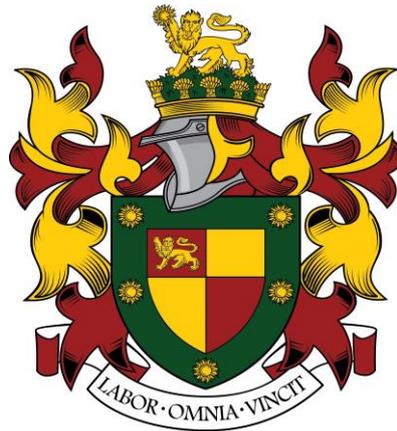


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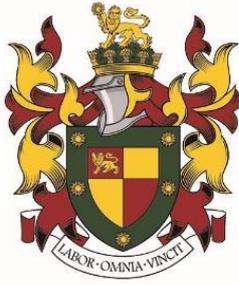


NOTES FOR PARENTS BOOKLET (Sept 2021)



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Dear Parent,

I wish you a very warm welcome to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys (AGSB). Your son has gained a place at one of England's most successful schools. Founded in 1912, the school is rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted and secures some of the best examination results at GCSE and A level in the country. Almost all students progress to university with many attending the best Russell Group universities including Oxford, Cambridge and many others.

I do hope that your son will retain the enthusiasm and love of learning that he has at present. Lessons at AGBS will go far beyond the confines of the exam syllabus and will present him with fresh academic challenges, as well as instilling a real passion for a wide range of subjects across the curriculum. Knowledge, however, is only one component of success. At this school we aim to equip our students with the range of skills to succeed in a rapidly changing world. From Year 7 he will be offered extra-curricular activities and enrichment programmes that will hone essential character traits such as leadership, resilience, moral purpose, integrity and honesty. I would encourage him to embrace as many of these opportunities as he can.

The transition from primary to secondary school is a very exciting chapter in your son's life. Be assured that our total commitment to effective pastoral care and student well-being will see him settle in very quickly and will help guide him through the many opportunities and challenges ahead.

I hope that as parents you too will become part of our community. We have a thriving Parents' Association which offers a varied programme throughout the year. There are also opportunities for you to volunteer to support the school in Music, Sport and Drama. Through our partnership with the Trafford Leisure Trust, the 'Grammar' facilities are open for you to use before and after school hours.

I greatly look forward to meeting with you and your son in due course and welcoming you personally to the School.

Yours sincerely,

GA Wright MA FRSA
Head Master

Key Names

Head Master	Mr G Wright
Deputy Head/Child Protection Officer & Safeguarding Lead	Mr E Hall
Assistant Head - (with responsibility for Curriculum & Assessment)	Mrs S Weil
Assistant Head - (with responsibility for Teaching & Learning)	Dr E Thomas
Assistant Head - (with responsibility for Development)	Mr M Soulsby
Assistant Head - (with responsibility for Inclusion, SENDCO & Youth Mental Health)	Ms A Cathcart
Head of Year 7 - (with responsibility for Induction & Admission)	Mrs H Short
Head of Sixth Form (Overall)	Mr T Murray

Administration Staff

Chief Financial Operating Officer	Mrs J Jackson
Finance & Planning Manager	Mrs J Lacon
Business Support & Admin Manager	Mrs D Jackson
Finance Assistant	Mrs V Carpenter*
Finance Assistant	Mrs L Jackson*
Head Master's PA	Mrs M Brickell
Admissions Manager	Mrs T Richardson
Admissions Assistant	Mrs P Mullin*
Admissions Assistant	Mrs O Champion
Examinations Officer	Mrs P Howell
KS3/4	Mrs P Capel & Mrs P Howell
ARR, Exam, Data & Cover Administrator	Mrs B Clift
Sixth Form Officer/Alumni Relations	Mrs G Williamson
Systems & Procedures Administrator	Mrs A Coale*
Attendance Administrator	Mrs A Jolly*
Administrative Assistant	Mrs H Armstrong*
Resources Technician	Mrs K Lord
Resources Technician	Mrs F Harding
Receptionist	Mrs C Pickering
Library Assistant	Mrs G Marson

**(First Aid Trained)*

Chairman of Governors:

