



Practical Tips

Year 7 Starter September

2026

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Padlock: Your son will need a padlock for his locker AND A SPARE KEY (to be held by form tutor)

– NOT A COMBINATION LOCK ! **Please bring this on the first day.**



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- **Uniform:** you have been sent information (from Monkhouse) about how to order the AGSB uniform
- **Please order in good time to avoid disappointment**
- Info on our website
- House ties are required, you have all received an email confirming which house your son is in.

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- **Food Tech:** Boys will need an apron and Perspex box







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- **Lost Property:**

As you can imagine we sometimes have lost property in school.

Please label everything with your son's name. If the item has his name on it can be identified and returned easily. Don't forget his pencil case, lunch box, bag and calculator, as well as his uniform and PE kit.



Label Everything! Use a permanent Sharpie marker!

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Mobile Phones:

- We ask that all phones are turned off at the gate and turned on again as they leave school. The school policy is to confiscate any mobile phones being used in school.
- There are some exceptions in class if a teacher allows pupils to use their phone for image capture.
- Nothing too expensive please: assume he may lose it in the first week!



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- **First Day** - your son will need to bring;
 - School bag
 - Pencil case
 - Locker padlock
 - Packed lunch if he has one
- **He does not need;**
 - PE kit, aprons, food tech box, musical instrument etc.

Information about Free School Meals



- As of September 2026, all children and young people who come from families that receive Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals
- There will be two categories – ‘Targeted FSM’ and ‘Expanded FSM’
- Those who are eligible for ‘Targeted FSM’ will also be able to access Pupil Premium benefits in school
- ‘Transitional protection’ will end – this means you won’t automatically receive FSM from one academic year to the next; FSM eligibility will be reviewed at the end of each academic year (you do not need to reapply)
- However, if your child currently receives FSM at primary school, you **must** reapply for them using the Trafford’s OFSM portal - Online FSM Application. Please try to complete this **by Monday 13th July**.
- If you live outside the Trafford area, you **must** reapply using your Local Authority’s system.

The **PFA** at AGSB

Connecting Parents & Building a Community



Who We Are

- Volunteer group of parents and carers
- Work closely with the school to support events and initiatives
- Registered charity, we are open to everyone!

What We Do

- Organise school events (fairs - hopefully, some of you came to GrammarFest at the weekend, coffee mornings, cookery workshops, Curry & Quiz night – the list is long!)
- Fundraise for extras that enrich the experience of our boys here at AGSB (e.g. equipment, trips)
- Provide a friendly point of contact for new families

Why Join Us?

- Meet other parents and build friendships
- Feel more connected to school life
- Make a positive impact on your child's experience at AGSB

Flexible Involvement

- No need to commit lots of time (2-3 hours a year)
- Join meetings, help at events (**we need you!**)
- Every bit of help is appreciated

Recent Contributions

Sponsored a mini-bus (£25K) • Refurbished the sixth form centre (£20K) • Apple Macs for Music • New Kiln • Sports/PE funding • TT tables • Lego Robots • Satchel One system • Mental health sessions • & much more!

Over £50K donated to the school in the past 2 years, we need all your support to keep doing this every year!

Upcoming Events



Parents Coffee Morning

You're warmly invited to our **PFA Coffee Morning** on **Friday 11th September** at **9.30am** in the **Coleman Hall**.

Come and meet other parents, chat with the PFA, and find out more about how you can get involved – all over a slice of cake and cup of tea.

Year 7 Family Social Night

We'd love for you, your son and your family to join us for a relaxed evening on **Friday, 18th September 6pm-8pm**.

It's a great chance to meet other Year 7 families, meet your son's classmates and enjoy some pizza and drinks together.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, please see the flyer on your seat.

