



YEAR 7 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2026

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Altrincham Grammar School for Boys ("AGSB") is a wholly selective academy grammar school for boys aged 11-18. A copy of the School Prospectus is available to view on the school website at www.agsb.co.uk.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the year commencing 1 September 2026 will be 202 at age 11. Applicants must have a date of birth between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATE
Monday 15th September 2025

AGSB is part of the Trafford Grammar Schools GL Consortium and will use exam papers in the entrance exam provided by GL. (Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Sale Grammar School, Stretford Grammar School and Urmston Grammar are known as The Trafford Grammar Schools GL Consortium).

In accordance with the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements, all parents will be notified of the outcome of their application by their Local Authority on or about 1st March 2026 (National Offer Day). Late applications may not be considered until after 1st March 2026.

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2RS www.agsb.co.uk	Single sex – boys only
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls Cavendish Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 NL www.aggs.trafford.sch.uk	Single sex – girls only
Sale Grammar School Marsland Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 3NH www.salegrammar.co.uk	Mixed – girls and boys
Stretford Grammar School Granby Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8JB www.stretfordgrammar.com	Mixed – girls and boys
Urmston Grammar School Newton Road, Urmston, Manchester M41 5UG www.urmstongrammar.org.uk	Mixed – girls and boys

Application and Admission Process

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Sale Grammar School, Stretford Grammar School and Urmston Grammar are using the same entrance exam and consequently your child can sit only **one** exam.

How to apply for a place at AGSB

Applications open at **12 noon on 24th April 2025** and close at **12.00 noon on Friday 20th June 2025**.

Please enter your child for the entrance exam by completing the online Registration Form available at: <https://www.agsb.co.uk/page/?title=Entrance+Examination&pid=52>.

You only need to register for the exam at one school within the Trafford Consortium but you must state where you want your child to sit the exam and which schools you wish to receive a total standardised result for. Scores cannot be retrospectively shared between the schools after the standardisation process has taken place. **Only boys can sit the examination at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys.**

Late applications cannot be considered until following the 1st March 2026.

Upon receipt of your application to sit the entrance exam the Resource Centre (Applica) will send you an email confirming that your child has been registered for the exam. This may take up to 48 hours to receive.

In the event our exam centre reaches its maximum capacity then ALL spaces will be reallocated by gender and distance, those living closest to the centre will be given priority.

You must also complete your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF). In Trafford, this must be submitted to them by **31st October 2025**. If you reside outside of Trafford, please check the return date specified by your Local Authority. If you wish your child to be considered for a place at this school, you must ensure that you have **named** Altrincham Grammar School for Boys as a preference when completing your Common Application Form.

By **Tuesday 9th September 2025** you should have received the final details for the examination, which will include information advising arrival time and venue, along with the Special Circumstances Form and an Attendance Form which will be posted 1st class to the home address of all applicants. The applicant must bring the attendance form on the day of the exam complete with photograph of your child securely attached as instructed on the form. Failure to bring this form on the day will result in your child not being able to sit the exam on that day. You may use the **Special Circumstance Form** to record exceptional circumstances, which may have affected your child prior to the exam, or on the day of the exam itself. If you have not received this information **by Tuesday 9th September 2025**, contact us by emailing agsbadmissions@hamblintrust.co.uk with your child's name, date of birth, and address.

The Entrance Exam

The entrance exam consists of two tests, each approximately one hour in length, containing questions that assess verbal, non-verbal and mathematics skills. For each element there will be a range of different types of questions.

Questions that test verbal ability skills may include questions relating to word choice, knowledge of words and their meanings and how words relate to each other. Students may also be asked questions that relate to verbal reasoning comprehension skills.

Questions that test non-verbal ability skills may include questions relating to relationships between shapes and sequences of shapes, identification of common features from a set of figures and applying them to a new figure, codes and spatial awareness questions.

Questions that test mathematics skills generally cover content taught in schools up to the start of Year 6. The areas assessed typically include aspects of number, measurement, geometry and statistics. Some questions may involve using current mathematical skills to solve mathematic problems.

There will be a short break between the two tests for a toilet break and/or drink/light snack. No refreshments are provided by the school.

If your child does have to leave the room because of illness and subsequently goes home, please complete and return the Special Circumstances Form as soon as possible giving full details. We will then contact you.

