



## Askham Bryan College confirms its final decision on Newton Rigg College

Dear applicants,

I hope that you, and your family and friends, are still keeping safe and well during these challenging times. I have written to you several times this year, explaining the review work for Newton Rigg Campus and detailing any impact on your offer with the College. I would now like to confirm the latest update with you (I have also emailed you directly).

### Newton Rigg Review update

In previous communications to you, I advised that an independent review of educational provision at Newton Rigg Campus, commissioned by Askham Bryan College and carried out by the Further Education Commissioner's team, had been completed and that, after very careful consideration of the review's findings, the College's governing body had decided in principle to close its Newton Rigg Campus in July 2021.

I also explained that a final decision on whether or not the campus would close in July 2021 would be made following a 45-day statutory consultation process with staff and the recognised trade unions.

I am writing to you now to confirm that the staff consultation process has been completed. The findings have been reviewed by the College's governing body and, after further consideration, a final decision has now been made to close the campus. **This means that the Askham Bryan College will not deliver education provision from its Newton Rigg site beyond July 2021.**

As outlined previously, the College will continue to offer courses at Newton Rigg Campus starting this September 2020 **for one academic year only**. The decisions, following the Further Education Commissioner's review, were very difficult ones for the governing body to make. We all understand the strength of feeling for Newton Rigg and will do everything we can to support you.

### Newton Rigg options form

I want to thank those of you who completed the Newton Rigg options form sent in May 2020. If your decision about your chosen options has changed in any way since then, or in light of the contents of this letter, please contact our Student Recruitment and Applications Team for help - [applications@askham-bryan.ac.uk](mailto:applications@askham-bryan.ac.uk) . Student Services are also available to support you - [studentservices@newtonrigg.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@newtonrigg.ac.uk) .

### Newton Rigg Campus - the future

I appreciate you may have questions about what could happen to the Newton Rigg site in future, and whether, for example, there could be a possibility of future study options for you there, but delivered by a different provider to Askham Bryan College.

Proposals for the potential future use of the Newton Rigg site are being explored as part of the Newton Rigg Strategic Review, coordinated by the Further Education Commissioner's team, and announced by the Department for Education in June 2020.

Further information about the Newton Rigg Strategic Review process is on our website. We will update our website when the Further Education Commissioner's team shares information about the progress of its Newton Rigg Strategic Review.

For background information, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/the-college/media-enquiries/newton-rigg-review-faq>

### **Welcoming you back in September 2020: staying safe, staying alert**

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We are continually reviewing government guidance regarding the coronavirus, and planning how we will deliver our courses, as well as our transport and accommodation arrangements, safely.

We will keep you updated. Please keep checking the information on our website. Tutors will also stay in touch with you.

Regards,  
Tim Whitaker, Chief Executive Officer and Principal  
Askham Bryan College