

Stand Out at the best performing college in the area

Welcome to Ashton Sixth Form College. I am very proud to be Centre Principal at this successful, inclusive and vibrant college and I am delighted that you are considering joining us.

Our approach here is simple. We put our students at the heart of everything we do, treating you as an individual, nurturing your talents and igniting your passions. We have high expectations for each and every one of our students coupled with an understanding that you can only achieve your potential in an environment where you feel a sense of belonging and where you feel happy and safe. These things are very important to us. Our staff are passionate, highly skilled and caring, and they will go the extra mile to ensure that you feel valued, supported and appropriately challenged.

We are very proud of our students' achievements which are consistently outstanding and place the college as one of the highest performing colleges in the country. Crucially, our students' achievements enable them to progress onto their chosen next steps, whether this is taking up a place at a top university or securing a highly competitive employment or apprenticeship opportunity. We strongly encourage our students to engage fully with our extensive enrichment programme which includes additional courses, an array of visiting speakers and a wide range of trips and visits. We want you to move on from Ashton Sixth Form College with skills, confidence, excellent qualifications and importantly, choices.



Lisa Richards
Centre Principal

Outstanding in all areas
(Ofsted, 2020)

Officially the best performing college in the area
(DfE, 2020)

In the top 25% of colleges in the country
(DfE 2020)

70% students achieve top A* - B grades
(2019 pre covid results)

Outstanding

Not only do Ashton Sixth Form College students consistently achieve excellent results year on year but the progress students make after their GCSEs is what makes us stand out from other colleges. Ofsted has recognised our high quality teaching, learner outcomes, inclusivity and consistently high standards. We are also recognised for our exceptional pastoral and academic support for students.



Outstanding Support

The support available at Ashton Sixth Form College is second to none. We provide each and every one of our students with the guidance and encouragement they need to be successful. We offer support for all ability levels including a comprehensive High Achievers' Programme to challenge the ablest students.

Outstanding Teaching & Learning

At Ashton Sixth Form College, there's a huge range of subjects to choose from including over 50 different courses! Teachers here are passionate about working with young people and are real experts in their subjects.

Outstanding Opportunities


Our Enrichment, Opportunities and Aspirations Programmes enables students to take part in activities that will complement their subjects or support their career aspirations. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and develop additional skills that are sought after by employers and universities.

Outstanding Learning Environment

A huge investment has been made over the years in our award winning campus and facilities. The college site is an outstanding place of learning with state of the art, technology rich facilities in all curriculum areas.


“Managers, teachers and staff provide students with highly effective and impartial careers information, advice and guidance before and during their programmes”

– Ofsted




“Students’ behaviour is exemplary and in keeping with the college’s high expectations and values”

– Ofsted




Putting our students at the centre of everything we do

At Ashton Sixth Form College we want you to achieve both academically and personally. We understand that every student is different and as a result, the support you gain throughout your studies is tremendous. Alongside our highly qualified and dedicated teaching team, our tutors, careers advisers, inclusive learning assistants, guidance co-ordinators, programme leaders and more, help make your college experience as smooth and as exciting as it can be.

Quality teaching

We are committed to ensuring that your teaching is of the highest possible quality in all subject areas. Our dedicated teachers are specialists in their subject areas and lessons are designed to stretch and challenge you. You will be set challenging and aspirational target grades to help you to achieve the best grades possible.

“Students are extremely well supported by staff and their peers. Pastoral and academic support is exceptional”

– Ofsted



Senior Tutors

Each student is assigned a Senior Tutor who is solely dedicated to your pastoral care and wellbeing whilst at college. Your tutor will guide you through each stage of college life, ensuring you meet deadlines and make the most out of college opportunities. You will meet with your tutor regularly to ask questions, get advice and tackle any problems that may create a barrier to your success. They work very closely with all teaching staff to help provide effective and swift intervention and to get students who need such support back on track.

Multi-faith Chaplaincy

For people of all faiths and none, the Chaplaincy has an open door policy. Students and staff can take a moment to pray, light a candle or reflect.