Mrs A Balfour

Chair Persons of Parents Association:

Mrs A Jones & Mr N Hiett

Heads of Year:

Year 7	Mrs H Short
Year 8	Mr D Birchall
Year 9	Mr T Ayebare
Year 10	Mr R Cammack
Year 11	Mrs E Chapman
Year 12	Mr R Cummins
Year 13	Dr Z Hepden

1. **SCHOOL DAY**

Boys can enter School unsupervised from 8.10am (earlier if the weather is bad). Breakfasts can be purchased in the Stamford Hall from 8.10am. Boys should arrive in School by 8.35am for registration at 8.40am. Assembly is at 8.45am and the first lesson at 9.00am. There are five periods each day, three in the morning and two in the afternoon. There is a twenty-minute break each morning between lessons two and three. Lunch is between 12.20pm and 1.20pm and the school day ends at 3.25pm. A warning bell rings before registration at the end of break and at the end of the lunch hour.

School opens	8.10am
Registration (morning)	8.40am - 8.45am
Assembly	8.45am - 9.00am
Period 1 (60 minutes)	9.00 am - 10.00am
Period 2 (60 minutes)	10.00am - 11.00am
Break	11.00am - 11.20am
Period 3 (60 minutes)	11.20am - 12.20pm
Lunch	12.20pm - 1.20pm
Registration (afternoon)	1.20pm - 1.25pm
Period 4 (60 minutes)	1.25pm - 2.25pm
Period 5 (60 minutes)	2.25pm - 3.25pm
End of School	3.25pm

Please note that boys in Years 7-11 are not allowed to leave the school premises between 9.00am and 3.25pm, except for medical or examination reasons (see below).

2. **DRESS REGULATIONS – YEARS 7 TO 11**

The concession for the supply of our School Uniform (including all sportswear) is held by **Monkhouse Limited**.

Contact Details are as follows:

Monkhouse Limited

47 George Street

Altrincham

WA14 1RJ

Tel: 0161 941 7503

Web: www.monkhouse.com

Email: Altrincham@monkhouse.com or web@monkhouse.com

Used School Uniform

AGSB Parents & Friends Association has a second-hand uniform service, from which all monies go directly to the PFA Fund. For further information, please contact the PFA on:
agsb_pfa@hotmail.co.uk

UNIFORM LIST

- **School Blazer with badge**
- **School Tie – in their House colour** (which must be worn neatly knotted and tight to the fastened collar). N.B. You will be informed of your sons allocated House on Y7 Induction Evening in early July.
- **Shirt** – plain white
- **Trousers** – plain DARK grey or BLACK (no chinos or denims)
- **Jumper** - this should be plain grey and v-necked or the School pullover for Years 7, 8 and 9. Years 10 and 11 may wear either a plain grey or a black v-necked pullover.
- **Shoes - plain**, conventional black or brown shoes (with matching laces), which are capable of being polished. Trainers, heavy working boots, suede, patent or fabric shoes are not permitted.
- **Socks** – plain dark
- **Outdoor Coat** - a coat in a single, dark, and plain colour (black, dark grey, blue or green), without decoration, words or logo. Leather, denim, or brightly coloured “ski jackets” are not acceptable schoolwear.

PE AND GAMES CLOTHING

Our new design of sportswear may only be purchased from Monkhouse.

Games (outdoor)

- Red and green reversible games shirt with embroidered School crest on the outer side
- Black ‘pro’ shorts with embroidered School crest
- Games socks (bottle green with red turnover top)
- Football/Rugby boots
- Outdoor training shoes
- Towel

PE (Indoor)

- White/bottle green trim shirt with embroidered School crest
- White/bottle green trim shorts with embroidered School crest
- Plain white socks
- Non-marking indoor training shoes with light, soft rubber soles for Gym and Sports Hall.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

- A strong waterproof bag in which books and A4 files can be carried home without becoming damaged.
- In School the books can be stored in a locker.
- A separate bag in which PE and games kit can be carried to School and to lessons.
- A good quality pen e.g. a fountain pen, good quality gel pen or biro (black or blue ink),
- Pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler, coloured pencils (not felt tips). These should be kept in a clearly named pencil case.
- A protractor and a pair of compasses or a Maths set.
- A small glue stick.
- A small English Dictionary (pocket-type).
- An A4 Clear Plastic Wallet for Music Books/Sheets.
- **A craft apron** (available from Monkhouse Limited), clearly named.
- **A food technology apron**: this should be a full length plain navy or navy striped butcher’s apron, and clearly named. Suitable aprons can generally be bought in shops such as Tesco or Sainsbury’s.
- **An ovenproof dish** approximately 20-30cm in diameter.

