



# Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

The major news of the fortnight is that, as you are aware, Altrincham Grammar School for Boys underwent a two-day Section 5 'Graded' Ofsted inspection on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

We were pleased to welcome five Ofsted Inspectors to the School and to have the opportunity to showcase the ethos and values of AGSB. We experienced an extremely rigorous and thorough inspection of everything we do. Whilst I cannot give you the official outcome until the report is published, (the result of the inspection must remain confidential until then), what I can say is that OFSTED hold AGSB in high regard. I am extremely proud of the way in which the School community responded to the challenge of a demanding inspection so early in the academic year. Thank you also to all Parents and Carers who completed the Ofsted Parent View Survey.

Elsewhere, the term is in full swing with the natural rhythm of Co-Curricular events now underway. Rehearsals for 'Les Mis' are going well and it was a delight to witness the first Year 7 Music Concert on Wednesday evening.

The football, rugby and hockey seasons have started well as we head to another busy Saturday morning with fixtures against Lymm HS and Bolton School.

It is also 'business as usual' with regard to curriculum trips. Year 13 Biologists enjoyed an excellent few days in North Wales last week where they had the opportunity to consolidate their ecology skills and complete work for the Required Practical Assessment component of their course and in October we look forward to the Year 11 Geology trip to Anglesey.

Charitable giving plays a key role in the life of AGSB. This week our GCSE Food Tech pupils cooked some amazing cakes for our annual Macmillan Cancer Cake Sale. Next Friday we are holding an Own Clothes Day for the Pakistan Flood Appeal.

Next Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> October) is an opportunity for parents of pupils in Years 7 to come into school to learn more about our academic curriculum from Mrs Weil (Deputy Head - Academic) and a number of subject leaders. The evening will take place in the Coleman Hall and begins at 7pm.

This weekend is the first Model United Nations (MUN) Conference of the academic year and I wish the AGSB MUN team the very best of fortune as they travel to the Cheadle Hulme School MUNCH 2022 where they are defending the winners title from 2021.

I wish you and your families well for the weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr G. A. Wright  
Head Master



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## Y13 House Speaking Competition

The Year 13 House Public Speaking was held last week and the motion was 'God is dead, and we have killed him'. The motion drew on the arguments of the Enlightenment-era philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. It was an outstanding competition and there was a fantastic turnout from staff and students across the School in a packed New Library. A very tightly-fought contest was ultimately won by the opposition, consisting of George A & Abdullah A (Massey) and Sulayman C & Adi C (Bradbury). Bradbury was awarded first place by virtue of Sulayman's persuasive answers as Responder. The defeated proposition team consisted of Sheen B & Adam B (Stamford) and Gaurav Bhalla & Aaiysh Khan (Tatton). The judges felt Aaiysh was particularly effective as Questioner so Tatton gained third place. Many thanks to Ms Clark, Mr Sampson, Mr Keaney & Ben B-J (Y13) for judging the competition, Ms Mahony and Ms Marson for hosting and to all other staff who came along to support the students.

*Mr N Croxton*  
*Head of History & Politic*

## European Day of Languages



We are hugely impressed by Year 7's ingenious hat creations for our House Competition, in celebration of different languages and cultures worldwide. Well done Year 7!



*Mrs G Gordon*  
*MFL Department*



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## Outlook Expeditions trip to Mongolia 2024



AGSB is offering Year 11 pupils the opportunity to take part in an expedition to Mongolia in 2024. Information has been sent out to all parents and carers.

## Year 7 Music Concert



What a fantastic first Concert of the year! Well done to all the Year 7 pupils who took part, they all sounded amazing!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our GCSE Food Tech pupils cooked some amazing cakes yesterday for our annual Macmillan Cake Sale. So far, an amazing £200 was raised online and we are still counting the money collected on the day. Well done to all who baked, bought and enjoyed!





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## House Photography Competition



Students are all welcome to submit entries for the 2022 House Photography Competition. Photographs must be based the theme, "S" and possible suggestions include:

Any topic that starts with the letter "S" such as:

- Sky
- Sugar
- Sunsets
- Small things
- Sleeping animals
- Silhouettes
- Signs
- Snacks

### Competition rules:

- You must take the photograph yourself and upload the **original** file to the online form.
- You can submit a maximum of **2 different images**
- Images **can not** include photographs of people
- Your image must **not** be manipulated / photoshopped.
- Images may be tweaked to enhance colour or cropped to enhance the image.
- Images must be submitted on or before the **21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**
- Images must be in one of the following formats:
  - **JPG/JPEG**
  - **HEIC**
  - **BMP**
  - **PNG**
  - **Do not upload Word files, PDF, PowerPoint etc, it must be the original file shot**

Entries are open from all students and all staff members and points available for the most entries.

**The deadline for this competition is the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Last year we had over 200 entries, let's see if we can beat that**

Students can submit their image [HERE](#)

*Mr D Smith*  
*Bradbury House Manager*



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## Design & Technology



AGE: 9-16

### FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge

- Robotics based life-skills competition
- Develop future workplace skills
- Real-world research, coding and design
- Delivered in-class or as a team of 10

Coming soon - Lego Engineering! The Technology Department are launching the 'FIRST LEGO League Challenge', a global STEM competition that develops key skills for future careers, including coding, design and research. There are 20 places available for Y8 students, who will be expected to attend a combination of after school and lunch time sessions.

For further information please visit <https://education.theiet.org/first-lego-league-programmes/>

*Mrs C Lightowler*  
D&T Department

## AGSB Senior Prefect Team



The 2022-23 AGSB Senior Prefect team recently spent the day at King's Macclesfield on a 6<sup>th</sup> Form Leadership Course.

