

ASHTON explore



Enrichment and Opportunities for 2026-2027.

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The student experience at Ashton Sixth Form College extends far beyond the classroom. You could learn a new skill, try something different and simply have fun, alongside like-minded people.



Whilst advancing academically at college, Ashton Explore is a great way to develop personally, enhance your applications to university, apprenticeships or employment, and even gain an additional qualification!



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Opportunities

**We offer many clubs at ASFC.
Take a break from studying and
join a club or society- it is a great
way to make new friends!**

Writer's Hub



Who: Steve O'Neill

When: Thursdays 12-12.45

Where: S.B. 3.1

Are you a novelist, poet, playwright, journalist, blogger, lyricist, rapper? Do you enjoy writing for pleasure?

Do you want to meet other writers and share your ideas and writing?

Come along to ASFC Writers' Hub!

A safe space to work on your ideas, read your writing aloud, or share tips and thoughts on writing.

Open mic night!

At the end of each term, Writer's Hub hosts Open Mic night! An evening of celebration where we all gather together to celebrate our work. It is a night to remember!

Connect & Unwind

Who: Lydia Pratt

When: Mondays and Thursdays
11.40-13.40 (start date TBA)

Where: TBA

Need a break from busy college life? Leave your screens (and worries!) at the door and take a moment to reconnect with your peers or yourself with Connect & Unwind! This club offers you a space to relax and (re)discover your love of games. Board games? Puzzles? Card games? We have it all, the only thing you need to do is show up and relax!



Writing Café

Who: Dr Rachel Allen

When: 4-5.30pm, start date TBA

Where: IT. 1.7

EPQ STUDENTS ONLY

This session provides dedicated time without distractions to focus on writing goals (coursework, EPQ, homework).

It is not a taught session but it gives time and space using the pomodoro technique to make progress.

Hurry! Only **25** spaces available.



Book Clubs at ASFC

At ASFC we are proud to share that we have three book clubs- a bookworm's heaven!

Around the World Book Club

Hurry! Only 20 spaces available!

Who: KT and Lydia Pratt

When: end of every month on a Tuesday 11.45-12.30 (start date Tues 29th Sept)

Where: S.B. 3.3

At Around the World Book Club, we explore an author's work from a different country each month. This club enables you to diversify your reading and enjoy discussions on cultural identity in literature.

We understand it can be difficult to buy a new book each month so we are able to loan the book of the month to you!



B.Y.O.Book Club

Who: ASFC Library team and Enrichment

When: every other Tuesday, 13-13.30
(start date Tues 22nd Sept)

Where: IT 1.2b

At B.Y.O.Book Club, it's easy! It's a book club without the pressure of finishing a set book. Read, discuss, recommend with B.Y.O.Book.

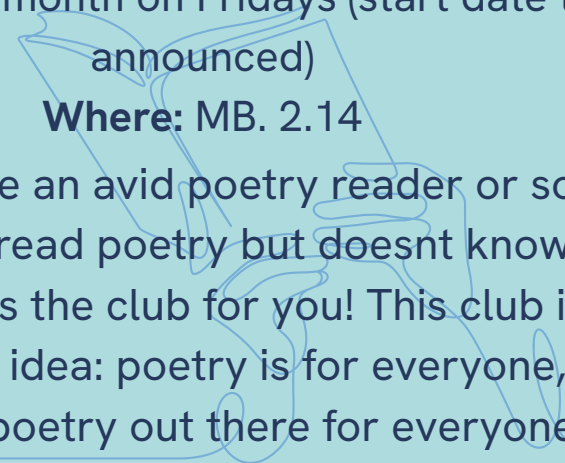
Poetry Book Club

Who: Dave Morris

When: every month on Fridays (start date to be announced)

Where: MB. 2.14

Whether you're an avid poetry reader or someone who wants to read poetry but doesn't know where to start, this is the club for you! This club is built around one idea: poetry is for everyone, and there's poetry out there for everyone!



Debate Club

Humanities students only

Who: Humanities dept

When: TBA

Where: TBA

Bring your lunch and join us for a fun weekly debate on a variety of issues and current affairs! Previous debates have included: Should the monarchy be abolished? Is abortion ethical? Communism vs Capitalism. Should 16 year olds have the right to vote?



ASFC Pride

Who: Rob Murray-Green

When: TBA

Where: TBA

ASFC Pride is our LGBTQIA+ student group, offering a welcoming and inclusive space where students can connect, socialise, and build community. Members can explore queer art and literature, take part in trips and events, and ask questions about LGBTQIA+ identities and experiences in a supportive environment.

Question Time Club

Who: Anita Blank

When: Mondays 12.30-13.40

Where: TBA

Love to keep up with PMQs every week? Need somewhere to discuss? Join ASFC's Question Time Club where we watch the previous week's BBC QT and debate key issues raised.



If there are any student-led clubs you would like to set up, please email Lydia
l.pratt@asfc.spt.ac.uk.

A1 students only

Medical society

Who: Science Staff and XL

When: TBC

Where: TBC

A career in the NHS, medicine, or dentistry requires careful planning, preparation, and dedication. Through MedSoc, you'll gain insight into a range of career pathways, explore relevant articles and opportunities, and hear from guest speakers working in the sector. Our aim is to help you make informed decisions, strengthen your applications, and set yourself on the path to success.



A2 students only

Apprenticeship society

Who: Employability team

When: Wednesdays, 12.55-13.40

Where: IT 1.2D/IT 1.2E

Are you applying for an apprenticeship this year?

If you'd like dedicated time to search for vacancies, work on applications, improve your CV, or prepare for interviews, sign up to the A2 Apprenticeship Society today!



If there are any student-led societies you would like to set up please email Lydia
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Wanting to improve your skills? Here at ASFC, we offer courses to you.

British Sign Language

Hurry! Only 25 places available!

Who: External

When: Tuesdays 16.00-17.00 , starting Oct 6th

Where: TBA



These sessions will introduce you to British Sign Language and D/deaf culture. It will help you to develop your communication skills and will allow you to learn a new language. You will gain: Communication skills, disability awareness, language acquisition skills and the understanding of different cultures. Our students that have just taken part in this course all left with a certificate, the ability to hold full conversations in sign and the confidence in the basics of BSL.

Building/Repairing Computers

Who: Greg Smith **When:** Thursdays, 16.05-17.00 **Where:** IT 2.7

Hurry! Only 14 places available!

This is a short course for students wishing to gain practical skills in understanding the hardware behind a computer system. Utilising our DTM workshop, you will have the opportunity to dismantle a computer into individual components and learn about what they do within our dedicated college computer workshop. You will then build the computer again and test that it works, by installing an operating system. The aim of the course is to gain confidence working inside a computer and to put you in the position to repair your own computers. We will then install software, and additional hardware, and look inside laptops. The course will teach you valuable life skills that can't be duplicated from other hobbies, and you will get a certificate on completion you can put in your portfolio.

Benefits include: help you with problem solving skills, teaches you patience, helps you follow directions, helps you understand computer technology, boosts your self confidence, spark an interest in technology: could be the catalyst that launches your career in the technology industry, teaches you responsibility



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Courses

ASFC Sports Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Futsal 12:00-13:30 	 Volleyball 12:00-13:30		Table Tennis 12:00-13:30 	 Badminton 12:00-13:30

These clubs are ran by Russell Fryer in the Sports Hall.



Coming soon:

- First-Aid courses
 - Gardening club
 - Young Enterprise Programme
 - Performance Tech courses
 - Vocal Group
 - Music Theory Group
 - Driving Theory club
 - Women's Powerlifting club
 - Geocaching
- ... And many more!