Guidance tutorials

Dedicated tutors deliver the weekly tutorial programme which ensures that students leave Ashton Sixth Form College fully prepared for their next step. Tutorials focus on helping you to develop study skills, post 18 progression, university application preparations, student finance and revision skills, as well as employability programmes for those interested in apprenticeships and work. Each of these help you to develop your knowledge of the wider world.

Inclusive Learning support

For those students who may need additional support, our team of specialist staff will work with you to develop a tailored package of support. Inclusive Learning help students across a range of areas including those with learning difficulties, accessibility issues, disabilities, mental health and other.

Counselling

Our highly qualified on-site counsellor provides a free and friendly confidential service for those experiencing personal or emotional problems.

Careers

Our careers advisers provide a wealth of knowledge and guidance to help you make informed choices through some of the most important decisions you may need to make. They also regularly invite universities, apprenticeship providers and employers to the college to help you make links for the future.

Celebrating Equality and Diversity

We are fully committed to ensuring that all students achieve their full potential in a safe and welcoming environment. Promoting equality and celebrating diversity are central to our core values. All of our staff and governors are dedicated to ensuring that equality, diversity and inclusion are fully embedded into all college practices.

Financial support

We recognise that supporting students financially through post-16 education can be difficult for a number of families. We therefore can offer financial support through the 16-19 Bursary scheme to support students with their educational needs. Entitlement to the bursary is linked to household income, benefits received, or any form of financial hardship.



Unrivalled opportunities for students

Although they are important, it takes more than a qualification in order to be successful. There are many opportunities throughout your college experience which help you achieve your goals and stand out from your peers when it comes to your CV or university application. Our dedicated aspirations, enrichment and work placement programmes offer all students new experiences, challenges and opportunities that will develop you as a person and make you ready for the world of work or university.

Work experience

Every one of our students has the opportunity to take part in work-related experience and activities to develop the skills needed for employment or university. This means so much more than simply spending a week with a business. Placements and other work related activities are embedded throughout our courses all year round. We have a dedicated work placement team will ensure that you have access to real world experience in the industry you want to progress on to.

Realising Aspirations Programme

Our flagship Realising Aspirations Programme prepares you for university life. You will choose a subject strand that interests you most, attend university-style seminars and lectures from experts in the field and have the chance to visit a UK Russell Group or specialist university.

Training and development

You'll have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications that will help you to further yourself, many of which are valued by universities and employers. There are lots of options; you could do first aid, sign language or improve your presentation skills. All students also have the opportunity to undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The EPQ will set you apart from other people as it demonstrates your willingness to carry out a piece of extended work and that you have developed crucial skills for the workplace or further study.

Enrichment

Your experience outside the classroom is important to us and you will have access to an extensive enrichment offer including First Aid training, British Sign Language, Japanese and culture, gaming, crafts, ukulele club, LGBT, college band, debate society and more. Taking part in enrichment activities complements your main college programme and will provide you with new skills to enhance your CV.

Team Ashton

The sporting community here is strong. We currently offer a range of sports both competitive and for fun including football, netball, rugby, basketball, cricket and Zumba. We have outstanding links to local clubs and coaches, including Manchester City Football Club, Manchester Giants Basketball, Manchester Thunder Netball and UK Rugby who will help you develop in both your sport and education.

Duke of Edinburgh

Through adventures, caring for others and working creatively as part of team, Duke of Edinburgh allows you to gain life skills to set you apart. You can work towards your Gold Award through the five main elements: volunteering, physical, skill, residential, and expedition.

“Students enjoy an extremely well-planned curriculum that teaches them much more than the knowledge they need to pass their qualifications”

- Ofsted



“Students benefit from the ‘realising aspirations’ programme that facilitates applications to many of the UK’s top universities.”

- Ofsted



High Achievers programme

XL High Achievers programme

XL is our high achievers programme that prepares students to succeed beyond expectations. Through specialist tutor groups, dedicated support networks and tailored experiences, XL students gain a tremendous amount of skills and experiences to set them apart.

XL students

XL students represent the top percentage of achievers, often progressing on to Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell group universities. A number have progressed on to the most competitive school leaver programmes and apprenticeships in the country. Those aspiring to a career path in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Sciences, the Arts and the Humanities do extremely well on the XL programme. The XL programme guides and stretches our most able learners, promoting an aspirational culture.