## Year 13 Biology Trip to Wales



The Year 13 students embarked on a fieldtrip to Betws-y-Coed to investigate the flora and fauna of North Wales. The students worked hard under sometimes difficult conditions and managed to complete two of their A Level required practicals.

They now have a deep and enduring fascination with lichens on walls!



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## Congratulations

Arya M (12EL) was recently cited in an article on Workplace Discrimination amongst Nurses in the Global Journal of Health Science. This is a clear illustration of how our students stretch themselves well beyond the curriculum and can produce work of Graduate standard.

Oscar H (9GA) raised over £500 recently for the Alzheimer's Society whilst completing the Memory Walk at Tatton Park to his grandfather and others who suffer from dementia.



Faris H (13GH) recently travelled to Cardiff to compete in UK Ultimate Freestyle, a globally renowned competition. Faris came 2nd in UK's Intermediate division, narrowly missing out by a judging panel who had to confer for over 5 minutes! You can listen to the interview Faris gave to Welsh channel S4C on live TV here - <https://youtu.be/4FDcbgS5mBo>

Congratulations to Year 13 student Arjun Jay who submitted an essay to the Cottrell Prize competition at Cambridge University. we were delighted to hear that the judges selected Arjun's essay as Highly Commended in the Medicine category, reflecting the very high quality of the essay, and the research and writing which went into it. Arjun should be very proud of this achievement.

Tom C (13MG) Tom Coates achieved first prize in the 2022-2023 CSEP (Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism) Essay Competition on the topic of *'Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon'*. Discuss in the context of inflation the UK now faces. Tom also received an honourable mention in the 2022 Dorian Fisher Prize and he is invited to attend the Prize lunch at the IEA offices in late October.

James L (12NW) successfully auditioned for a place playing jazz piano on the National Youth Jazz Collective summer school held at Benenden School, Kent. This is the third consecutive year that James has been awarded a place and this opportunity has enabled him to perform under the tutelage of leading jazz performers and teachers with a small group of young, talented musicians from across the country.



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## Sporting Successes



(Left) Thomas C (13SQ) recently won Division One Cheshire Junior Squash Grand Prix tournament at Bowdon Squash Club.

(Right) Many congratulations to Shayan B (11BL) who has successfully completed the L2 Course and is now a qualified Martial Arts Instructor. Shayan was also awarded his Black belt in British Martial Arts over the Summer.



## AGSB Sports Report

### FOOTBALL

A fantastic Saturday of sport last weekend with AGSB winning 5 out of 6 matches against St Bede's College. The football teams have started the season really well playing 15 games in total, winning 12, drawing 1 and only losing 2 games!



Photo above is the Y7 lunchtime development session.

We have a full block fixture this weekend vs Bolton School and are hoping to continue our impressive start.

Looking forward to next week, we have our first game in the English Schools National Cup for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Helsby High school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm KO playing at Egerton Youth Club.



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## RUGBY



Another great morning of Rugby at AGSB last Saturday against Audenshaw School.



Our A Level students had a fantastic time at Manchester Racquets Club, learning about pre-industrial sports.

Don't forget, you can follow sport on both Twitter and Instagram here: [@agsbsport](#).

## HOCKEY

Great start to the Hockey season. The U18s won 6-0 and the U14s won 1-0.







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## Old Alts



Really good to see former students re-united five years later – Luke Kwan and Alexander Duff are both employees of Jaguar Land Rover in their Concepts & Design Integration (BCDI) Department.

## AGSB Inclusion

AGSB offers a weekly virtual SEND Clinic on Thursday afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. If you have any concerns about existing or possible special educational needs, please, email me at [acathcart@agsb.co.uk](mailto:acathcart@agsb.co.uk) to arrange an appointment. If the Clinic hours do not suit, we can of course arrange an alternative time.



Are you entitled?

If you think your son may be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals, you can apply through Trafford Council by visiting the following [WEBSITE](#). We will be notified by Trafford if your application is successful and we will also receive additional Pupil Premium funding to support your son's learning.

If your son already receives Pupil Premium and requires any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Cathcart at [acathcart@agsb.co.uk](mailto:acathcart@agsb.co.uk).

More information can be found [HERE](#)

Ms A Cathcart  
Assistant Head Inclusion/SENDco

## Forthcoming dates for October 2022

Mon 03.10.2022	Y9 Immunisations – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose HPV
Thu 06.10.2022	Y7 Curriculum Evening for Parents @ 7pm
Fri 07.10.2022	Own Clothes Day for the Pakistan Crisis
Wed 12.10.2022 – Fri 14.10.2022	Geology Trip to Anglesey
Sun 16.10.2022 - Fri 21.10.2022	Y9 Holland Rugby Tour
Tue 18.10.2022	House Shout @ 7.30pm



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Wed 19.10.2022	School Closes @ 12.20pm for GCSE Awards Evening
Wed 19.10.2022	GCSE Awards Evening @ 7.30pm
Thu 20.10.2022	AGSB Islamic Society Charity Dinner@ 5pm
Thu 20.10.2022	School Closes for Half-Term

## AGSB Cultural Calendar



This month we are celebrating Black History Month



## Noticeboard for Parents

Don't forget, Parents and Carers are invited to email in any of their cultural events for the Newsletter – to Mrs Jolly – [ajolly@agsb.co.uk](mailto:ajolly@agsb.co.uk), the Cultural Calendar Coordinator.

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