



14<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

At Ashington Academy, we are committed to providing opportunities that help students develop beyond the classroom. We are therefore delighted to launch our new **Extra-Curricular Programme**, offering a wide range of activities designed to encourage students to try something new, develop new skills, and become more involved in school life.

**What are Extra-Curricular Activities?** Extra-curricular activities are organised opportunities that students can take part in outside of their normal lessons. Our programme includes a variety of clubs, house competitions, enrichment activities and lunchtime opportunities, with something available for every interest. The programme has been shaped by student feedback to ensure it reflects what our young people want from school extra-curricular activities.

**Why take part?** Participation in extra-curricular activities can help students to:

- Develop confidence, character, and employability skills.
- Build healthy friendships and positive relationships.
- Support academic achievement and wellbeing.
- Develop responsibility, independence, and aspiration.

We strongly encourage every student to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available.

**How will students be rewarded and recognised for taking part?** Students will receive an “Above and Beyond” house point every time they attend an extra-curricular activity. Additional rewards are available through our PE loyalty card, “The Pledge”, prize draws, house competitions and recognition events throughout the year. These rewards support our commitment to Everyday Excellence and our core values of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe.

**How Can You Help?** We encourage you to discuss the programme with your child and support them in choosing activities that interest them. Information about clubs and activities will be available through our extra-curricular booklet, school website, social media channels and Systems.

We are excited to see our students embrace new opportunities, develop new interests, and make lasting memories through participation in our extra-curricular programme.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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**Assistant Headteacher**