- **A medium sized plastic container with a sealed lid**, again clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Depending on what type of locker is in the form room, either an easily identifiable key ring for the key or a padlock and key (**not** a combination lock).

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, BAGS AND PENCIL CASES ETC ARE CLEARLY NAMED.

a) Other points to note:

1. Hair must be cut in a style which is generally acceptable. The Head Master reserves the right to send home any boy who, in his opinion, does not conform to the intention of this regulation.
 - **We do not allow hair that is below collar length!**
 - Hair should be cut no shorter than a "number two" style.
 - Hair should be of its natural colour.
 - Ponytails are not allowed.
2. Students should be clean-shaven where possible. Earrings and other body piercings are prohibited, as are rings on fingers. Necklaces are not encouraged but if worn should not be visible and **must not be worn during PE and games.**
3. All items of clothing and equipment, including musical instruments, must be clearly and indelibly marked with the pupil's name.
4. Sports kit must **NOT** be carried in the same bag as books.
5. Valuables, including expensive items of sportswear or equipment, **must not** be brought into School without a good reason. In School, their safe storage **must** be arranged with a senior member of staff **ON EACH OCCASION.**
6. Musical instruments may be left in storage areas in the Music Department **AT THE OWNER'S RISK.**
7. During PE lessons money and valuables must **NOT**, under any circumstances, be left in the changing rooms in bags or blazers etc. They should be locked away in the boy's locker or given to a member of the PE Department.
8. The School **CANNOT ACCEPT** responsibility for valuables when pupils have failed to adhere to the guidelines above.
9. Uniform should be smartly worn and shoes should be polished regularly.
10. Wherever possible, books, coats, etc should be kept in the pupil's **Locker**. A key will be provided if necessary. Lost keys must be paid for and replaced. Otherwise boys must provide a sturdy padlock. Their form teacher will advise over this.
11. Whilst we recognise that many young people carry and use a mobile phone, at AGSB the use of phones during school day is against the rules. There are exceptions to this rule if their use is directed by a teacher; pupils may be asked to take an image of something or do some quick research on Google using their phone. These occurrences are not common and the teacher would always provide additional provision for those boys without a phone. If a parent needs to be contacted urgently, School will contact parents directly using the contact

numbers supplied by parents to the School). **If equipment such as mobile phones, ipads etc are brought into school this is at the owner's own risk. (Please refer to more detailed information in the Codes of Conduct – Mobile Phone Protocol).**

12. Reception cannot accept forgotten items being brought into School by parents during the school day. The responsibility must be with the boy to organise himself!

13. Fizzy drinks are not allowed and are not sold in School.

3. HOUSE GROUPS

Your son will be assigned to a House (Massey, Bradbury, Tatton or Stamford). The House system was re-established in September 2019 and has been a great success. The House system at AGSB provides inclusion, cohesion, creativity and challenge through various events and competitions across the academic year. It provides more pastoral support for all pupils through creating a sense of belonging, within the larger school community. The events and competitions encompass; cerebral, artistic, musical, dramatic, fun and physical activities. The House system is a great vehicle for developing leadership opportunities, loyalty, resilience, perseverance, responsibility and respect.



4. ABSENCE

Where a boy is absent from School **parents must contact the School on the first day of absence before 10.00am and again on subsequent days.** This can be done via the SchoolComms App, which can be downloaded onto your phone, and therefore negates the need to write into school at the end of the period of absence.

You can, of course, use the traditional method of **phoning** school but at the end of the period of absence, a note must be sent in to the Attendance Officer for us to keep in our records. This is a legal requirement. If we do not receive a letter the absence will be marked as unauthorised and the pupil will be required to attend a Saturday morning detention with the Head Master.

5. APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL TIME

If, at all possible, please make any appointments **out of school hours.** However, we realise that this is not always possible so please note the following:

Pupils who have dental, medical or other appointments or who, for any other reason, need to leave school during lesson time **MUST:**

- a. have a parent contact school to confirm the appointment. This can be done via the SchoolComms App and negates the need for a letter or copy of an appointment card being sent into the Attendance Officer.
- b. report to the Student Signing In/Out window at Reception, both when they leave and when they return on the same day, and ensure that their name has been recorded in the "Signing Out Book".

6. **ASSEMBLY and RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

Assemblies are held daily and Year 7 boys will usually attend an assembly twice a week. Assemblies are broadly Christian in character and can take a number of forms. Some are simple acts of worship involving a reflection on a moral theme, a hymn and a prayer; others involve an address by a visiting speaker, a teacher or the Head Master. Some assemblies are taken by the boys themselves.

All boys are required to attend our annual Christmas Carol Concert and Founders Day service, both of which are held at St Mary's Church, Bowdon but we appreciate that not all our pupils will wish, for religious reasons, to attend these services. Written requests to not be included in these services must be made in writing to the Head Master prior to each event taking place in each academic year.

7. **CATS TESTS (Cognitive Ability)**

These are tests that we give to the whole year group when they join us in September. They give us an overall picture of the whole year group and help us track a boy's progress through the School. We do not normally release results.

8. **CLUBS/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

These include playing for the School teams (football, rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics, basketball). Year 7 pupils are also invited to join a variety of clubs including Chess, Science and Maths Clubs. Many of the Year 7 boys join the School choir and orchestra. These are just a few of the available opportunities. A list of all extra-curricular activities is published in mid-September and boys can obtain this and subsequent information regarding these clubs from their form teacher.

9. **CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

This is a document contained within the online Admission Form (part of the Induction Process). It is a statement of the School's aims and values, and also of the responsibilities of each child, his parents/carers and the School. In order to complete the Induction Process each child and their parent/carer is expected to agree to this policy.

10. **CURRICULUM**

Detailed information about the AGSB curriculum in each subject can be found on the school website at <https://www.agsb.co.uk/about-us/curriculum/>.

11. **"OFFICE 365" AND SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Many details about the School are given on our website, including recent letters, holiday dates and "stop press notices". Your child will also be given access to Office 365 where there are a lot of materials that relate to the subjects he studies.

12. **EXAMS**

Year 7s are tested in class at various times during the year as appropriate to the subject. There are end of year exams in most subjects in May.

NOTE: We have a duty to inform you that relevant personal data (name, DOB, gender etc) will be transferred to the awarding bodies for the purpose of examining and awarding qualifications.

13. **TERM DATES**

Term dates can be found on our website homepage under 'Calendars'.

14. INDEPENDENT LEARNING POLICY

Pupils will be set independent study tasks in their lessons to be completed at home. The nature and frequency of independent study tasks varies from subject to subject. Further information about this can be found on our Website, click on the Parents Tab and then 'Show My Homework', the information can be found under 'Independent Learning Policy'. Independent study tasks will be set through the Show My Homework platform. Pupils are expected to work each evening on their independent study tasks for between one and two hours. If pupils do not have any work to complete, they should proofread work or improve their work based on feedback given. ICT rooms are available every evening between 3.30 and 4.30.

15. ILLNESS DURING THE DAY

A pupil should inform a teacher if he feels unwell. He will then be directed to a First Aider in the School office who will decide if parents need to be contacted. **Pupils MUST NOT use their mobile phones to call parents themselves but must go to the office directly.** In the case of an accident, the pupil will be seen by a member of staff who is a qualified First Aider and parents contacted, as necessary.

It is vital that emergency contact numbers are up to date so that we can contact you in the event of a medical emergency.

(Please email school with any change of details to agsbadmin@agsb.co.uk)

16. MUSIC ENSEMBLES AND LESSONS

Subject to prior approval/audition by the relevant ensemble director, students who study privately with teachers outside of AGSB are welcome to join any of the ensembles.

Lessons are provided at School on the following instruments: Piano, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (alto, tenor, baritone), French/Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Trumpet, Cornet, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Orchestral Percussion and drum kit, Guitars (not yet including the classical style) and finally Voice. If you would like further information, please contact Mr M Monument, Director of Music (mmonument@agsb.co.uk).

