

ASHFIELD SCHOOL

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



2019

ACCESS PROJECT



The Access Project (TAP) are a charity based organisation currently working in the East Midlands with a programme co-ordinator based in school for 2 days each week. TAP is for high-potential students, providing a programme of personalised tuition and in-school support, to help you gain access to selective universities. Each year, you

will receive at least 20 hours on-line academic tuition from a mentor, 5 hours one-to-one mentoring sessions with the programme co-ordinator, help and support with UCAS applications and other admission requirements (interviews, tests etc) as required. The mentors you will work with are all volunteer graduates who are trained and supported to tutor by TAP. If you wish to enrol on TAP you will need to fill in an application form, and satisfy the enrolment principles of TAP.

ART CLUB



The Art Club is for anyone interested in improving their Artistic skills. Some students take the opportunity to improve their coursework or homework. Some students take the opportunity to explore new projects. If you love to paint or draw but don't have the resources at home then head

over to the Art Club to meet and talk with like-minded people who share your passion.

BBC SCHOOL REPORT

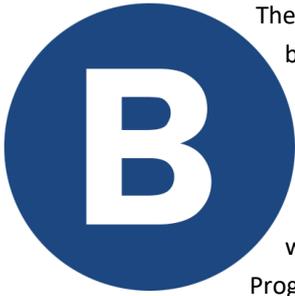


In Year 9 you are given the opportunity to take part in the BBC Schools Report. BBC Schools Report aims to educate and inform young people about the news and the world around them by giving them the opportunity to produce their own reports. In March, schools take part in an annual News Day, simultaneously creating video, audio and

text-based reports and publishing them on the school website, to which the BBC aims to link. If you take part in BBC Schools Report you will develop your ability to work in a team, manage your time, conduct research, communicate effectively and think creatively.



BRILLIANT CLUB



The Brilliant Club (BC) are a charity based organisation designed to encourage and support applications to selective universities. They do this by mobilising the PhD community to share their expertise with schools. The BC run a Scholars Programme for high potential students which is designed to emulate the learning that you will

experience at selective universities. You will work with doctoral and postdoctoral researchers who will deliver programmes of university-style tutorials. You will complete weekly homework assignments and a final written assignment. Each programme starts and finishes with a trip to a selective university where you will have a campus tour, meet undergraduates and receive guidance from university admissions staff.

CHARITY EVENTS



Ashfield takes its contribution to Charity Fundraising very seriously and each year you are able to take part in a variety of events which help raise money for a range of causes. These include a Macmillan Coffee Morning (Cancer), Race for Life (Cancer), Non Uniform Day (Children in Need),

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children), BEAT (Eating Disorders), Crazy Socks Day (Just Giving), Triathlon (Help for Heroes) as well as Foodbank collections. Annually, the students at Ashfield are responsible for raising around £10,000 for charitable causes.

DANCE CLUB



The Dance Club is for anyone interested in learning, creating and performing dance, offering several opportunities for you to explore exciting new dance styles to develop your talents. Dancers take part in a variety of workshops learning dance routines in Commercial,

Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz and Word Dance styles; working towards an annual 'Summer Showcase'. There is also an opportunity for you to audition for the 'Ashfield Youth Dance Company' who rehearse to create performances for various local and national events.

ECO-SCHOOLS

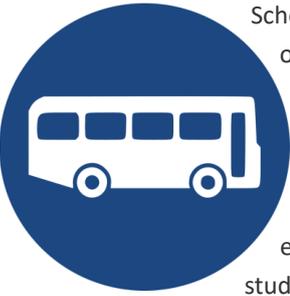


The environment is never far from the news at the moment, whether it is plastic pollution, climate change or clothing being sent to landfill. If you have a passion for the environment and want to see change Ecoschools is for you. Ecoschools is an International Organisation working with over 80 000 schools worldwide. It follows a 10 step programme to achieving Green Flag Status. At Ashfield we have a strong Ecomcommittee of 29 students ranging from Year 7 to 13. In the short time we have been running we have achieved a great deal and helped to

change the ethos of the school when it comes to the environment. We are currently working to build a greenhouse made from plastic bottles, and have collection schemes for crisp packets and contact lens casings. We are carrying out half termly litter picks in the community, and are actively trying to discourage the use of single use plastic, especially plastic bottles within school. In addition we are working to improve other areas of waste, healthy living and biodiversity around school. Even if you cannot commit to being part of the committee by being part of the school you are part of the Ecoschools community, as we believe small changes made by every individual can make huge differences. If not now, when?



