgets. Choices include rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities, en-suite rooms with a shared kitchen, or self-catering rooms with shared bathrooms for our over 18 Students.

Why live on campus?

- **Have fun and make new friends**
We organise sports and social events during the evenings – a great way to meet people.
- **Gain independence**
Living on campus is a great way to develop life skills, independence and confidence
- **Be part of a community**
The close-knit campus means there's always a friendly face around.
- **Get access to great facilities**
The college gym, Students' Union, Ai Learn, Internet Hub and Refectory are all right on your doorstep!



For the most up to date accommodation information you can contact the accommodation team who will be happy to help.

✉ accommodation@askham-bryan.ac.uk

View our accommodation

🌐 askham-bryan.ac.uk/accommodation



Student Life at York Campus

Make your time at Askham Bryan College the best years of your education. There's always something happening here! Join personal fitness sessions or explore our clubs and societies. Enjoy trips to bowling, shopping, the cinema, or join specialised outings like ice skating and cultural tours of York, organised by the Student Experience Team and College Wardens.

If you're into physical activities, our on-site gym and climbing wall are available, with sport team training sessions throughout the week as well. The Students' Union is here to listen to your ideas and ensure you make the most of college life. The student bar offers activities like quiz nights, film nights, parties, and more! As a member of Askham Bryan's Students' Union, you also gain access to the NUS, which provides great deals on food, fashion, and entertainment.

Getting involved in sports and societies is a great way to build skills, enhance your CV, meet new people, and grow in confidence. You might even want to think about applying to be on the SU Committee. Learn more by talking with our Student Union Team.



Follow us on Instagram to stay updated on student life at Askham Bryan.





Digital

Digital skills are central to our world, and at Askham Bryan we place technology at the forefront of your student experience.

Our Digital Skills Academy offers an immersive educational environment, with virtual reality transporting you across environments from the Grand Canyon to microscopic worlds. 360 video cameras, and media production pods give you access to professional standard video editing, while drones are used for surveying and video analysis techniques.

Virtual reality tractor, telehandler and motorsport simulators complement your real-world education, and you can observe animals through our new streaming service for an unrivalled ability to learn.

Our digital technology is at the leading edge of both industry and education, giving you the skills you need for your future, wherever it lies.



Course types overview

Progression of study programmes

Entry Level Courses:

Part of our Foundation Learning department these courses are for learners with no formal qualifications who want to progress in life and work in a vocational area. We welcome applications from students who need more support or have learning difficulties or disabilities and/or an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Level 1 Study Programmes:

Part of our Foundation Learning department these courses provide a step up from basic knowledge, providing a supportive environment in which to learn skills specific to a particular work sector. These courses prepare students for more specialised study or entry-level employment.

Level 2 Study Programmes:

Equivalent to GCSE Grades 4-9 (A-C), these programmes further develop sector specific knowledge and skills. They include a mix of technical and non-technical qualifications and are often the first stage where practical applications are more significant.

Level 3 Study Programmes:

Equivalent to A-levels, these programmes offer in-depth knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary for professional work or Higher Education. T-Levels are a Level 3 programme.



T-Levels explained

T Levels are a two-year qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels, other post-16 courses, or apprenticeships. These courses integrate classroom learning with extended industry placements to provide a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical experience tailored to the needs of businesses and employers.

T Level structure

80% college learning:

Covers core theories, principles, and subject-specific knowledge relevant to the chosen work sector. Around a third of your time will be practical, hands-on learning.

20% industry placement (45 days):

Provides hands-on, practical experience with an employer to develop real-world skills and understanding.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are work-based programmes that combine on-the-job training with formal study. Apprentices spend at least 20% of their time in training, either through day release or block release at a college. This format offers an alternative for those who prefer a more employment-focused path.



Agriculture

These courses are ideal for anyone passionate about farming and interested in livestock, crop production, or farm engineering. You will explore Agri-Tech developments, environmental impacts on farming, and advancements in farming techniques.

We have heavily invested in our farm resources, offering students the chance to apply theory to practice and gain valuable experience in livestock management, including dairy, beef, and sheep enterprises. Our arable and grassland operations provide hands-on learning opportunities, while our Agri-tech workshop facilities allow students to develop practical skills in a well-equipped environment.

