

Dear Parent,

## AGSB LATEST NEWS - JANUARY 2012!

---

### 2011 GCSE RESULTS

You may have seen the news release of the official 2011 GCSE results published with great fanfare on Thursday. I was delighted to see that AGSB was placed 10th in the table and the second best boys' school in the country. This is because the boys respond superbly to the very challenging GCSE curriculum, we set our expectations high and they work very hard to achieve outstanding results. Many congratulations to the GCSE students of 2011 and all their teachers!

BBC link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-16729387>

\*\*\*

### CENTENARY CLOCK LAUNCH

As we start 2012, arrangements for events during the School's Centenary Year are moving apace. The setting in motion of the Centenary Clock took place last Friday. Chair of Governors, Mr Christopher Barrat, introduced the designer and manufacturer of the clock, our Technician, Garry Binns. Garry then described to the invited guests the idea behind the design and the long manufacturing process. The pupils - Tom Bewley, Adam Cooper, Ewan Harris, Tom Markey, Harry Phasey, Morgan Smith and Munetomo Takahashi - spoke about what they had learned from working with Mr Binns as members of the Clock Committee.

Then the moment arrived when the clock, now situated in the Reception Hall, was set in motion. The clock is designed to last more than 100 years and we hope it will remain part of the School fabric until the bicentenary in 2112 and beyond.





(Photos: Tom Bewley, 11MN)

\*\*\*

## 100 YEARS YOUNG!



Celebrating her own centenary is Mrs Lillian Maud Hawthorn, pictured here alongside the Head Master with her grand-daughter Jill Doorbar and great-grandson, Matthew Doorbar, a Year 10 pupil at the School. Mrs Hawthorn was presented with a copy of the Centenary Book and a lovely bunch of flowers by the Head Master, and very much enjoyed her visit to the School last Tuesday. We wish Mrs Hawthorn many congratulations!

*Picture taken by Mr Roy Doorbar (Matthew's Grandfather)*

\*\*\*

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012 – SCHOOL CENTENARY



The Centenary Committee is planning some excellent events for the Centenary year:

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Centenary Ball – **now sold out!**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Whole School Centenary photo
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Old Altrinchamians' Dinner - **now sold out!**
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April Centenary Concert, Bridgewater Hall
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May Robert Anderson Day with a Centenary theme!

Keep an eye on the special Centenary section of our website, [here](#), for further news.

\*\*\*

## CENTENARY TIE

Available in School if you wish to purchase at £10. The normal School tie is also for sale, price £6.25.

## SODEXO PARENTS SURVEY

As a school we have always enjoyed a close working relationship with Sodexo, the School caterers who have committed to invest a significant capital sum into the School dining facilities which will greatly improve the service for the boys.

As this work progresses, the Governors believe that it is now an appropriate time to take feedback from parents regarding their perception of the food provided at School – its price and value for money etc. The boys participate in an annual survey, but there has been no formalised collection of information from parents previously.

The information provided by parents will be discussed in detail with Sodexo and recommendations will be taken forward. We are committed to working in partnership and to identify and address all areas for improvement. We are also committed to communicating the outcomes with parents.

You should have all received a letter about a short on-line survey we have produced, which can be accessed via this link <http://www.sodexosurveys.com/survey/74816/7d03/>. It will only take a few minutes to complete. The survey will be available until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, **so please don't miss this opportunity to share your views!** We have already received over 100 replies so please add your voice to those!

\*\*\*

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT APPEAL!



The Music Department is launching an instrument appeal to help us with our new KS3 curriculum. We are looking for flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, tenor horns, bass guitars and 'cellos. If you have any spare instruments lying around at home, we would be very grateful to receive them! For further information please get in touch with [Mr Myers](#), [Mrs Bold](#) or [Miss De Jesus](#).

\*\*\*

## SPORT

### RUGBY

#### AGSB 1<sup>ST</sup> XV v B.A.C.R.C. U18s



Having seen a group of around forty large Argentine rugby players getting off the coach, playing them was a daunting task. The game itself was played in a very good spirit with Buenos Aires having the vast majority of possession and territory, capitalising with three tries all converted before the break. Great defence had kept AGSB in the game at this point and we were rewarded in the second half with a well-worked forwards try and two very opportunistic tries from Callum Robinson. This would have made us

even on points if it wasn't for the great lines of running on support play by Buenos Aires on the offensive, making the final result 35-19.

*Report by Team Captain Joe Bailey, 13GD / Picture taken by Mr Smith*

## CROSS COUNTRY

Adding to news previously reported about the Cross-Country Race on 7<sup>th</sup> December, Alex Burchill in Year 12 won his race by over 400 metres and will be representing the School and Trafford for the 4th consecutive year. He took time off from studying for his mocks to make his own way to the race to represent his School, waiting around in very bad weather to pick up trophies and medals for the other boys who had returned to School; Alex felt that he should represent the School! Alex has also represented AGSB at national level in both cross country and track for the last three years. Many congratulations are due to him for his sterling efforts!

\*\*\*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Remember to keep an eye on our [School Calendar](#) for information on upcoming events.

A reminder of term dates:

Term breaks for half-term:	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Term resumes:	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
End of Spring Term:	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Summer term begins:	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Term breaks for half-term:	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>
Term resumes on:	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>
End of Summer Term:	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>

For further news of what's on and when, keep checking our website's Latest News & Announcements page [here](#). For Sports fixtures click on our web pages [here](#).

\*\*\*

## EMAILS

If you know of other parents who are still not receiving emails from the School, please could you help by asking them to telephone the School immediately to let us know their current email address. Thank you.

\*\*\*

## RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES!

If you or your company go through lots of laser ink cartridges and then just dispose of them, please send them to us and we will recycle them to raise funds for School projects! (*We can only recycle original cartridges*). There is a **recycling box** by Reception for you to drop them into.