17. LATENESS

Registration takes place at 8.40am and 1.20pm. Arrival after these times constitutes being "late". For Years 7-9 five such "lates" during a **term** will incur an after-school Friday detention. For Y10 & Y11 five such "lates" during a **half term** will incur an after-school Friday detention

Boys who arrive after the end of registration must report to the Student Signing In/Out area at Reception and have their names recorded in the "late book". They must also inform their form teachers at the next registration.

18. LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

We ask you to observe School's official term dates and not book any holidays during school time. Due to changes in the law surrounding holidays in term time (where any request for time out of School must be in exceptional circumstances), the Head Master is not expected to approve any term time holiday as "exceptional": the granting of holidays during term time is entirely the Head Master's decision and is not a parental right.

If a leave of absence in term time is unavoidable, **parents must complete a Leave of Absence Request Form available on our website, giving at least 3 weeks' notice prior to the absence.** Parents wish to send their children to AGSB because of the high academic standard and the offer of a rich extra-curricular life. However, we can only achieve these standards if boys are not taken out of School during term time. Family absences in term time are not only detrimental to the education of your child but are also unsettling on the class which he leaves

behind. Any absences will be marked either authorised or unauthorised depending on the circumstances.

19. **LIBRARY**

Break times and lunch times: The library is open to all and hosts a variety of extra-curricular clubs and events. Pupils may also read, **use the computers** and complete homework.

After school: Many extra-curricular clubs are hosted in the library after school.

20. **LOCKERS**

A locker is provided to each boy in or near his form room. He should keep his books and his coat in this. Keys may be provided for some lockers, but the majority need a padlock provided by the boys (**not** a combination lock). These can be purchased almost anywhere.

21. **LOST PROPERTY PROTOCOL**

In the case of lost property please follow this protocol:

1. **Retrace your steps.**
2. **Check the lost property area in the Bag Room (outside the Stamford Hall) or, in the case of PE kit, please check The Grammar**
3. **Report loss to your Form Teacher who will investigate further.**

Remember, all items should be clearly labelled with the boy's name.

22. **LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS**

In Years 7 to 11 it is forbidden for boys to leave the School. They may eat either a school meal or their own packed lunch in the Stamford Hall.

The Stamford Hall operates on a cashless system. Pupils purchase their food using a SMART CARD. Year 7 pupils joining in September have already paid £20 which should cover their first week's meals comfortably or, £5 which is just for emergencies.

A smart card may be "topped up" with cash at break times during the School day at the machine in the Stamford Hall. If parents wish to make a payment by cheque this should be **made payable to SODEXO with the child's name and form group written on the back**. The cheque may then be placed in the box in the Stamford Hall between 8am and 9am on any school day.

During September you will be sent your Personal Identification Login for our online payment system called Parent Pay. Once you have registered for this service you will be able to top up your child's Smart Card online.

The zipped inside pocket of the School blazer is the best place to keep the Smart Card.

Please refer to the 2 meal options supplied by Sodexo (supplied in your Induction Pack).

Lost or broken cards must be reported to Sodexo in the Stamford Hall as soon as possible. Please note that a replacement card will cost **£5**. Payment for the new cards should be made on Parent Pay. Once you have paid for your son's new card please bring the receipt (paper copy or on a mobile phone) to Sodexo and your son can collect his new card from the Stamford Hall.

Please refer to the online information available on our website at www.agsb.co.uk/admissions/induction/. Under the section 'Additional Information for Parents'.

The School buildings are cleared at lunchtime, except in inclement weather. Special lunchtime passes have been issued by members of staff for clubs or societies. A Lower School private study room (C1) is available should a boy wish to complete homework during the lunch period.

23. MATTERS OF CONCERN

If you do have any concerns about any issue within School these will be dealt with speedily and sympathetically. Please contact the appropriate member of staff. If you are uncertain about who that might be please contact the School Office or Head of Year who will advise you.

24. MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Some members of the teaching and administration staff are First Aid trained; however, the School **DOES NOT have a School Nurse on site** on a permanent basis.