Career pathways

- Stockperson and herdsperson
- Machine operators
- Farm and estate management
- Pest controllers and fence builders
- Agricultural Engineer
- Animal Welfare Auditor

Further education courses

Level 2: Agriculture

Level 2: Land Based Engineering

T-Level: Agriculture – Livestock pathway

T Level: Agriculture – Crop Production pathway

Progression routes are available to related degree courses, please see UCAB section for a detailed list of the course options.



Animal Management

We offer Animal Management courses across Yorkshire and the Northeast at four locations: our main campuses in York and Middlesbrough, as well as centres in Wakefield and Saltaire. Students can choose to study a wide range of practices, from working with domestic and companion animals to zoological species and birds. The specific animal management courses available may vary by location, so please review all options to find the right program for you.

The College has partnerships with Flamingo Land and the Askham Bryan College Wildlife and Conservation Park, which enhance the variety and scope of species students encounter in our courses.

Career pathways

- Animal care technician
- Animal conservation and research
- Animal rescue
- Animal rehabilitation
- Animal grooming
- Trainee zookeeper

Further education courses

Level 2: Animal Care

T-Level: Animal Care and Management - Behaviour pathway

T-Level: Animal Care and Management - Science Pathway

Level 3: Practical Animal Care Skills



Horticulture

Our suite of courses provides the foundational skills needed for a career in the industry, focusing on the care and use of plants for gardens, parks, and sports. You will learn to work safely in a horticultural environment, identify plants, and understand the plant science behind growth to ensure they thrive outdoors. Additionally, you will gain practical skills for establishing and maintaining parks, gardens, and sports pitches.

Our programmes combines lectures and classroom-based learning with hands-on practical sessions, offering relevant industry skills and experience.

Career pathways

- Working for nurseries or commercial growers
- Garden centre technician
- Hard or soft landscaper
- Project designer of open spaces
- Research and development roles
- Self-employed providing horticultural services

Further education courses

Level 2: Horticulture

T Level: Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping



Arboriculture & Forestry

Our courses are perfect for those interested in the production and management of trees and shrubs in both rural and urban landscapes. Our green campus provides a unique educational setting, surrounded by nature, clean air, wildlife, trees, and open green spaces. With over 50 acres of formal gardens and more than 200 acres of land at the York campus, including an arboretum with rare and unique tree species, and approximately 700 mature trees representing about 400 different species, you'll study in an exceptional environment.

These courses offer numerous educational and career opportunities, with many students advancing to higher education or pursuing careers in the industry both in the UK and internationally.

Career pathways

- Tree officer
- Assistant forester
- Junior arborist
- Tree surgery contracting with opportunities world-wide
- Tree health care specialist
- Tree climbing instructor

Further education courses

Level 2: Forestry and Arboriculture

T Level: Trees and Woodland
(Arboriculture)



Sport

If you're passionate about sports or interested in coaching others to excel, we offer the chance to merge academic qualifications with sporting excellence. Our programs combine academic study with coaching, competitive fixtures, and a thorough understanding of the sports industry.

We strive to develop student-athletes who excel both academically and in their sports. Our courses provide pathways to higher education at the degree level and beyond, as well as career opportunities within the sports industry.

Career pathways

- Sports trainer/coach
- Personal trainer
- Sports psychologist
- Outdoor instructor
- Sports therapist
- Strength and conditioning coach

Further education courses

Level 2: Sport and Public Services

Level 3: Sport Coaching

Level 3: Outdoor Adventure Sport



Motorsport

These courses are tailored for those passionate about maintaining and servicing motorsport vehicles. Students gain expertise in engine building, tuning, fabrication, suspension, and steering setup, learning the intricacies of vehicle technology and how to build, maintain, and repair various motorsport vehicles.

Practical experience is provided through exercises such as preparing cars for events. The skills acquired through these courses help transform a passion for motorsport into a successful career.