Exam Results

You will receive your child's total standardised score prior to **31st October 2025** in time for you to complete your CAF. Success in the entrance exam will not mean your child automatically receives a place at this School.

The exam scores will be standardised according to age.

Qualification

In order to be considered successful in the exam, applicants must attain the relevant total standardised score in the entrance exam, please see (Section 4 Qualification) of our [Admission Policy 2026](#) is available on our school website www.agsb.co.uk under Admissions.

Oversubscription criteria and how places are awarded

Where the number of boys qualified for admission exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which boys to admit. Please note that the qualifying score (the total standardised score as determined by our examination provider) varies according to the priority category in which the applicant falls.

8.1 Priority Category 1

‘Looked After Children’ and previously ‘Looked After Children’ achieving a total standardised score of 324 and above.

8.2 Priority Category 2

Up to 20 applicants who fall within the Pupil Premium criteria, whose permanent home address lies within the school’s priority admission area, attending a Trafford State Funded Primary School and with a total standardised score of 324 -333. Places will be offered on the basis of ranking as determined by their total standardised assessment selection scores.

Those applicants who fall within priority category 2 (as defined above) and achieve a total standardised score of 334 and above will also be offered places in addition to the 20 places set out above.

The **priority admission area** is defined as “postal addresses of WA13/WA14/WA15/M33 and M23 postcodes which lie within the Trafford Local Authority”.

8.3 Priority Category 3

Up to 10 Applicants who fall within the Pupil Premium criteria, who attend a Trafford State Funded Primary School and with a total standardised score of 324 and above. Places will be offered on the basis of ranking as determined by their total standardised assessment selection scores.

8.4 Priority Category 4

Applicants whose permanent home address lies within the school’s priority admission area with a total standardised score of 334 and above. Priority admission area is defined in section 8.2. Places will be offered on the basis of ranking as determined by their total standardised assessment selection scores.

8.5 Priority Category 5

Eligible applicants from outside the school’s priority admission area with a total standardised score of 334 and above. Places will be offered on the basis of ranking as determined by their total standardised assessment selection scores.

8.6 Where the number of applicants qualifying for admission exceeds the number of places available in any category (following the placing of applicants in rank score order) priority will be given to the candidate(s) whose permanent home address lies closest to the school (using the distance calculation set out in section 8.7).

Definitions: "Pupil Premium" is defined in sections 5 and 14.3 "Priority Admission Area" is defined in Section 8.2 "Trafford State Funded Primary School" is defined in Section 14.4 "A 'Looked After' or 'Previously Looked After' Child is defined in Section 14.2

What happens following the allocation of places?

Following National Offer Day (1st March 2026) those who are offered a place here will receive further information relevant to their child's induction into our School.

Appeals Procedure

Following 1st March 2025, any applicant refused admission has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against the decision by the Admission Authority (School Board of Governors) under the Terms of the Education Act 1998. The Admission Authority (School Board of Governors) will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission).

Waiting List

Following completion of the application and appeals process, the school will operate a waiting list. Qualified applicants will be ranked in accordance with our oversubscription criteria and the list will be maintained until the end of the academic year.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are practice papers available?

Practice papers are available on the GL website and the Consortium Schools' websites.

How many questions/sections are there?

There are two papers, each approximately one hour long, containing questions which assess verbal, non-verbal and mathematics skills. The number of questions and theoretical maximum mark information is not released to the school in advance.

How are the three skills combined?

Information regarding examination scripts is confidential. All applicants have access to the free familiarisation materials available via our website ensuring fair access to all. Examination content is confidential, to protect the integrity of the exam, and is supplied to school with a confidentiality provision – Altrincham Grammar School for Boys cannot disclose information about the exam.

Do the entrance exams take into account my child's age?

Yes, the results are age standardised.

When will the standardised mark be available?

The exam result will be made available by 31st October 2025 and consists of one total standardised result. A breakdown of the exam result will not be available.

Is it possible for my child to pass the entrance exam for one school, but not the other?

Yes. Although the entrance exam will be the same for each school, the standardised results may be different. This is because the exam results are being compared to those of a different cohort of children.

What if my child needs to go to the toilet or leave the room during the exam?