Extended Project Qualification

The EPQ is an additional qualification that encourages you to think independently and develop your skills in research, time management and creativity. You will choose a topic that you are passionate about and explore it in depth.

“Staff help students to achieve high grades and produce work to a consistently high standard”

- Ofsted



Oxbridge preparation

Oxbridge applicants have specialist support programmes created for them including mock interviews, summer schools and master classes. Through opportunities such as the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme, Oxford Pathways, Oxbridge Road shows, Corpus Christi Master classes at Cambridge University, Application Days and the Oxford Edge Consultancy, you will gain an edge to succeed at the highest level.

Mock interviews

XL students apply to some of the most competitive pathways. As a result, the XL programme provide mock interviews with university tutors, graduates and professionals to help you prepare for your future.

Specialist tutorials

The bespoke system of XL tutorials is delivered on a weekly basis. Led by our XL Manager, XL tutorials draw on influences such as Sports Psychology, Character Education and Growth Mindset. You will develop the tools and skills to be an effective independent learner. XL students come together weekly to share and learn from one another, as well as benefiting from formal and informal one-to-one support with your XL mentor.



A record number of students received offers and progressed to Oxbridge universities in September 2022.

Hannah Benson, from St Thomas More RC College

Achieved A*A*A in English Language, History and Law. Hannah is now going to the University of Oxford (Corpus Christ) to study Law.

Melissa Lee, from West Hill School

Achieved A*A*A in Law, Psychology and Sociology, along an additional A and B in Core Maths and the EPQ. Melissa is now going to the University of Cambridge (Murray Edwards) to study Psychological and Behavioural Sciences.

Aisha Benhamida, from the Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls

Achieved A*A*AA in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths, along with an A* in the EPQ. Aisha is now going to the University of Cambridge (Clare) to study Medicine.

Bobby Doherty, from All Saints Catholic College

Achieved A*A*A*A in Computer Science, Physics, Maths and Further Maths along with an A in the EPQ. Bobby is going to the University of Oxford (Trinity) to study Physics.

Oliver Gaskell, from West Hill School

Achieved A*A*A*A in Computer Science, Physics, Maths and Further Maths, with an A in the EPQ. Oliver is going to the University of Cambridge (Fitzwilliam) to study Computer Science.

James Poff, from St Thomas More RC College

Achieved A*AA in Geography, Maths and Physics, with an A in the EPQ. James is going to the University of Cambridge (Fitzwilliam) to study Geography.

Rory Tyler, from West Hill School

Achieved A*A*A* in Biology, Psychology and Geography, along with an A* in the EPQ. Rory is going to the University of Oxford (Hertford) to study Geography.

Sam Seaborn, from St Thomas More RC College

Achieved A*A*A in Business, Economics and Geography, with an A* in the EPQ. Sam is now going to the University of Oxford (Regent's Park) to study Geography.

Emmie Coffery, from St Phillip Howard

Achieved A*AB in English Language, English Literature and Spanish. Emmie is now going the University of Oxford (Christ Church) to study Spanish.

Alumni

At Ashton Sixth Form College, you will have every opportunity to develop and reach your full potential. Our success is borne out of a drive to maintain the highest standards of teaching and experience for our students. The result is outstanding achievement and excellent progression for our students on to the next step.



Rikin Mistry

School: Oldham Hulme Grammar School
Subjects: Accounting, Economics, Maths
Grades: A*AB

Progression: Sponsored degree with University of Manchester & PwC in Accountancy



Ellie Gardner

School: Rayner Stephens High School
Subjects: Health and Social Care, Psychology, Biology
Grades: A*AB

Progression: Children's Nursing at University of Chester



Bradley Minshell

School: Rayner Stephens High School
Subjects: Business, Accounting, Economics
Grades: AAC

Progression: Apprenticeship with National Rail



Max Harvey

School: West Hill School
Subject: Football Coaching
BTEC Extended Diploma with City in the Community
Grade: D*D*D*

Progression: Manchester City Community Football Coaching at MMU



Hannah Benson

School: St Thomas More Roman Catholic College
Subjects: English Language, History, Law
Grade: A*A*A