Career pathways

- Mechanic
- Specialist technician
- Events supervision/management
- Mechanical engineer
- Workshop manager
- Team support crew

Further education courses

Level 1: Introduction to Transport Maintenance

Level 2: Motor Vehicle Technology and Motorsport

Level 3: Motorsport Engineering



Public Services

These courses are ideal for those with strong teamwork skills and a dynamic, adaptable personality. It offers a balanced mix of theory and practice, covering indoor and outdoor sports, fitness, health and well-being, law, outdoor adventure, and crime scene investigation. You'll also develop self-discipline and benefit from our strong industry connections, which provide insights into careers in the police, fire, ambulance, and prison services, as well as the Army, Navy, Royal Marines, and RAF.

Career pathways

- Police officer
- Police community support officer
- Armed forces
- Emergency service careers
- Security industry staff
- Prison and criminal justice roles

Further education courses

Level 2: Sport and Public Services

Level 3: Uniformed Public Services



Equine

Our Equine courses are perfect for anyone passionate about horses, eager to acquire new skills, or looking to enhance existing ones for better employability. With top-notch facilities, highly qualified staff, and strong industry connections, students have a wealth of opportunities in the equine industry.

The College hosts events throughout the year, including British Eventing, offering students hands-on experience in staging and participating in equine events.

Located at Askham Bryan's York campus, our Equestrian Centre features a 70m x 30m indoor arena, a 60m x 25m outdoor school, three indoor yards, stabling, and support for up to 50 horses. We also have a cross-country training area with various jumps suitable for riders of all levels, including specialised sports horses.

Students in Middlesbrough will use external equine facilities at Stainsby Grange Riding School.

The Askham Bryan Equine Academy is dedicated to nurturing high-calibre riders and those with potential for future success. The Academy is open to both Further and Higher Education students enrolled at Askham Bryan College.

Career pathways

- Professional Groom
- Behaviourist and therapy work
- Riding school
- Equine Veterinary Technician
- Equine Dental Technician

Further education courses

Level 2: Equine Care

Level 3: Equine Science and Business

Level 3: Equine Practical Management

Level 3: Equine Management

Progression routes are available to related degree courses, please see UCAB section for a detailed list of the course options.





Environmental Science

If you're interested in starting a career in environmental conservation, this qualification is designed for you. The course provides essential skills and knowledge for working in countryside or conservation settings, or for advancing your education in the field. You'll learn to survey and report on outdoor areas, promote environmental appreciation, and carry out habitat management tasks.

You will explore machinery used in the land and wildlife industry and ways to conserve and improve British habitats. You will learn to survey and identify different species of flora and fauna with hands on practical lessons.

Career pathways

- Field guide
- Ecologist
- Marine conservationist
- Climate awareness educator
- National park ranger

Further education courses

Level 2: Environmental Conservation

Level 3: Environmental Conservation

Floristry

If you have a passion for flowers and plants and a flair for creative design, a career in floristry might be perfect for you. Learn to craft beautiful floral arrangements for various occasions and events. Our program allows students to unleash their creativity while acquiring the practical skills and knowledge needed for the floristry industry.

Our floristry students regularly win prizes at major shows. Students are encouraged to further their professional development by attending numerous competitions such as the Harrogate Flower Show and UK Skills.

Career pathways

- Retail florist
- Senior florist
- Floristry manager
- Freelance florist
- Flower farmer

Further education courses

Level 2: Floristry

Level 3: Floristry



Veterinary Nursing

Our courses are designed for those aspiring to work in a Veterinary Practice as an animal nursing assistant or to qualify as a Registered Veterinary Nurse.

As a VetSkill accredited centre, Askham Bryan College offers vocational training in veterinary nursing. Graduates are eligible to join the Register of Veterinary Nurses maintained by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Our centres provide high-quality teaching and learning facilities, offering essential theoretical knowledge and practical skills for the profession. Our instructors, who are experienced Registered Veterinary Nurses or Veterinary Surgeons, bring industry expertise to the classroom.

Veterinary nursing courses are available at our York and Gateshead campuses.

Career pathways

- Head veterinary nurse
- Practice manager
- Specialist veterinary nurse
- Rehabilitation (i.e. physiotherapy or hydrotherapy)

Further education courses

Level 2/3: Introduction to Animal Nursing and Welfare

Level 2: Certificate in Animal Nursing (Blended Learning)

Level 3: Veterinary Nursing

Access to HE: Veterinary Science (Online)



Land and Wildlife

You will enhance your knowledge and skills in land and wildlife management through a blend of practical, hands-on learning and classroom instruction, translating theory into real-world experience. The course includes trips and visits to estates, country parks, and wildlife parks to broaden your understanding of this diverse sector.