No extra time is given if your child requires the toilet during the exam or needs to leave the room for any other reason. There will be a break between the two papers where your child will be able to use the toilet if required.

What if my child requires access arrangements?

You must inform us at the point of application and no later than **12.00 noon on Friday 20th June 2025**, of any access arrangements your child may require during the entrance exam. Please provide supporting documentation for such requests with your application. We may contact your primary school in connection with the request. A panel, consisting of representatives from all five grammar schools, will meet after the closing date for registrations to agree appropriate access arrangements and parents/carers will be notified of the decision as soon as possible following the meeting.

What if my child is ill on the day?

- If your child is ill immediately prior to, or on the day of the exam, please **do not** bring him. Kindly inform our Admissions Team at agsbadmissions@hamblintrust.co.uk and an alternative assessment date will be arranged. You should also submit a Special Circumstances Form. If you wish to inform us of any other special circumstances which may have affected your child prior to or on the day of the exam, please also submit a Special Circumstances Form. All forms to be received no later than **12 noon on Thursday 18th September**.
- If your child leaves the exam room because of illness and subsequently goes home, and has started one of the test papers, they cannot return on another date and finish that particular paper. We can only let your child sit the paper they have missed. Please complete a Special Circumstances Form and return to us by **12 noon on Thursday 18th September**. All forms will be held in support of a statutory appeal following 1st March 2026.

Do I need to make AGSB our highest preferred School on our Common Application Form (CAF)?

If Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is your highest preferred school, you are strongly advised to place us as your highest preferred school when completing your CAF. Should your child meet the admission criteria for more than one of your chosen schools, the Local Authority will allocate your child to the school of highest preference. For further advice on completing your CAF please contact your Local Authority.

What is a Looked After Child?

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously 'Looked After Children' are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's guardian (or special guardians). This category includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

What is Pupil Premium?

'Pupil Premium' is funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. Schools receive funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

What is Service Premium?

The Service Premium is designed to support children with parents serving in the regular British armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- a) one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- b) one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years or one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces
- c) the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

Please click on the link(s) below for an explanation of Pupil and Service Pupil Premium:

- **Pupil Premium**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium#eligibility-and-funding>

- **Service Pupil Premium**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>

If the school is oversubscribed, what are the chances of my child being offered a place?

This is dependent upon the number of qualified applicants within each priority group and the parental preference of those applicants when completing their CAF.

My child was successful in the entrance exam but not offered a place; can he be placed on the waiting list?

Yes, please contact School Admissions at Trafford Local Authority after your allocation letter has been received or Admissions at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys: agsbadmissions@hamblintrust.co.uk.

Please note – your child will not be automatically included on the waiting list.

Can I request a re-mark following the outcome from the entrance examination?

No papers can be re-marked as all candidates must be treated equally.

The answer sheets are not held by the school, and we do not carry out manual remarks.

We are fully confident in the reliability of the process and the accuracy of the scores provided by the service provider.

Can I request a breakdown of scores?

We only provide one standardised score. A breakdown of the examination result will not be available.

Home Address and Change of Home Address

When you apply for the Entrance Exam you must use your child's permanent home address at the time of application. A child's **permanent** address (main residence) is the address where the child permanently lives now, or lives for the majority of the time. This cannot be a temporary address or one that you will be moving into soon.

You must inform the Consortium Schools of any change in permanent home address straight away. Please email the Admissions Team at each of the schools for which you have requested a result for your child to let them know any change of address. Please note that where an offer is made by Home Local Authorities on National Offer Day, further evidence of date of birth and permanent residency of the applicant and the parent/carer will be requested by a Consortium school in accordance with their own Admission Policy. Schools may withdraw the offer of a place if changes of address or circumstances have not been notified promptly to the school, or in the event that false, incorrect or misleading information has been provided to school where this has led to a place being offered or has advantaged the applicant in the priority order for oversubscription.

In recent years, several places have been withdrawn after National Offer Day by Consortium Schools due to fraudulent or misleading address information used in the application process.

Please see each school's Admission Policy for full information on home address and changes to home address.

This document must be read in conjunction with our [Admissions Policy 2026](#), available on our school website www.agsb.co.uk under Admissions or by request from the school.

Further information is available from our Admissions Team at: agsbadmissions@hamblintrust.co.uk

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