If your child has medication to take on a temporary basis, please complete “Parent/Carer Request and Agreement my Child or School to Administer Medicines / Medical Interventions’ form (**Form B**). This form, with the medication, should be left in the main School Office clearly labelled with his name and date of birth. If your child has been prescribed an inhaler by his doctor, it is the **responsibility of parents** to ensure that your child carries his inhaler in School at all times, clearly labelled with your son’s name and registration form group. We would recommend a spare inhaler to be retained in the School Office in case of emergency. The School also has an emergency inhaler kit located in the School Office. Should you inform us that your child carries an inhaler, you will be asked to complete a Parental Consent Form (online) which would enable us to use the school inhaler kit in an emergency situation.

If your child requires long term medication which is to be stored in the School Office, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child’s name, photograph, date of birth and all relevant information about his condition and the medication. If your child has a condition which requires an Adrenaline Auto Injector Pen (AAI), your child must carry an **in date** AAI at School at all times and an **up to date** AAI should be stored in the School Office in a pack that includes your child’s photo, name, date of birth and information about his condition. A Care Plan should also be completed on an annual basis.

Could we ask that all medicines are held in a compact box as we have limited storage space.

It is your **child’s responsibility** to ensure he takes his medication as required. It is the **parents’ responsibility** to ensure any medication held in School is kept up to date.

25. PARENTAL CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

We operate an open-door policy. Parents may directly approach any of the members of staff who teach their child, their form teacher, or Mrs Short (Head of Year 7). Members of the teaching staff are always willing to discuss your child’s progress, but this is best by appointment arranged through the School Office. In an emergency, please come in and we will see you. All parents must enter and leave the School via the Main Entrance.

Parents’ and Student Consultation Evenings are held once a year when your child’s teachers will be available for consultation. The Year 7 Parents’ and Student Consultation Evening is usually held late in the Autumn term.

Please could parents only telephone the School asking for a message to be passed on to their child if the matter is **urgent**. We would need to have this before afternoon registration at 1.20pm. In an emergency we will obviously be pleased to help.

26. PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

This aims to raise money to help give boys extras to that which the School can provide, for instance the minibus, sports equipment, extra computers and seats outside.

27. PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMING

The School provides opportunities for pupils to be photographed in various groups for use in official school portraits, the school website and magazine, press releases, television etc. Please register your wishes when you complete the parental consent form which you will be asked to complete as part of the induction process.

28. PUPIL INFORMATION AND HOMEWORK GUIDANCE

Each boy receives an Office 365 login and email address. This allows him to gain access to key information and digital subject department areas across the school. The Office 365 login also allows access to Show My Homework. This is an online platform through which all homework in school is set. Please see the school website for further information on Show My Homework.

29. REPORTING TO PARENTS

Pupil progress is reported at the end of each term via a grade sheet or annual report. The annual report gives details of exam results, levels achieved and comments from staff. The grade sheet is used to inform parents about how well their child is working and the progress he is making.

More information about assessment, reporting and target setting can be found in the KS3 Curriculum Guide, handed out during the first half term of Year 7. This guide is also available on the School website.

30. REWARDS

Commendations are awarded for academic excellence, for effort and for service to the School. At significant commendation milestones pupils receive a commendation certificate and those who are awarded the most commendations win prizes at the end of the year.

For special achievements pupils can also be awarded an AGSB postcard, which will earn them five commendations.

31. SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR/DETENTIONS

These are based on the four 'C's:

- Co-operation
- Courtesy
- Consideration
- Common Sense

We encourage boys to use their common sense to develop a good working atmosphere around the School.

We encourage them to respect each other and their surroundings. Some boys find this more difficult than others and some of you might find that your child has work to repeat or a detention to attend. You will be informed if an after-school detention is to last more than 10 minutes. Teachers use a "yellow card" system for minor offences such as talking in lessons or failure to follow the dress code. Five or more "yellow card" offences over a few weeks trigger a Friday afternoon detention of 45 minutes. Friday afternoon detentions are also given to pupils who are persistently late to school over the course of a half term.

There are other sanctions including Heads of Year detention after school and Saturday morning detention with the Head Master. Exclusion from the School is considered for serious offences including: verbal or physical abuse of others, racial abuse, theft and any drugs related incidents.