Progression: Law at Corpus Christ, Oxford University



Robbie Evans

School: Longdendale High School
Subjects: History, Law, Politics, EPQ
Grades: A*A*A*A

Progression: Law at University of Nottingham



Destiny Barnes

School: St Philip Howard Catholic School
Subjects: Health and Social Care, Criminology, Law
Grades: A*AD*

Progression: Law at Sheffield Hallam University



Melissa Greenough

School: Rayner Stephens High School
Subjects: Biology, Geography, Chemistry
Grades: A*A*B

Progression: Geography at Mansfield College, Oxford University



Nayaab Khalid

School: Levenshulme High School
Subjects: History, Law, Psychology, EPQ
Grades: A*A*A*A*

Progression: Law at University of Manchester



Aryan Pandya

School: West Hill School
Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Core Maths, EPQ
Grades: A*A*A*AA

Progression: Medicine at University of Birmingham



Daisy Artingstall

School: Mossley Hollins High School
Subjects: Economics, Maths, Spanish,
Grades: AAB

Progression: Finance apprenticeship with Mazars

Our courses

A-Level

A-Levels are subject based qualifications. You will choose to study 3 A-Levels over two years. A-Levels are assessed by written exams.

Mixed Study

The Mixed Study programme allows you to combine a mix of A-Level and vocational courses (which are equivalent to 1 A-Level). This option of study provides you with a mix of assessment. You will choose to study 3 subjects over two years.

Vocational

Vocational courses allow you to specialise in a particular pathway by choosing 1 course. Full-time vocational courses give you real life practical experience with the knowledge to back it up. Vocational Level 3 courses are studied over 2 years.

T Level

T Levels are equivalent to 3 A Levels. You choose 1 course and these two-year courses focus on blending extensive industry placements with college-based learning.

A-Level and Mixed Study programme

Accounting	(A-Level)
Applied Science	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Art & Design – 3D Design & Technology	(A-Level)
Art & Design – Fine Art	(A-Level)
Art & Design – Graphic Design	(A-Level)
Art & Design – Photography	(A-Level)
Art & Design – Textiles	(A-Level)
Biology	(A-Level)
Business	(A-Level)
Business	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Chemistry	(A-Level)
Computer Science	(A-Level)
Criminology	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Dance Performance	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Digital Games Production	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Drama & Theatre	(A-Level)
Economics	(A-Level)
English Language	(A-Level)
English Literature	(A-Level)
English Language & Literature	(A-Level)
Film Studies	(A-Level)
Further Mathematics	(A-Level)
Geography	(A-Level)
Geology	(A-Level)
Health & Social Care	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
History	(A-Level)
Information Technology	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)

Law	(A-Level)
Law	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Mathematics	(A-Level)
Media Studies	(A-Level)
Music Performance	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Music Technology	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
– Music Production & DJ or Studio & Live Engineering	
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	(A-Level)
Physics	(A-Level)
Physical Education	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
– Sport Science or Sport Studies	
Politics	(A-Level)
Psychology	(A-Level)
Public Services	(Vocational - A-Level equivalent)
Sociology	(A-Level)
Spanish	(A-Level)

Vocational programme (Level 3)

Business	
Early Years Educator (Childcare & Education)	
Forensic Science	
Health & Social Care	
Information Technology	
Public Services	
Sport	
Sports Coaching and Development	(Football Coaching MCFC)

T Level programme

Education – Early Years
Health
Media Broadcast and Production

Additional Qualifications

Core Maths
EPQ

Apply

All applications to study at Ashton Sixth Form College are online. Following the completion of your application, you will then be invited to attend an interview.

For courses starting in September 2023, the deadline to apply is 16 December 2022. We are an oversubscribed college and so early applications are advised.

www.asfc.ac.uk/apply

Entry Requirements

To gain a place at the college you must meet the entry requirements. Some courses have individual subject entry requirements.

www.asfc.ac.uk/apply/entry-requirements

We will always do our best to ensure the full range of subject choices are available for students but sometimes a course may be withdrawn if it is not viable to run as a result of low application or enrolment numbers.



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