



AGSD

ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS LTD



RAISING FUNDS, BUILDINGS & STANDARDS



AGSD WHO ARE WE?

AN INDEPENDENT TEAM DEDICATED TO RAISING FUNDS SO YOUR BOYS CAN RAISE THE BAR

WHAT ARE AGSD'S FOUNDATIONS?

Altrincham Grammar School Developments Ltd (AGSD) is an independent charitable organisation that was established in 1998. Our sole function is to raise funds for Altrincham Grammar School for Boys for vital projects and buildings. The aim is to give every boy attending the school the best experience from the use of the best facilities. With this bedrock we are hoping to give pupils the means to achieve their full potential.

MEET THE TEAM

Although AGSD is a fundraiser for AGSB it is a completely separate organisation which is run and managed on a voluntarily basis. Our volunteers are parents of pupils or past pupils at the school. We are united in our common aim to keep AGSB evolving so pupils attending the school now and joining in the future will benefit from the advancements in new buildings, equipment and technology.

AGSD has been the heart of a considerable amount of investment in the school's infrastructure over the past 20 years. Many areas of the school such as the dining hall, art studio, science block and technology block were in much need of renovation and modernisation. AGSD helped to raise funds so these areas could be replaced or refurbished to a high standard.

As well as funding renovation projects AGSD has also helped fund new buildings including the Sixth Form Centre, Language College, Physics Centre, and The Grammar, all of which have had a profoundly positive impact on the education and health of the students.

"One of the early goals of AGSD was to provide the staff of the school with all the tools and facilities they need to utilise their most excellent skills in order that the reputation of AGSB continues to increase so that in the years to come employers will continue to appreciate alumni having AGSB on their cv."
Vaughan Bennett, AGSD Director and Founder.

"My two sons attended AGSB between 2003 and 2012. My wife and I became members in 2003 and have remained ever since. It wasn't until I joined the board that I understood what a significant and important contribution this organisation makes to the fabric of AGSB and to the experience of every boy who attends.

As a director of AGSD I derive much pleasure from seeing the impact that, relatively modest, parental contributions can have on the continuing development of this great school."
Richard Green, AGSD Director.

"My involvement in AGSD started in 2005 when the former Head asked if I would like to join the Board. I did, despite not having children at the School - that was 15 years ago!

I have since joined the School governing board so that AGSB and AGSD can work together on future school developments..."
Steve Perrett, AGSD Director.

"My involvement started when my 3 sons started AGSB. I wanted to be a part of an AGSD and really to try and help where I can to get the best for the school."
Tim Shennan, AGSD Director.

"My involvement with AGSD began 5 years ago, when my first child started year 7. I have 3 boys at the School all who are benefitting from the great work of AGSD. It was only after becoming a board member that I realised how much AGSD has positively benefitted the school and pupils."
Sofia Sheikh, AGSD Director.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

STAYING AHEAD OF THE CURVE TAKES HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND STRONG FOUNDATIONS

THE HEADMASTERS MESSAGE

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 2020, 82% of our boys achieved top grades (7-9) at GCSE with an excellent progress score of +1.2. Typically, 84% of our 'A' Level students obtain A*-B. 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.

Following year-on-year government budget cuts to education, we have had to make significant reductions in school expenditure. Over 80% of our government income is spent on salaries for staff as well as every day running costs.



To ensure that government income cuts do not impact the education we offer our boys, we rely on your support. Without parents contributing to AGSD, we would not have been able to afford key facilities and resources such as:

- The Physics building
- The Sports Hall and Astro Pitch
- The 6th Form Centre
- The new teaching complex (the building was completed in December 2020)

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.**

How can you help?

- Make a regular gift using the direct debit form (see link on the back page). As an example just £25 per month, per child would raise £360,000 per annum with the potential of another £72,000 of gift aid

With your contribution to the Altrincham Grammar School Developments fund, we can ensure the AGSB Experience continues to grow and develop and support your child in finding their individual interests and talents.

Yours faithfully

G.A. Wright

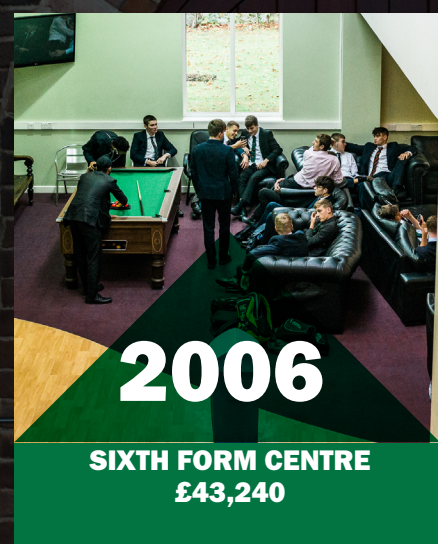
Head Master



TIME LINE

TO DATE AGSD CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE GIVEN RISE TO INVESTMENTS IN THE REGION OF £10 MILLION

WHAT YOUR FUNDS HAVE HELPED TO BUILD SO FAR...





