

COUNTRYSIDE & AGRICULTURE - STUDY PROGRAMME

Thank you for applying for a place to study at Craven College in September 2020. To give you a head start, our tutors have created a list of resources and activities to help you prepare for your course.

READING MATERIALS (BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS)

There are lots of trade magazines which we take in our Learning Hub at College but to gain an understanding of local issues keep an eye on your local paper and for a national picture you could watch Countryfile.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW

Farmers Weekly <https://twitter.com/FarmersWeekly>

Yorkshire Dales Wildlife Trust (the account is actually run by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust) https://twitter.com/search?q=yorkshire%20dales%20wildlife%20trust&src=typed_query

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust https://twitter.com/Gameandwildlife?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

WEBSITES

Explore the following websites they will give you a good understanding of the habitats and wildlife in our region.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Website the section "About the Dales"
<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/about/>

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – section "what we do."
<https://www.ywt.org.uk/>

WORK EXPERIENCE LINKS

There are lots of different jobs in the countryside. Look at the Countryside Job Service website and decide what sort of career you might be interested in.
<https://www.countryside-jobs.com/>

Many of our students have completed work experience for the local council, on farms, golf courses and large estates it is worth thinking about places near to you.

ACTIVITY - PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BY FRIDAY 26 JUNE

We would like you to complete the OPAL (Open Air Laboratory) Climate Survey but do not send the results off as the national survey has now closed.

The Instructions and workbook are available at: <https://www.opalexplornature.org/climatesurvey>

Most of this can be completed from a garden or back yard, if lockdown lifts you could go to a park to complete the bubble race.

If you do not have a compass you can download an app for your phone.

If you don't have any bubble mix you can make it using washing up liquid – again look on line.

At the moment there are not many planes so Activity 1 will not be very representative of normal times.

APPLICANTS

Please complete this activity by **Friday 26 June** where you will present the results of the activity at our Future Student Morning.

The Future Student Morning will be delivered as a virtual event where your course area tutor will give you an online webinar, you will shortly receive an email with a link to sign up for this event.

If you have applied for a course starting September 2020, it is essential for you to sign up for this event as you will receive information about your course, enrolment and key dates.

Further details can be found at www.craven-college.ac.uk/events.

If you can't attend the event, please email marketing@craven-college.ac.uk with your name and the subject area you have chosen to study and we will arrange for your tutor to contact you.

Finally, don't forget to join the Countryside Department Department Facebook Group to keep up to date with everything related to your course:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1356049391250934/>