Our courses serve as a solid foundation for careers in conservation, environmental management, and wildlife management, and prepare you for degree-level studies in fields such as conservation, ecology, land management, and environmental science.

Career pathways

- Gamekeeper
- Beekeeper
- Deer stalker
- Wildlife manager
- Warden or ranger
- Land or estate management

Further education courses

Level 3: Land and Wildlife – Gamekeeping



Foundation Learning

Also known as Inclusive Learning our foundation learning department provides access to a range of learning areas including equine, animal care, agriculture and conservation across our York and Middlesbrough campuses. A general further education course is also available if your interests are not in land based subjects. We offer courses at a variety of levels:

Entry level courses

The Entry Level Programmes are for anyone with no formal qualifications who want to progress in life and work in a vocational area. We welcome applications from students who need more support or have learning difficulties or disabilities and/or an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). If you have not achieved a Level 4 grade in English and Maths qualifications then you will study for these alongside the programme.

- Entry 1: Skills for Independence and Employability - York
- Entry 2: Skills for Working Life - York and Middlesbrough
- Entry 3: Skills for Working Life - York and Middlesbrough



Level 1 courses

The Level 1 Land-Based Programme focuses on practical skills and will also develop your academic skills over the year.

You will attend College for a minimum of 3 days per week and upon completion of your programme you will achieve a Level 1 Diploma in Land-Based Studies

We offer pathways in:

- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Horse Care
- Conservation
- Horticulture

Progression routes

On completion of a full level 1 course learners can either progress to a full level 2 course in our mainstream provision or a level 2 'stepping stone' course in our foundation learning department.

Foundation learning taster events

Foundation Learning have their own taster events throughout the year where you can come and find out more and talk to our supportive staff.



Find out more on the website

askham-bryan.ac.uk/courses/foundation-learning

Apprenticeships at Askham Bryan

What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are work based learning programmes, that require the learner to be employed in a suitable job role. Prior to beginning an apprenticeship, you must be employed in a full-time position, which aligns with the content of your preferred course of study.

On receipt of your application via the website the College will schedule an interview with you and your employer to discuss the next steps.



If you have any questions about apprenticeships please contact:

✉ apprenticeships@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Apprenticeship Courses

Level 2

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| General Farm Worker |
| Land-Based Service Engineer - (Construction or Plant) |
| Arborist |
| Equine Groom |
| Golf Greenkeeper |
| Sports Turf Operative |
| Horticulture or Landscape Operative |

Level 3

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| Livestock Unit Technician |
| Land-Based Service Engineer Technician - (Construction or Plant) |
| Crop Technician |
| Forest Craftperson |
| Senior Equine Groom |
| Advanced Golf Greenkeeper |
| Landscape or Horticulture Supervisor |
| Veterinary Nurse – York and Gateshead |

Level 4

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| Currently in development and more details will be available in due course |
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Apprenticeships frequently asked questions

What are the entry requirements?

You will need to have already achieved a GCSE grade 2 or above, before enrolling to an apprenticeship.

All vacancies are on the government website and will clearly state what the entry requirements are for the job role being advertised. There will be different entry requirements depending on the industry job role and apprenticeship level.

How do I learn?

All apprenticeships include elements of practical learning with your employer and in-classroom training enabling industry-recognised standards, or qualifications.

How am I assessed?

All apprenticeships require an external assessment at the end of your programme which evaluates the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

How long is the apprenticeship?

The length of the programme is varied depending on the course chosen.



Search for an apprenticeship here:

 findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

How much can I earn?

As an apprentice, there will be no cost to you. The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is £6.40 per hour for those aged under 19 or those in the first year of their apprenticeship. Apprentices aged 23 and over and not in the first year of their apprenticeship will be entitled to the full National Minimum Wage.

How many hours will I work?

The minimum duration of each apprenticeship is based on the apprentice working 30 hours a week or more, including any off-the-job training you undertake. The time spent on off-the-job training should be at least 20% and should be included as part of your hours.

Apprentices under the age of 18 are not permitted to work more than 40 hours per week.