WHAT WE DO

YOUR DONATIONS ARE VITAL

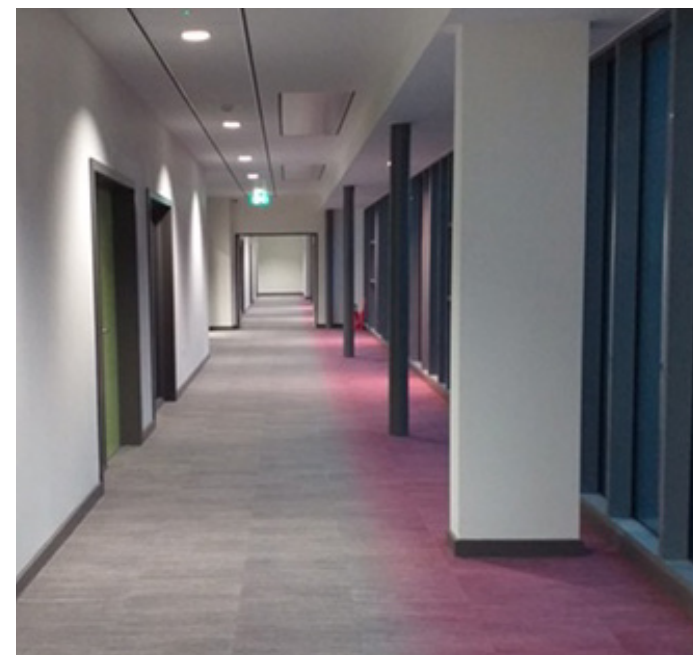
There are many rooms and buildings in AGSB that did not exist 20 years ago. These new features have only been made possible through the generous donations of parents and the work of AGSD to secure grants and funding, without either AGSB would not be the place it is today.

The new school expansion is one of the many ways in which contributions have helped to dramatically improve and evolve the school. Improvements which will be enjoyed by the current cohort and future ones to come.

Proposed new projects include a new reception area, a music school, a 4G Pitch and increasing the catering space. Developments like these require considerable amounts of capital - to build and fit out.

Funds are available from the government and private sector, but to earn these the school **must be able to show it's own financial commitment** to the project for a bid to be successful. This is where AGSD and the **vital** contribution made by the parents come in. AGSD raises funds not from large individual donations, but from regular smaller scale commitments (e.g. £25 a month), currently made by over half of the pupils' parents. The bid for the current school expansion was only successful due to an AGSD contribution of £370,000. Ongoing and future plans cannot be contemplated without AGSD underwriting feasibility, planning and bid costs.

As an independent charity we are able to claim gift aid (where the school is not) and, significantly, why our funds are crucial for obtaining funding from both government and private sectors.



RAISE A HAND

WHETHER YOUR DONATION BUYS A BRICK, A WALL, OR A WHOLE HALL, YOU'RE BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

BENEFITS OF DONATING

Although we have been very successful in the past with income reaching £100,000 p.a., we now face particularly difficult economic times. Cutbacks in government funding leave schools needing to top-up the short fall for on-going projects, so your help is needed now more than ever. Currently we have over 500 members but we need to grow this number if we are to continue to grow the school. AGSB is a non fee-paying state school so there is no compulsion to contribute. However AGSD makes a huge difference through its voluntary contributions. 100% membership would have a major impact on what we can achieve for all our future projects.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

There are many ways you can help:

- **Become a member** - this is the most beneficial way you can help. Regular contributions by all parents can make a big impact on funding and help us to plan ahead.
To become a member contact us at info@agsd.org
- **Join the board** - if you feel you have the skills you can join the board or become a helper - we are always open to an extra pair of hands!
- **Spread the word** - if everyone knows and everyone helps, even with a regular small donation we can continue to develop and modernise the school.

AGSD SEED FUNDING FOR AGSB

Seed funding is the stepping stone for all developments at AGSB. It provides the much needed early monetary support to 'win' any bids from the government or other private investors for development of the school. AGSD funding thus creates a leverage effect: AGSD showed a commitment of £300,000 for the new teaching complex which gave rise to the government funding of just under £3million. This is why AGSD is so crucial.



TO DONATE

**CLICK HERE TO FILL IN
DIRECT DEBIT FORM**

**OR FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION EMAIL:
[INFO@AGSD.ORG](mailto:info@agsd.org)**



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THANK YOU

FROM ALL AT AGSD & AGSB.

**WITHOUT YOUR DONATIONS AND THE GENEROSITY OF PREVIOUS PARENTS WE
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A REAL DIFFERENCE TO THE SCHOOL AND THE STUDENTS' EDUCATION**

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