32. SCHOOL EVENTS – “THE WORD”

“The Word” is published online each term. It is written by our students’ publication committee and contains essential dates for the term alongside news of developments. Most months the Head Master also sends out by email a Newsletter with news of successes, developments and a few important reminders.

33. SCHOOL FUNDRAISING – A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH

In sending your child to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, you have enabled them to attend a Top 25 state school, which strives for and achieves academic excellence. In 2019, 80% of our boys achieved top grades (7-9s) at GCSE with an excellent progress score of +0.85. Typically, 83% of our ‘A’ Level students obtain A*-B. In 2020 twenty students received offers from Oxbridge. Stunning academic results are not, however, our only strength here at AGSB. We also place special onus on developing the boys outside the classroom with our extensive extra-curricular programme.

As you may be aware, the funding landscape in which we operate has changed. Like many schools we are facing a reduction in our funding and this presents for us a challenge. As a school, we are working hard to ensure that the AGSB Experience – the thing that makes this school so special to our pupils – is not threatened. But to do this, we need your help.

A co-ordinated approach to fundraising involves School, the Parents and Friends Association and Altrincham Grammar School Developments, which is a charitable company set up to provide capital funds for building projects.

ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS (AGSD)

Please help us maintain the AGSB Experience through completing the Direct Debit Mandate, a voluntary monthly payment of any amount is requested. Funds are distributed across three areas, AGSB School Fund, Parents & Friends Association (PFA) and AGSD. Contributions help to cover the cost of the School minibus, coaches to and from many sporting fixtures, the School magazine and many other pupil-centred causes. £1 a month goes to the PFA Friends Lotto which is a highly effective way of raising funds as well as giving you the opportunity of a cash prize each month. The new sports facilities have benefited from AGSD funding and our latest project, our Physics Centre, was also made possible through AGSD funding.

All new parents will receive a letter together with a direct debit mandate form. The first payments will be collected in September. Your support for this co-ordinated approach to fundraising for the School is much appreciated.

34. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

If you are contemplating using a taxi service for transportation to and from School, we suggest that you consult with Trafford MBC for approved suppliers who have been DBS checked. School **DO NOT** provide a dedicated school bus service, but you can consult Transport for Greater Manchester (www.tfgm.com) for advice on local services.

35. SCHOOL TRIPS

Each year there are numerous school trips to places in the UK, Europe and further afield. In Year 7 the first trip offered is the Bushcraft Adventure Trip which takes place in October, an

excellent bonding opportunity for the new year group. During Activities Week every July there are many opportunities including visits to France, Germany and Spain.

Aside from compulsory curriculum trips, pupils are encouraged to take part in educational visits abroad as well as exchanges with our partner schools around the world. There are many travel opportunities to experience culture, sports, history, for example to different countries, including France, Germany, Spain, and China to name but a few! School Trips are paid online via Parent Pay; login details are sent out to new Parents in September each year.

36. SENDCo

Should you have any concerns related to special educational needs at School, please contact our S.E.N.D. Co-Ordinator Ms Cathcart via email at acathcart@agsb.co.uk.

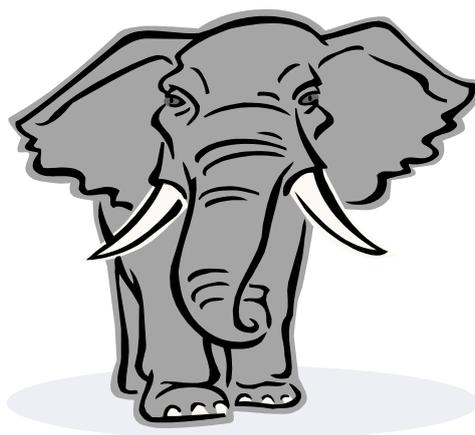
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The Autumn term begins on **FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2021**.

On the first day of school, Year 7 boys should arrive between 8.40 and 9.00am and go to the Coleman Hall.

(The rest of the School do not arrive until 10.00am on that day)

Following the first day, normal school is from 8.40am until 3.25pm.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW:

- * If your child is absent from School**
- * Any change to his or your contact details**
- * Any change to his medical condition**

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