



Ashton Explore and Be Ambitious

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Why is engaging in the wider curriculum so important?

Employer's, universities and apprenticeship providers say
'qualifications are not enough'

01

Extending students' horizons through enrichment allows them to explore their own interests and aspirations as well as develop new skills.

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The world of work is changing rapidly.

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Engaging with employability from an early stage is likely to increase the chances that a student will be successful in their chosen career.

College Expectations

As a college, we expect that **ALL** students take part in at least two extra-curricular activities outside of the classroom

We expect students to be proactive in getting involved in opportunities that enhance their soft skills and prepare them for the work of work

We expect our students to be ambitious and engaged and we look to provide worthwhile opportunities to support this ambition

Life Outside the Classroom – Why should students get involved?

- To get experience for university or employment personal statements
- Gain better understanding of different progression options
- To meet people outside of their existing friendship groups
- To try something new and to gain a new skill
- To relax and de-stress
- To gain extra certification
- To gain employability skills such as communication, leadership or teamwork

What is available to your son/daughter at ASFC?



Key Dates

Arts Emergency – Applications open now!

Realising Aspirations 2025 – Monday 22nd September

Ashton Explore – courses/clubs/societies launched today! Sign up 15th September

Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening – Wednesday 17th September

Widening Participation Fair – Monday 6th October

Apprenticeship Fair – 15th October

OxNet Applications - Opens October 2025

Be Ambitious - 15th - 19th June 2026

How do they find out more?

Check their emails!!! -
Digital Brochure and
Magazine

Look at the
Opportunities, Careers,
Realising Aspirations
and Explore boards on
the main corridor

Listen out in tutorials

Come and ask!

What can you do to help?

Watch out for further communication!

Discuss opportunities & enrichment with your son or daughter and encourage them to take part

Think about whether you have any family friends or contacts that would be able to offer a self placement for your son/daughter

Start talking to your son/daughter about the future. It seems too early but it's not! E.g. University Open events are happening right now!

Social Media

CANVAS: Careers & Employability

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CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY

Welcome to the Careers & Employability Canvas! Year 12 and Year 13 students will be able to find resources, events and opportunities to support their next steps after college. Click on the buttons below to find information, advice and guidance alongside tailored internal and external opportunities for all.

Click below to find tailored opportunities, information, advice and guidance:

A1 **A2**

Year 12 Year 13

Meet the Team:

Dashboard Calendar To-do Notifications Inbox

Meet the Careers & Employability Team!

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Meet the Team:

Work Placement Team
Careers & Employability Manager
Careers Advisors
Work Placement Coordinator
Meet the Careers & Employability Team!

Where to find us:

How to find the Careers & Employability Team

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Additional Resources:

[Click here](#) to find subject specific and other resources to support your next steps.

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Click on a tile to take you to information and resources useful in your first year at college!

REALISING ASPIRATIONS	UNIVERSITY	ACCESS SCHEMES
BE AMBITIOUS	WORK EXPERIENCE	APPRENTICESHIPS
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION	EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Click on a tile to take you to useful information and resources to support your final year at college!

UNIVERSITY	APPRENTICESHIPS	APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES
ACCESS SCHEMES	GAP YEARS	WORK EXPERIENCE
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION	EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Click on the A1 or A2 tile, for tailored opportunities, events and resources to support Year 12 and Year 13 students.

- Internal/external opportunities
- Careers guidance during time at college and support for next steps after college

Futures Magazine

We are excited to share with you our newly published eMagazine 'Futures' which highlights the various events and opportunities available at the college, as well as external opportunities, helpful advice, engaging quizzes, and much more. The first two issues are linked below and are also available on our website.

We hope you find this resource valuable in keeping up to date with what's on offer for your child at the college.

Issue 01: <https://shorturl.at/5zcv1>

Issue 02: <https://shorturl.at/49hlg>



Moral of the Story

There are endless opportunities available at college

Those that take these set themselves up for the best opportunities in the future

They have the best skills to prepare them for work and the best experiences to describe in interview

Message to students - Make sure that it's you!