

## 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 enrichment, as we target those who wish to participate in sport, academic enrichment, hobbies, and those who wish to develop skills they might not otherwise have the opportunity to foster.



#### 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
- Our first ever Leaver's Ball in the works for the Class of 2025

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## 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.





## **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.

- Apprenticeships Club
- Blender Club
- Politics Debate Club
- Book Club
- Writer's Hub
- Writing Cafe
- 'Shut Up and Write'
- Drama Club
- Tech Crew
- Feminism Club
- Darts Club

- Games Hub
- BookWorms
- Crafts
- Warhammer
- Dungeons and Dragons

- Conversations en Français
- Entrepreneurship
  Programme
- 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 come in 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.** New addition to 2025 - **Mental Health First Aid Training.** 



## **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.



## **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:
- •Forensic Psychologist, Grace Payne
- •Actress, Isabelle Smith
- Professional Referee, Leigh Dougherty
- •TV Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Charlotte Armitage
- •Apprentice Contestant, Kathryn Burn
- Holocaust Survivor, Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines
- •TV Presenter and Footballer, Alex Scott
- •Famous Poet, Tony Walsh



### **Up and Coming**

We are excited to announce that this year, we will be hosting the first Leaver's Ball for the Class of 2025!

Furthermore, we are also in the process of organising some international trips, open to all students, in hopes of developing confidence and friendships across the college, and of course, to help students have an amazing time with like-minded people.



## 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 opportunity's 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.