

## **Askham Bryan College student wins bursary award**

Rosemary Codd, a land management student at Askham Bryan College near York, has won an award from the agronomy and distribution company Agrovista for her work on establishment of the oilseed rape crop. The £1,000 bursary was presented at the student technical day organised by Agrovista to allow students an understanding of agronomy.

Rosemary, 21, is studying for her BSc (Hons) degree in Sustainable Land Management, having completed a Foundation degree in agriculture at the College last summer. Askham Bryan College is one of the UK's leading providers of land based studies.

For the project, students were asked to submit an "appraisal of non-inversion techniques for the establishment of winter oilseed rape in UK soils". Applicants were then invited to join Agrovista's Tracey Winson and Chris Glover to discuss their entry in more detail and to talk about their views on the current trends within the agricultural industry, and what the future might hold for British agriculture.

Tracey Winson commented "Chris and I really enjoyed those discussions, it was great to hear what students thought on topics which ranged from the demands of those working in agriculture might find themselves under, to the part agro-chemicals would play in the future of the industry, which led to some interesting debate at times. All the entrants offered differing views and made the final decision quite tough".

Ultimately, Rosemary was chosen as the winner. She impressed the judges with the level of detail in her entry and presentation. Rosemary's family farms at Flockton, near Wakefield.

Liz Philip, Principal at Askham Bryan College said: "This was an excellent challenge for our students, enabling them to combine what their classroom based studies with practical work. It is also a great opportunity for them to gain experience of working with industry, in this case, agronomy specialists, Agrovista, which is

hugely important in our commitment to educate students fit for the workplace.”

Askham Bryan College is a principal provider of land based studies. The College farms more than 1,000 acres, including Headley Hall, the former Leeds University farm - the site of the oil seed rape demonstration plots. Of the 4,500 students, approximately one third are involved in land based studies. The number of agricultural students studying agriculture has grown by 47% in the last 12 months and the National Beef Training Centre is based at the College.