How to Apply



We accept applications throughout the academic year but recommend you apply earlier rather than later!

You can apply via our online application form on our website.

Interview Process

Once we have processed your application you will receive a text message with an interview date and time.

If you are unable to make this interview time that's no problem, you can reschedule by contacting:

✉ applications@askham-bryan.ac.uk

The interview will be with a member of the course team and usually by phone.

The interviewer will ask you some questions about why you are interested in the course and any relevant experience or qualifications that you have.

You will also be able to ask any questions that you may have.

Offer of a Place

After the interview you will be emailed with details of the course we have offered you a place on, as well as the exam results you need to achieve in order to secure your place.

If we are unable to offer you a place for any reason we will explain this to you.

We will continue to keep in touch throughout the year via email with further information on what you need to do next.

Results Day and Enrolment

If you don't achieve the exam results you expect on results day, don't panic! Give us a call or an email and we will try and place you on an alternative suitable course.

After results day your place will be confirmed with you and you will receive details on how to enrol ready to start your studies in September.

Student Services

Get to know our student services!

Our Student Services team's top priorities are the health, safety and welfare of our students. The team is available to offer advice and support for matters from well-being to finance.

Careers Team

The Careers Team work with a range of employers and industries to give our students exposure to potential careers opportunities in the future. They will also work on a one to one basis with students to provide professional careers guidance and can help with university applications, job applications or apprenticeship opportunities.



careersandemployability@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Work Placement Coordinators

We have an experienced team of work placement coordinators. They work with our employer contacts to secure valuable professional experience opportunities for meaningful placements.

Student Finance

Students should feel confident that the College will provide open and transparent advice and guidance regarding bursaries and hardship funds that you may be eligible to apply for. If in doubt, please ask.

Askham Bryan College will be as supportive as it can be to help you manage your finances in relation to your studies and associated subsistence costs.

Further information and what support might be available to you can be found on our website.

 askham-bryan.ac.uk/student-finance

Student Experience

There is much more to life at Askham Bryan than just your qualification! We work hard to make College a fun and inspiring place by providing a range of extra curricular activities, including sports teams, LGBTQ+ society, crafts, DJ and themed nights. These activities are open to both residential and day students.

Student Support and Inclusive Services

Our job is to make reasonable adjustments or provide services like dedicated support workers or extra learning materials tailored to your needs. If you have an Education, Health, and Care Plan, we carefully consider and implement appropriate measures.



Inclusive.services@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Safeguarding

At Askham Bryan College, safeguarding our students is our number one priority. Every member of staff is trained to look for signs and symptoms of safeguarding concerns. If something does go wrong, we are here to help and support.

Wellbeing and Counselling

We have a team of wellbeing experts, including counsellors, wellbeing co-ordinators and progress tutors who can help with a range of issues and worries. The progress tutors are the first port of call for support and can refer on to the right service for the student. We also have excellent links with external agencies and charities if a student needs more specialist support.



If you're passionate about the outdoors and land-based sectors, University Centre Askham Bryan (UCAB) is the ideal place to pursue your degree. Our programs integrate science, research, and technical development, providing a comprehensive education to meet industry demands. At University Centre Askham Bryan (UCAB), we offer a fantastic range of commercial-standard education facilities and industry-specialist lecturers, ensuring your student experience is second to none.

The industry is in constant need of well-trained, higher-level skilled graduates to sustain and enhance our environment through scientific research and innovation. To help increase access to our specialist provision, we have introduced the opportunity to study the Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing at our new site in Gateshead.

After completing your degree, you'll have the honour of graduating alongside your peers in the majestic setting of York Minster.



Want a sneak peek of what the experience is like? Watch our latest graduation video to see the unforgettable celebration for yourself!



