



# Enrichment at Ashton Sixth Form College

# Ashton Explore

## What is it?

Ashton Explore is a dedicated program that encompasses all things enrichment. There are many different strands to our Explore Programme, offering something for everyone: sport enrichments, academic enhancements, as well as fostering old and new hobbies.

Currently, we have:

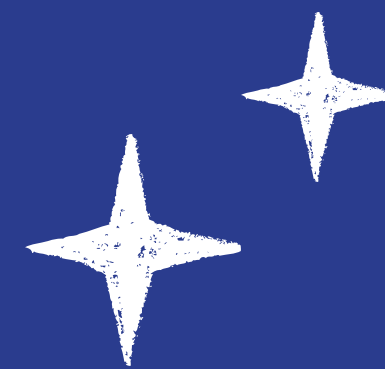
- 8 sport enrichment teams
- 25 clubs and programs on offer
- 11 external providers who have offered courses, activities or advice to students
- an oversubscribed Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme
- a proactive Student Council
- Engaging Speaker of the Month talks
- Leaver's Ball
- International Work Placements trip to Thailand



Don't just take it from us...



CULTURE DAY



## Sport

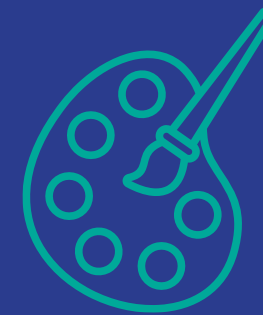
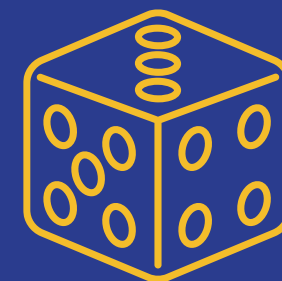
Sporting activities at Ashton Sixth Form College offer a fun and informal way to play sport and keep fit, with or without the competitive element of playing matches. They are open to all students regardless of experience or ability.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Futsal</b> 12:30-13:30 Sports hall 			<b>Table Tennis</b> 12:30-13:30 Sports hall 	<b>Badminton</b> 12:30-13:30 Sports hall 
		<b>Men's Football Matches</b> 13:00-16:00 		
	<b>Men's football Training</b> 16:00-17:30 	<b>Women's Football</b> 13:00-16:00 		
	<b>Women's football Training</b> 16:00-17:30 	<b>Men's Basketball</b> 13:00-16:00 	<b>Women's Basketball</b> 16:00-17:30 	
<b>Women's Netball Team</b> 16:00-17:30 	<b>Men's Basketball</b> 16:00-17:30 	<b>Women's Netball</b> 13:00-16:00 		
		<b>Men's Rugby</b> 13:00-16:00 		

# Clubs and Courses

We are always attempting to increase the number of clubs we have on offer and this year, we have a wonderfully varied offer, with something for everyone.

- **Young Enterprise**
- **Politics Debate Club**
- **The Reading Room**
- **Poetry Book Club**
- **Writer's Hub**
- **Writing Cafe**
- **'Shut Up and Write'**
- **Tech Crew**
- **Blender Club**
- **Feminism Club**
- **Games Hub**
- **Meditation Club**
- **Warhammer (Painting minis and building scenery)**
- **Dungeons and Dragons (Games Workshop)**
- **Pop Vocal Group**
- **Binfluencers**
- **MoodMaster**
- **Art Seminars**
- **Life Drawing**
- **Explore a Career in Teaching**
- **eSports League**
- **Building and Repairing Computers**



## External Courses

We are very fortunate to have some fantastic relationships with local companies who are welcomed into College to come and offer certified courses to our students. Our most popular courses are: **First Aid Training** and a **six-week introductory course to British Sign Language**.

Last year, we also introduced **Mental Health First Aid Training**, which has also been very popular.



## Student Council

Our dedicated Student Council are the face of Ashton Sixth Form. They come together weekly to organise events and discuss how they can be proactive in ensuring a great student experience for all.





# Culture Day

A favoured day amongst our students. Culture Day is a celebration of all the diverse cultures and backgrounds here at ASFC, organised by our wonderful Student Council. Students and staff come together to share their culture and honour each other, and all the unique traditions we each bring to College life.



## Duke of Edinburgh

Here at Ashton, you can fast-track straight to your Gold Award!

