



# 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'*

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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 2024- Monday 23rd September

Ashton Explore – courses/clubs/societies launched today! Sign up 16th Sept

Widening Participation Fair – Monday 30th September

Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening -30th September

OxNet Applications - Opens October

Be Ambitious - 16th-20th June 2025



# 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



# 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

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There are endless opportunities available at college

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

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

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