

LEADING THE WAY

“EXTENSIVE SUBJECT CHOICES, EXCELLENT TEACHING, A RIGOROUS STUDY REGIME AND STRONG PASTORAL CARE ALL AID ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.”*

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is established as one of the country's leading state selective schools for boys ages 11 to 18. Since the 1990's the Sixth Form has seen considerable development, both in size and facilities, to the extent that Sixth Form students now constitute a quarter of the total School roll.

AGSB offers a broad and balanced curriculum that will assist in equipping Sixth Form students with the skills required for employment or Higher Education. We welcome students who are willing to work hard and contribute to the life of the school.

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys offers:

- A wide range of A Level courses which will provide a suitable foundation for degree level study
- A range of curricular options to support their acquisition of the wider skills that will be essential for success in their lives and future careers
- A strong record of A Level success, both in terms of pass rate and the percentage of entries achieving A*, A or B grades
- High numbers of students going on to leading universities, including Oxbridge and other Russell Group Universities

- A structured and supportive learning environment with appropriate guidance and pastoral support
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities which will provide opportunities for leadership and responsibility

If you need a second opinion, ask our Sixth Form students. The overwhelming majority have enjoyed their Sixth Form course and the quality of teaching and pastoral support they have been given. Every year we ask our departing Year 13 students their views on their Sixth Form experience. The in-depth comments we receive result in real change to the benefit of future students.

“Having joined from Year 12 I would recommend the School, it was very welcoming with friendly staff and students who actively helped me settle in”*

“The competition is tangible and a huge incentive to work”*

“Staff have been especially helpful in organising work shadowing and preparing me for applications and interviews”*

*Direct quotes from student exit survey



WE GO THE EXTRA MILE

WE'RE ON COURSE

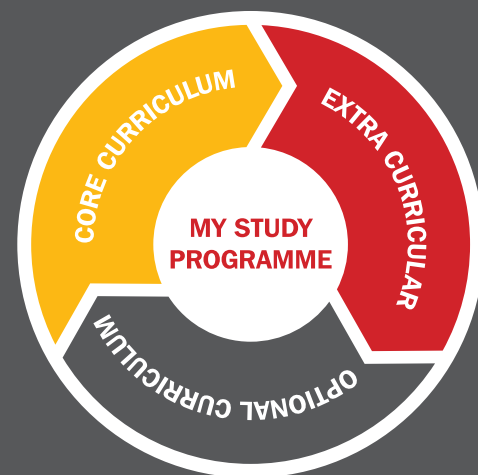
STUDENTS NEED A CURRICULUM THAT'S CHALLENGING, ENGAGING AND INSPIRING

Curriculum derives from the Latin word which means 'the course of a race' and can be defined as consisting of the totality of student experiences within the School. Our Sixth Form curriculum embraces this definition and encompasses a broad range of compulsory, optional and extra curriculum elements.

CORE CURRICULUM

The core of all students' Sixth Form curriculum is their A Level studies. Following reform to the A Level curriculum students will all study linear A Levels, with all examinations being taken at the end of the two year course in Year 13. Students are expected to choose three A Levels that they wish to study throughout the two year period. A small number of the most able students may choose to take 4 A Levels over the two years and will need to discuss this with the Sixth Form team and achieve a higher GCSE points total (please see admissions criteria for further details).

Other elements of the core curriculum, with the exception of games and volunteering, are covered during our ACE (Advanced Curriculum Enrichment) programme. The ACE programme has been specially designed for our students and following their feedback. It includes:



A lecture programme with speakers from a range of careers and experiences, one to one meetings with a Sixth Form mentor and activities focused on encouraging reflection on a range of important life skills such as Cookery, Yoga - Mindfulness, Money Management and Public Speaking.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Our Sixth Form team has a wealth of experience in supporting students as they mature both personally and academically and we are proud of the level of support that each student can expect.

Each student has a form tutor who they meet daily and who is a first point of call for any pastoral issues. In addition, there are two Heads of Year each being responsible for monitoring the performance of every student in their year group and providing tailored support when required. As part of our ACE curriculum students will also have termly one-to-one meetings to reflect upon their progress and ambitions. We also have a School Counsellor who is available throughout the year for students to speak to.

The overall culture of our Sixth Form is one of our main strengths and your fellow students also provide a valuable and inclusive support mechanism.

OPTIONAL CURRICULUM

The optional curriculum is designed to provide additional qualifications that will aid students in either their application to University and/or access to their chosen career path. Optional elements include:

- Extended Project Qualification
- LAMDA
- Music qualifications
- Other agreed alternative qualifications

Students completing 4 A Levels (including Further Maths) will have the option of completing an EPQ, following discussions with the Head of Sixth Form.

TEAM PROJECT

All students in the Sixth Form will be expected to contribute to a team project which will help develop the wider skills essential for a student's future success. Activities such as Young Enterprise, Charity events, Challenge of Industry, Model United Nations, Debating Society and World Challenge, amongst others are examples of activities that will support this goal. All students are expected to show evidence, and reflection upon, their role in the outcome of the project.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Sixth Form is not just about the pursuit of academic success. We also want our students to get involved and a variety of opportunities exist for them to contribute to the general life of the school and to the wider community. These activities should be seen as worthwhile and enjoyable in themselves, but of course they are also of value in enhancing a student's identity and increasing his chances of gaining access to appropriate higher education courses or employment.

The School offers a wide range of activities:

- Model United Nations
- Music – the choir, school orchestra, swing band
- Charity fundraising events
- Drama
- Debating
- The Young Enterprise Scheme
- AGSB volunteers programme
- World Challenge
- School sport – soccer, rugby, cricket, hockey, to name but a few

The School also offers the opportunity for Year 13 students to exercise responsibility and develop leadership skills as School prefects. This is an important role in the smooth running of the school and presents students with the chance to help younger pupils at Break and Lunchtimes, in the Library, in their role as Year 7 Form prefects and in mentoring students across a range of subject departments.



ALL THE RIGHT QUALITIES TO SUCCEED

FACILITIES

Sixth Form students will find their lessons, whether they are in laboratories, workshops or classrooms, timetabled in the main body of the School. However, the Sixth Form Centre provides the nexus of their time here. Over the past ten years the Sixth Form facilities have been expanded and updated and include a large social area, a dedicated catering area and café, as well as two private study areas with computers. The Sixth Form Leadership team is also based here and provide a readily accessible source of guidance and support.

STRUCTURED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Sixth Formers at AGSB have a distinctive position in relation to the rest of the School. They have their own designated social and study facilities. There are separate arrangements for uniform and for going off site. However, students have also to recognise that they are part of an 11 – 18 school and, that as the most senior students, they are required to set an example to the junior pupils. We have a small number of rules and regulations which we require Sixth Form students to adhere to so that the School runs as efficiently as possible and the focus remains on learning. In the Sixth Form students are also expected to take more control of their own learning.

ADMISSION

The majority of students who come into our Sixth Form have been with us since Year 7 but we also take a number of students from other schools.

Our own students apply for a Sixth Form place by March of Year 11 and they are made an offer conditional on them achieving our entry requirements when GCSE results are published in August.

External candidates usually apply between December and March of Year 11. References are sought from their existing schools and if these are satisfactory and if there are places available for the subjects that they wish to study then they may be made a conditional offer. However, if the School is oversubscribed then decisions as to whether to offer a place will be left until Results Day in August when places available will be allocated to those with the highest GCSE scores.