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National Apprenticeship Week 6th to 10th March 2017

Myerscough College to host #MyCareer Twitter hour

On Monday, 6th March, between 7pm and 8pm (UK time) Myerscough College is hosting a #MyCareer hour on Twitter, with the chance ask some experts in the fields of sportsturf and horticulture all about a career in the industry.



As part of National Apprenticeship Week, joining Myerscough to answer your career questions will be:

Christine Walkden – Plantswoman, horticulturist and broadcaster, with more than 40 years of experience in the horticulture industry.

Lee Jackson – Head Groundsman - Manchester City's Etihad Stadium.

Paul McGrail - Assistant Principal Quality & Apprenticeships – Myerscough College.

The Twitter hour will give current and future learners, and anyone else with a keen interest in either industry, a unique opportunity to ask questions or comment on how they can access careers in land-based subjects. Christine, Lee & Paul will be online for the whole hour to respond to questions and offer advice and give the inside track on what's it's like to study and work in sportsturf or horticulture.

People taking part are being asked to Tweet using the hashtag #MyCareer next Monday (March 6th), between 7 & 8pm. Participants can also ask questions in advance by sending a Tweet to @My_Apprentice.

BBC's The One Show gardener, Christine Walkden, is a former Myerscough College learner and current College Fellow. Christine has been a long-time supporter of the College and studied at Myerscough back in the 1970s, gaining a National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture in 1978. She became an Honorary Fellow of the College in 2012 in recognition of her achievements as a horticulturist and plantswoman, both nationally and internationally, along with her other achievements in the education, training and broadcasting sectors.

Lee Jackson is Head Groundsman at Manchester City Football Club. He's been with the club for more than 25 years. Lee's extensive qualifications, from NVQ Level 2, right through to a

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Foundation Degree in Sportsturf Science all came from Myerscough. Lee has been nominated for numerous awards over the years including being part of the team that won the Premier League Groundsman of the Year Award in 2003 and three more 'Highly Commended' awards in the following years. Lee's career highlight to date saw him named Groundsman of the Year in 2011, two years after he was made Head Groundsman at the Etihad Stadium.

Paul McGrail is currently Assistant Principal Quality, Learning & Development at Myerscough College, with responsibility for apprenticeships. Paul started out as a greenkeeping apprentice, before spending more than fifteen years as a greenkeeper and golf course manager. He has been with Myerscough College since 1999, initially as a lecturer in sportsturf before becoming National Training Co-ordinator, delivering sportsturf qualifications and apprenticeships across the UK.

Lee Price, Employer Services Manager at Myerscough College, said: "This is a great way for young people to connect with some amazing people in the industry and show them what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.

"Christine, Lee and Paul are heavyweights in their field who have excelled in their professions so they'll be able to offer expert advice and guidance during the hour."

National Apprenticeship Week runs between March 6th-10th 2017.

For more information about the apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities available at Myerscough College for both learners and employers, call our Employer Services team on 01995 642255 or email employerenquiries@myerscough.ac.uk for further details.

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