



## Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Sixth Form Admission Policy September 2013 Entry

### Policy and Numbers

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is a wholly selective Academy Grammar School with a specialist status in Foreign Languages and Science. A copy of the Sixth Form School prospectus is available to download from the School website or in hard copy upon request.

The Governing Body require that in order to be eligible for consideration for admission to the Sixth Form of the School prospective students must have been assessed as suitable in accordance with the admission criteria.

An Open Evening will be held in November of the determination year, the year immediately preceding the offer year, details of which will be published in local newspapers and further information will be available to download from the School website.

Internal and external applicants will be asked to complete an application form listing in order of preference the four subjects they wish to study at AS level. The deadline for receipt of this form to the School is the end of February.

Offers of places to internal applicants will be made by Easter to those students who have demonstrated a satisfactory level of commitment towards their school work and whose predicted GCSE grades hold out the prospect that they will be able to cope with AS/A level work.

The number of Sixth Form admissions from other schools for the year commencing September 2013 will be at least 4. Additional external students may be admitted providing their admission does not prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

### Admission Criteria

Places will be allocated in accordance with the admission criteria. Internal applicants will be given the opportunity to discuss their subject options.

The requirement for entry into the Sixth Form is that students **must** have achieved at least **48 GCSE points** (A\* = 8 points, A = 7 points; B = 6 points etc.) from their best 8 GCSE results and that they should have achieved at **least 3 A grades or better**. In addition to the above students **must** have achieved at least a **B grade** in the subjects to be studied at AS/A2 level or in related subjects. **Please note that only 1 Maths grade can count towards the 48 points/ 3 A grades requirement.**

## **Applicants from the School**

We stipulate that in order to secure the offer of a place in the Sixth Form for next September, potential entrants show evidence, especially in Year 11, of a positive attitude towards school and towards the learning process. In this respect we would pay particular regard to a student's commitment to coursework, his general approach to study and to his performance in the trial GCSE exams in December. In deciding whether a Sixth Form place should be offered to a Year 11 student at the School the key factor will be whether, on all the evidence available, the student is likely to meet all the entry requirements when GCSE results are published in August.

Eligible applicants from the School will be offered a Sixth Form place, conditional upon them achieving the required GCSE grades, by the Easter prior to the September of Sixth Form entry. Those students not offered a place by that date who then go on to meet the entry requirements in August, will be offered a place although the choice of subjects at that time may be limited.

## **Applicants from other Schools**

After all applicants from Altrincham Grammar School for Boys who are likely to be qualified for entry into the Sixth Form have been accommodated, places will be offered to students from other schools subject to the availability of places on individual courses.

## **Over-Subscription**

Where the number of external applications exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which applicants to admit:

- Pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs who satisfy the entry requirements.
- A 'looked after child' (as defined in the School Admissions Code 2011) who satisfies the entry requirements.
- Where eligible applicants for admission for a particular combination of subjects exceed the number of places available, the places will be allocated to those students in order of merit based on their **predicted** GCSE grades. These decisions will be made at Easter. If two or more students are predicted the same score the final place(s) will be allocated in order of merit based on their actual GCSE result in August. If at this point two or more students have the same score the student who lives nearest the School measured as a straight line from their permanent home address, not the address of a carer or relative, to the School Main Entrance will be offered the place.
- Should places become available for external applicants after the publication of results in August the same procedure will be adopted but with the decision based upon **actual** rather than predicted GCSE grades.

### **Transfer from Year 12 to Year 13**

Transfer from year 12 to 13 is not automatic and depends on the quality of AS exam results achieved at the end of year 12. Where less than a C grade is achieved the following will apply:

The student's position will be reviewed. The School reserves the right to provide advice about their prospects at A2 level and if they are allowed to return into Year 13 conditions will be attached relating to use of private study time and sixth form privileges.

However, any student whose AS scores generally are the equivalent of grade D/E or below will be expected to make alternative arrangements for their continuing education. They will not be allowed to continue into Year 13 or to repeat Year 12.

### **General**

Applications received after the end of February will be processed once all on-time internal and external applications have been considered. Decisions on late applications will be made after the publication of GCSE results in August.

A place may be withdrawn if an applicant has not responded within 10 working days to an offer being made or if the place has been offered in error.

### **Appeals**

Any applicant refused admission has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against the decision by the Admission Authority under the Terms of the Education Act 1998.

The Admission Authority will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission.

Pupils above the compulsory school age have the right to appeal against any decision to refuse them admission. The child's right of appeal is in addition to their parent's right of appeal and the child and their parent may appeal separately, or jointly.

The Appeals Panel will be strictly independent of the School. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding to all parties. A second appeal will not be allowed unless there are proven significant and material changes in circumstance.

Appeals will be heard immediately following the confirmation of examination results.

Appeal application forms are available from the School's Admissions Officer.

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