



Echoes of *Excellence*

A collation of positive comments and feedback

Issue 3



Hello everyone

Welcome to the 3rd edition of 'Echoes of Excellence' celebrating the positive work we do at Ashton Sixth College. This publication is dedicated to highlighting the incredible contributions and daily efforts that often go unnoticed. Within these pages, you will find a collection of emails received from our students, parents/carers, stakeholders, as well as heartfelt messages exchanged between colleagues. These emails capture the essence of what makes our community so special.

Kim

He seems to be really enjoying his course. He always says how much help and support he gets from all his teachers and how well he gets on with everyone. It's really nice to see how happy and motivated he is when he comes up to IL on Fridays.

Internal email from Colleague to Colleague

I would like to pass on my absolute gratitude for your support and incredible work with *Student* this year. I am so pleased at how engaged and positive he seems about the course, and that is down to you.

Sincerest thanks

From a Parent of an A1 Public Services Student

I just wanted to say a huge thank you. You interviewed my daughter on Saturday and whilst you were very honest with her regarding the amount of work she will have to put in, she bounced out of her interview feeling very excited about what she was about to take on.

You left her feeling that you really wanted her, that she can do it with hard work and she was very positive. I'm sure that it will motivate her to do the very best that she can in her GCSEs.

From a Parent of a Prospective Student

I am a big believer in giving credit where it's due, so here you are! *Student* has never spoken as highly about any teacher as he does you. I have been a teacher for nearly 30 years and have been privileged to see good (and not so good!) teaching. As I am sure you know, all teaching is based on building trusting relationships with students, and understanding that all behaviour is communication- you are clearly incredibly skillful and highly impactful, in utilising both approaches. *Student* actually talks to me about his course and day now. It is clear from the way he speaks to me and from the things you have said, he is once again being proactive, invested and (most importantly), hopeful about his future. As well as *Student* himself, this is largely thanks to you.

You have my most sincere thanks for everything you are doing. The way *Student* speaks about your teaching and general approach is beyond positive. He holds all the staff who teach him in positive regard, but has connected massively with his education (and found his self-belief again) because of you.

You have both mine and *Student's* dad's most sincere thanks.

From a Parent of an A1 Public Services Student

Firstly let me introduce myself, my name is *Parent* my daughter *Student* is a year 13 student attending ASFC.

I would just like to bring to your attention with the hope of some recognition for one of your tutors *Senior Tutor*.

Senior Tutor has been my daughters form tutor part of year 12 and for year 13 and the work, guidance, support, care and understanding she has shown my daughter and myself has been outstanding.

I'm not sure if you are aware of *Student's* background but we lost my wife to cancer in July 2023. My daughter unfortunately has PTSD since her death along with anxiety and some more recent health issues over Christmas, the support *Senior Tutor* has shown to us both has been more than I can have ever dreamed of.

Positive female role models have been a big thing for me since I lost my wife, my desire that *Student* should have them in her life is very important to me and in *Senior Tutor* she definitely has than in abundance.

Please can you advise if there is any type of award on formal recognition I can put *Senior Tutor* forward for because she is amazing!!!

From a Parent of a current A2 Student

I would like to thank the staff here in the attendance/careers office for the warm welcome they have given me and for being so wonderfully kind in helping me to settle in. Nothing has been too much trouble and their kindness has been a blessing.

From a new member of staff

Just wanted to say thank you so much for your support with *Student*. I know he can do this I am so proud of him not giving up despite what we are all going through. I gave him the option to quit which was hard as I would have been gutted for him if he said yes.

I am so appreciative of your support. Thank you

From a Parent of a current A2 Student

I am telephoning our ex-students regarding what they have gone on to do so far and *Student's* Mum said that he is doing well at Liverpool John Moores and that you have been phenomenal and if it wasn't for you, he would not be where he is now.

Sent to a Teacher

Fantastic news - well done I'm so proud.

From a Local Councillor

My experience after Ashton Sixth Form College.

I have made great memories in Ashton Sixth Form, from making friends I continue to speak with after finishing, to lessons with teachers I will never forget, to life events that had affected my approach to learning. The services ASFC has provided had allowed me to improve my academic life and personal wellbeing. My thanks goes out to my supportive teachers and staff members who have shown nothing but support towards me succeeding and improving myself. Without ASFC, I believe I would not be where I am now with me going to university.

Thank you

From a former Student

Please may we say a huge big thank you to all of the staff that helped to facilitate last nights open evening. Our son was beaming from ear to ear when we got home and talked with excitement about his future most of the evening.

As a parent this helped me to realise that his happiness is key within this choice process and I really appreciate and value the hard work and effort that was made to help ensure this last night.

Have a lovely day everyone and you should all be very proud.

From a Parent of a Prospective Student

Regarding parents evening yesterday and my daughter *Student*, I would like to thank you all so very much for speaking to *Student* and your words of encouragement and also offering the support to *Student* that she needs.

This has really helped *Student* make her decision to carry on at 6th form. By encouraging her and making her feel able to do her A levels if she puts the effort in and with the right support.

Thank you all for offering the extra support to *Student* that she needs this has helped put her at ease and has given her some confidence.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in away.

Kind regards

From a Parent of a Current Student

Good evening

I just wanted to give some feedback from the open evening we attended on the 30th September.

We have a 15 year-old daughter, who is currently in year 11 and struggling to decide on what route to follow when she leaves school.

We came for a look round early years health and social care department and to be honest I was blown away with the way both your students and staff interacted with parents and children.

1 in particular stands out *Student*, answered every question we through at her and encouraged more. This young lady was a true ambassador for the department and the college.

I'm sure she will go on and succeed at everything she does in life with this kind of passion.

We came away with clear direction and lots more information about the course.

Hopefully my daughter will join you and get the same passion that was displayed from your staff and students at your open evening.

Thanks for taking the time to read this email and thanks for the open evening.

From a Parent of a Prospective Student

Congratulations to you all and very well deserved!

I look forward to continuing to work with you on future employability activities.

From **Locala Health & Wellbeing (Employability Provider)**

Congratulations everyone

This is a fabulous achievement and a great testament to the hard work that you all put into providing careers support and opportunities to the student.

From **Stamford Products (Employability Provider)**