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



School visits and trips provide unique opportunities for kinaesthetic learning (learning by doing) and should be viewed as powerful, positive teaching tools that help enhance the social, personal and emotional development of all students (and teachers!). For students, participating in a school visit or trip not only allows you to have a fabulous and unique time, but you can also benefit from

many other advantages for weeks, indeed months, after your return. Ashfield offers many subject related day visits to places such as the National Justice Museum, the Black Country Museum, Perlethorpe, Carsington Water, Magna, the National Space Centre, the Theatre and the Peak District. There are also social visits taken to a range of leisure venues during Christmas Activities Day and Summer Activities Day. In addition to these, residential trips are taken by year 7, 8 and 9 as well as mixed year group residential trips to Iceland, France, Spain and Borneo.

HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION



The Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) is a Level 2 research-based qualification available for KS4 students. The HPQ involves you designing a question relating to your own interests, studies or future university or career ambitions. You will then research this prior to presenting your

findings to an audience of teachers and your peers. The qualification supports progression to higher and further education and develops key skills such as independent study, planning, research and project management. Some students use the HPQ as a stepping stone to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Post 16.

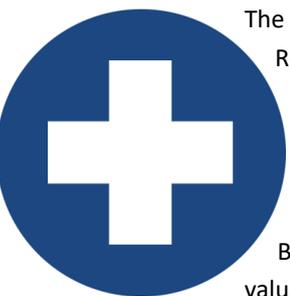
MUSIC AND DRAMA



If you are artistically inclined there are many opportunities for you to showcase your talents. As well as the annual school show for aspiring actors, the school run instrumental and vocal lessons, a concert band a string ensemble as well as a highly acclaimed vocal ensemble. You will be

able to perform at the annual school show and celebration evening and at local primary schools as well as at events outside of school. In recent years these events have included opening the Christmas shopping season at John Lewis Nottingham, singing at Euro Disney and at Notre Dame Cathedral.

ROOKIE LIFEGUARD CLUB

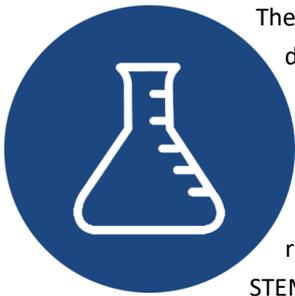


The Royal Lifesaving Societies (RLSS) Rookie Lifeguard Award gives you the skills needed to be confident in the pool or the sea. The programme begins with a Bronze Award and you can work up to a Gold Award. Built into the programme are valuable lessons in survival, rescue and sports skills. Teamwork and peer support are also crucial

elements. Many students use the Rookie Lifeguard Award as a stepping stone to the National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) which is delivered in Post 16. This (NPLQ) qualification would enable you to earn employment as a Lifeguard in a swimming pool.



SCIENCE SILVER CREST AWARD



The Silver Crest Science Award is designed for KS4 students to stretch and enrich their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) studies. You will work individually or in groups to plan and run a project addressing a real world STEM problem. You will eventually upload your project work onto an on-line platform. The project

is then assessed by a trained CREST assessor who will be an expert from industry, academia or the education sector. Silver CREST Awards have been shown to improve GCSE grades, promote a continued interest in STEM subjects and (for those of you wishing to go to university) can be used to enhance your UCAS personal statements.

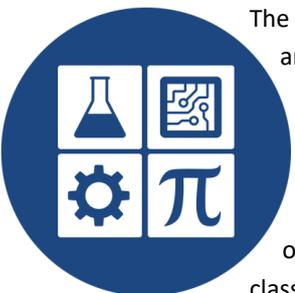
SPORTS



There are thriving teams and clubs run in a whole range of sports, including Football, Rugby, Volleyball, Handball, Netball, Golf, Athletics & Cross Country. Many of the teams are very successful and can count National, Regional and County titles amongst their achievements in recent years. Sport is an excellent way to bring you together with

other like-minded individuals and is invaluable in fostering aspects of the school ASPIRE motto (achievement, pride and respect).

STEM CLUB



The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) club is designed for KS3 students with a real desire to develop their knowledge of Science. Students will carry out a range of practical experiments that could not ordinarily be performed in the classroom (such as frog dissections). So if you have an interest in how cosmetics are formulated; how

the screen inside your mobile phone works; or how you can grow vegetables in space the KS3 STEM club is for you. There will also be the opportunity to take your interest in the subject a step further by working towards the Science Bronze CREST Award.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM / FACULTY AMBASSADORS



Both the Student Management Team and the Faculty Ambassadors give you an excellent opportunity to become the “public face” of Ashfield School. Each year group (7-11) will have a Student Management Team who not only represent the rest of their peers in meetings with School Leaders; but also help out at Open Evenings, Parents Evenings and in the interview process for new staff. In

addition to this, each faculty will have several Ambassadors who represent the faculty at Open Evenings helping to promote the subject. Being part of the Management Team or the Ambassadors helps develop your confidence, your ability to communicate with the public and is an ideal opportunity for you to showcase the pride that you have in being part of Ashfield School.

