



Post Title: Herdsperson

Reporting to: Farm Manager

Status: Full-time, average 48 hours per week, Permanent

Purpose of the job: Work effectively as part of the dairy team, to manage the dairy herd, and undertake day-to-day livestock tasks with the overall aim of assisting the Herd Manager and Farm Manager to optimise the performance of the farm. The role also supports the Farm team in providing effective provision of student education and training in order to provide a quality learner experience

REASEHEATH COLLEGE MISSION

“To inspire achievement by delivering outstanding education and skills”

REASEHEATH COLLEGE VALUES

Every member of staff at the College has a responsibility for and commitment to the implementation of the College Vision so that the learner experience is a valuable and memorable one.

As an important part of our team you are also required to ensure that your behaviour towards both staff and learners demonstrates P R I D E in everything you do through actively supporting our Values:

P eople **R** esponsibility **I** ntegrity **D** iversity **E** xcellence

Reaseheath College farm carries a 280 cow dairy unit, youngstock, 130 breeding sows plus fatteners and a flock of 540 breeding ewes. Forage crops include grass, forage maize and cereals for wholecrop.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities:

- work as part of the three person dairy team under the direction of the Herd Manager
- work closely with the Herd Manager on nutrition and forage management
- undertake a range of duties including milking, bedding, calving, calf and youngstock rearing, herd health management,
- liaise with the farm vets and nutritionists
- carry out a range of recording duties
- ensure all duties are carried out in a timely and professional manner.

- contribute significantly towards the achievement of excellent technical results which raise the profile for the College within the dairy industry and adds to the learning experience of our students.

Personal skills and experience:

- demonstrate aptitude and enthusiasm to undertake the full range of dairy and youngstock related duties
- demonstrate willingness to engage actively and enthusiastically within the dairy team
- have a keen interest in working with educational staff and students and sharing skills and knowledge
- previous farm experience, ideally with dairy herds, is desirable.

High quality training will be provided to the successful candidate to ensure that they are adequately skilled and CPD will ensure successful candidates are offered the potential to progress their careers.

It is also important to achieve highest standards in respect of health and safety, equality and diversity, safeguarding and child protection matters.

Please note that this role will require an Enhanced DBS with barred list information prior to starting employment.