Agriculture

- Extended FdSc Agriculture
- FdSc Agriculture
- FdSc Precision Livestock Farming
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture
- BSc (Hons) Agricultural Management (Top-Up)

Animal Science and Management

- Extended FdSc Animal Science with Management
- FdSc Animal Science with Management
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Animal Bioscience and Management
- BSc (Hons) Animal Management with Science (Top-Up)

Canine and Feline Management

- Extended FdSc Canine and Feline Behaviour and Training
- FdSc Canine and Feline Behaviour and Training
- BSc (Hons) Canine and Feline Behaviour and Welfare (Top-Up)



For more information about UCAB view our online mini guide.

askham-bryan.ac.uk/our-prospectuses

Conservation and Ecology

- FdSc Wildlife and Environmental Conservation
- BSc (Hons) Conservation and Ecology (Top-Up)

Equine Science

- Extended FdSc Equine Science and Management
- FdSc Equine Science and Management
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Equine Science with Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science with Management (Top-Up)

Veterinary Nursing

- FdSc Veterinary Nursing
- BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Top-Up)

Zoo Management

- Extended FdSc Management of Animal Collections with Conservation
- FdSc Management of Animal Collections with Conservation
- FdSc Management of Aquatics and Conservation of Oceans
- BSc (Hons) Zoo Management (Top-Up)

Prince's Trust

We are partnered with the Prince's Trust to help change young lives. The scheme is a 12-week personal development programme which aims to increase confidence, motivation and skills and as a result enable young people to move into employment, education, training, volunteering or apprenticeships. The Team Programme runs three times a year from a number of locations across Yorkshire. This full time personal development course will help you gain either an Entry Level 3, Level 1 or Level 2 qualification.



Other benefits of the programme:

- Practical skills that will help you in employment, training and life
- Belief in what you can achieve
- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Career advice and experiences to enhance your CV

You will study:

- Planning for progression – community project
- Work based experience
- Career planning and making applications
- Supporting others
- Team work
- Presentation skills

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For more information and contact details about the Prince's Trust, you can view it on our website.

askham-bryan.ac.uk/courses/princes-trust

Adult and Future Skills

Looking to get back into education and learn new skills?

It's never too late to learn – whether you want to come back to studying after a break, completely change career, or boost your promotion prospects by developing your skills further.

Askham Bryan College can help you achieve your goal. Our wide range of courses will give you the skills and knowledge you need to make your next move.

The new government Adult Skills Fund aims to support adult learners across England to gain skills which will lead them to meaningful, sustained, and relevant employment, or enable them to progress to further learning which will deliver that outcome.

If you are earning below £25,000, are unemployed or are 19-23 and don't currently hold a Level 2 qualification (equivalent to GCSE's), then you are eligible to study for free as an adult learner.

Find out more on our website

askham-bryan.ac.uk/departments/adult



Commercial Courses

We provide a range of training solutions for employers looking to upskill their workforce in land-based areas including:

- Chainsaw Cutting and Maintenance
- Tree Surgery
- Tractor and Farm Vehicle Handling
- Forklift Operation
- Pesticide Application
- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Dog Grooming
- Personal Training and Gym Instruction

Off-site training

Some of our courses can be delivered at your workplace. If you are interested in this, please contact us to discuss further.

Bulk courses

If you are looking to purchase courses in bulk for your employees, please get in touch to see if we can assist you further.

Contact us

If you would like to discuss your course options or are looking for something that we don't currently offer please do contact us:

📞 01904 772277 (2343)

✉ shortcourses@askham-bryan.ac.uk



Your next steps

1 Find the perfect course for you

You can find more detailed and up to date information about our courses on our website. This includes what you will learn, entry requirements and much more.

2 Meet us

Open days are the perfect chance for you to explore our campus and get to know us better. Our dates are:

- Saturday 19th October 2024
- Saturday 30th November 2024
- Saturday 25th January 2025
- Saturday 29th March 2025
- Saturday 21st June 2025

 askham-bryan.ac.uk/open-days

3 Explore your options

Our support services are available to help you with finance, transport and accommodation.

4 Apply

To apply for your course, you can do this online using our online application form. If you have any questions about your application, you can email:

 applications@askham-bryan.ac.uk

 askham-bryan.ac.uk/apply

5 Interview

Once you have applied you will be invited for an interview, this will either be in person or over the phone.

6 Learn with us

Enrol and begin your journey with Askham Bryan College.

Contact information

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Accommodation

01904 772 246

accommodation@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Inclusive Services

inclusive.services@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Student Finance

bursaries@askham-bryan.ac.uk

Careers and employability

careersandemployability@askham-bryan.ac.uk

UCAB Course Enquiries

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