



Plumpton College Charitable Foundation (incorporating OT Norris)

Plumpton College

**Centres at Plumpton, Netherfield, Flimwell and Robertsbridge.
Full time or part time courses from school programmes through to Degree level.**

Press Release Friday 27 November 2009

Royal Patron for Plumpton College

Plumpton College in East Sussex is delighted to announce that HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall has agreed to become the Patron of the Plumpton College Charitable Foundation.

The Foundation supports students in financial hardship at the College increasingly, with the support of charitable grants and donations and wishes to expand its support for student activities.

Dedicated to rural and environmental education, Plumpton College educates more than 3,500 students every year on a very wide range of courses up to postgraduate level. Particular pride is taken in the success achieved in motivating disaffected young people and enabling disabled adults to access courses and achieve their ambitions.

Mr Des Lambert, Principal, Plumpton College, said, "The exceptional vocational learning and practical training that we provide creates the best possible environment to enable every student to realise their fullest potential. We are delighted that Her Royal Highness has taken such an interest in the College, as it recognises the tremendous achievements of the students and the dedication of the staff".

Professor Fred Maillardet, Honorary President of the College and Chairman of the Plumpton College Charitable Foundation added, "We are delighted that Her Royal Highness has become Patron. Her support of the College and its charitable activities will enable us to do much more to improve the facilities for the students and to reach those who might not otherwise be able to attend the College".

The Charity looks forward to welcoming Her Royal Highness on her first visit to the College.



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Notes for Editors:

- Plumpton College is a not-for-profit organisation, committed to providing high quality rural and environmental education and training.
- Plumpton College Charitable Foundation is a registered charity, number 284719.
- More information about the work of Plumpton College: www.plumpton.ac.uk
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Plumpton College is set in an 800 hectare estate at the foot of the picturesque South Downs, near to Brighton, East Sussex.

The main vocational subject areas:

- Agricultural and Construction Machinery
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Blacksmithing and Metalsmithing
- Countryside and Environment
- Equine Studies
- Floristry
- Forestry and Arboriculture
- Garden Design
- Horticulture
- Rural Business Management
- Sport (Outdoor Education)
- Sportsturf
- Wine Business and Wine Production

Diary Date:

Saturday 8 May 2010 10am-5pm: Open Day.

A family day out in the Sussex countryside. The Open Day celebrates the successful range of courses and opportunities at Plumpton College by offering access to visitors.

Children's activities. Tractor/trailer rides. Climbing wall. Sheep shearing. Fun dog show. wine tasting and sales. Food hall. Plant sales. Horse riding displays. Floristry display and sales.

Craft stands. Metalsmithing. Gun dogs. Trade stands. Clay pigeon shooting.

Forestry displays. Farm displays. Woodland walks. Small animals. Advice on all part time and full time courses. Cost: £5, adult. Concs. Free entry for under 16s.

In association with The Sussex Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

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