Our students gain support for their award through our Duke of Edinburgh Manager, as well as an incredibly experienced Duke of Edinburgh Leader, who will guide participants on their expeditions in the Peak District and the Yorkshire Dales.



# Speaker of the Month

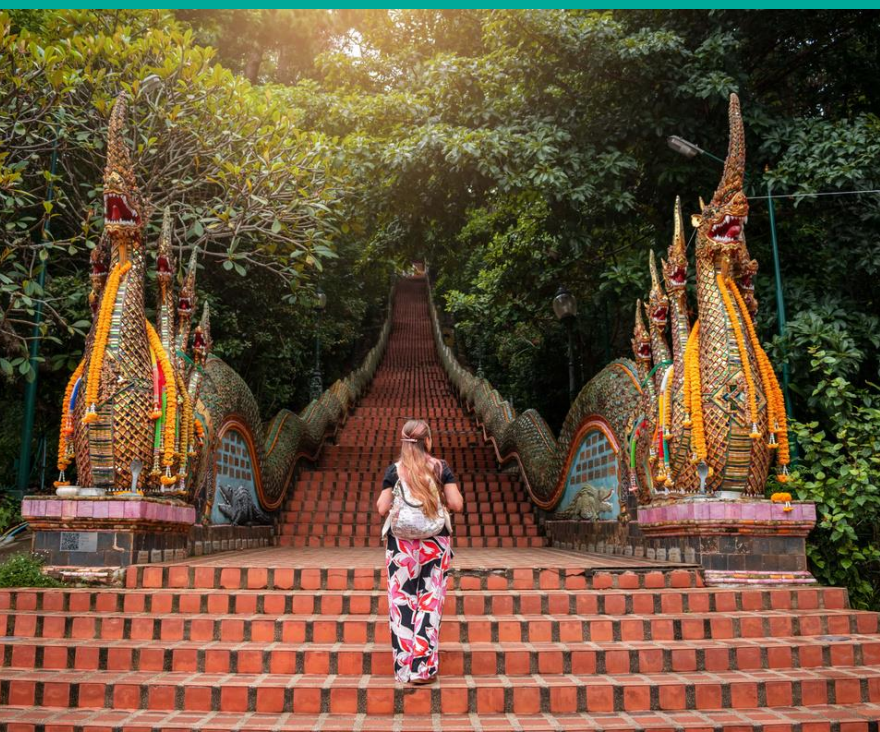
Previous speakers include:

- Parliamentary Researcher, **Lucy Healey**
- Civil Engineer, **Janet Jessop**
- Senior Marketing Executive, Podcast Host, and Presenter, **Sophie Cook**
- High Performance Coach, **Ric Moylan**
- TV Psychologist and Psychotherapist, **Charlotte Armitage**
- Apprentice Contestant, **Kathryn Burn**
- TV Producer and Camera Man, **Brian Barnes**



# Thailand 2026

In June, we will be taking 20 of our students to Thailand for two weeks, mostly funded by the Department for Education's Turing Scheme. The project's aims are to enhance global citizenship and advance social justice. During the trip we will be visiting local businesses, renowned for their sustainable practices and success, as well as exploring Thailand's rich culture and beautiful sights.





## Leaver's Ball

Last year, we established the first ever Leaver's Ball and we are pleased to continue this new-found tradition this year, and hopefully for many years to come!

# What our students had to say

I was able to keep learning and practicing the French I learn at GCSE

i loved finding out more about the deaf community and an introduction into conversations with them

The opportunity to get feedback from other writers.

Learning to use the new software

It was interesting hearing about other people's views on different books.

It provided me a space in the college for the deep focus I've been needing for my final year in college. Having my EPQ coordinator and access to college resources ensures that I can get on with important work peacefully.

Working on mindfulness.

The building and modifying aspects.

Engaging discussions about a variety of genres!

The ability to hear and make sense of other peoples opinions on topical issues

Got to meet new people and work well as a team with them

I liked carrying on my love of acting with a wider range of people

I had my friends

Deciding which charities to help and what we would do to raise money for them

I now have some basic communication skills with those who are unable to hear

good for application and chill.

It was a fun group of people who I made fast friends with over our shared interests.

Good opportunities for a show and good community

We got to discuss various topics

It was a great skill to learn and it was something I always wanted to learn.

I enjoyed getting to know everyone and planning ways of fundraising for our chosen charities.