



# Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am delighted to announce that following a rigorous interview process, Mrs Suzanne Weil has been appointed to the newly created role of Deputy Head – Academic (from September 2022). Mrs Weil, who will become the School's first female Deputy Head, has served the School with distinction as teacher of Geography, Head of Year and in her current role as Assistant Head - Curriculum. We wish Mrs Weil all the very best in this key role overseeing the academic sphere of school life.

With the Easter holidays now upon us, it has been uplifting to see a number of events return to the calendar after a lengthy absence, such as academic field trips, the Spring Concert and the Senior Sports Awards which took place on Wednesday evening.

This has, as ever, been a very busy term which has included a plethora of activities inside and outside the classroom. It continues to be a real delight to see so many pupils engaged in a wide range of co-curricular activities. We have enjoyed great success in national academic enrichment competitions across the arts, humanities, MFL and the sciences. Those parents who attended the musical productions this term will no doubt have been impressed by the quality of the performances. Equally, the many pupils who participated in MUN and Public Speaking competitions this term, acquitted themselves admirably and with great success.

On the sporting front, we have recently experienced a number of successes: we have enjoyed National and Regional success in table tennis and tennis. In chess, we have defeated some of the best chess playing schools in the country. In hockey, a number of teams have excelled this term, special mention goes to the Under 16s who are County Champions and had a great run in the Under 16 National tournament and also the Under 18s who reached the semi-final of the indoor and outdoor National tournaments. In rugby, we have been busy on the rugby sevens circuit and in football we still have a number of teams in the latter stages of the Trafford cup with some excellent victories by the Y7s, Y8's and Y10's over the last few weeks.

Many congratulations to the pupils who have enjoyed such remarkable success this term. We particularly send our best wishes to the Year 11 and Year 13 who are working hard preparing for their summer exams. Getting the right balance between work, rest and play is crucial at this time. There is still ample time left to work to maximise their grades and plenty of support available from their teachers.

And so, we reach the final day of term, on behalf of all of us here at AGSB, all that remains is for me to say thank you for your support through what has been a very full and successful term, and to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G.A. Wright', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr G. A. Wright  
Head Master



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## Year 10 House Debating Competition



The Year 10 House Debating Competition which took place recently addressed the motion was *'This House Believes That: Plastics should be given a chance; Paper is more environmentally damaging than plastic'*.

A wide-ranging and well-informed debate was ultimately won by the proposition, consisting of Adam L & Finlay D (Massey) and Daniel A & Lawrie M (Stamford). Stamford was awarded first place by virtue of Daniel's excellent

contributions in the main floor debate. The defeated opposition put up a credible performance. It consisted of Bhavdeep K & Noel A (Tatton) and Ben C & Abhinav G (Bradbury). Bradbury was awarded third place due to Ben's measured and effective contributions. Many thanks to the judges Ms Clark, Kiran D & Cameron Mc and to Miles N for chairing. Thanks as well to Ms Mahony & Ms Marson for hosting and all those staff and students who supported the event & participated by asking questions from the audience.



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

## Easter in the Library



We have been running some fun Easter events in the Library this week - we have had an Easter Egg hunt and Name the Bunny. Our Library helpers have also been having fun!

*Mrs C Mahony*  
*Library Co-Ordinator*



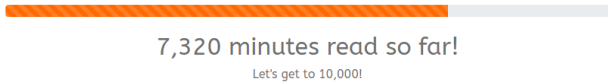
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## Year 7 Readathon

### Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Apr 22

#### Overview



School name	Current target minutes	Total reading sessions
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	10,000	168
	Minutes read so far	
	7,320	
Status	Closes 30 Apr 2022	

The Year 7 students are once again participating in our annual "Readathon" to raise money to support sick children in Hospital by providing books and storytellers.

As you can see, we still have some way to go but closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> April so come on boys, keep reading over the Easter holidays!

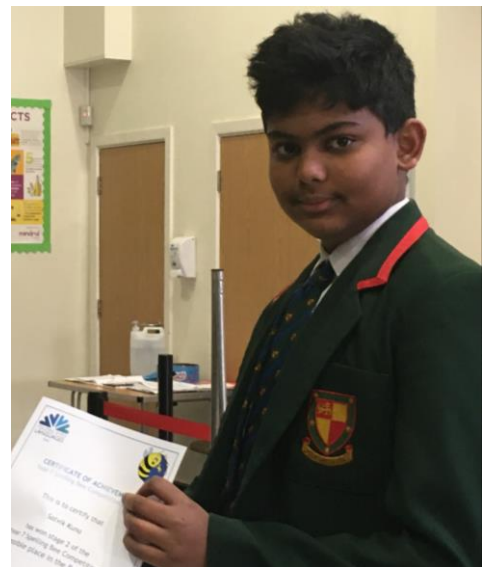
*Mrs Mahony*  
Library Co-Ordinator

## Year 7 National MFL Spelling Bee Competition

Congratulations to Ans I, Satvik K and Asadulla M who have represented AGSB at the Regional Finals of the MFL Spelling Bee. The students competed to a very high standard to recall and spell out as many words as possible in one minute in French, German and Spanish respectively. Asadulla, Satvik and Ans learned the meanings of 250 words in their own time to compete!

The Head Master presented the students with their Certificates in assembly and we eagerly await the results to see if they progress to the National Finals. Very well done to all who took part! The MFL Dept and AGSB is proud to have you represent the School!

*Mrs Gordon and Mrs Wallwork*  
MFL Department



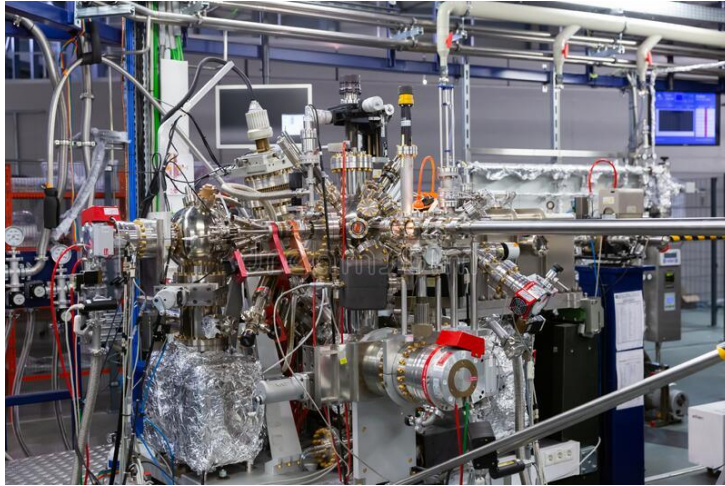




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## Particle Physics Masterclass



On the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 14 Year 12 students took part in the annual Daresbury Laboratory Particle Physics Masterclass. There were some excellent speakers who gave talks to pupils about their work at Daresbury. The first lectures were on how particle accelerators work, utilising electric and magnetic fields and how they're used in accelerators. There was also a tour of the Boulby Underground Laboratory, which was built to try and detect dark matter, which means it is positioned over a kilometre underground to shield from the Earth's natural background radiation! There was a lecture from the Diamond Light Source in Oxford, focussing on how they use particle accelerators to generate X-rays to use in high energy experiments.

The interactive virtual course covered a variety of topics ranging from the key fundamental scientific ideas such as the standard model to the inner workings of particle accelerators. The well-orchestrated experience provided a complete synoptic breakdown of the many complex components involved in the cutting-edge research at a molecular scale. This was followed by an interactive discussion of the many career paths that stemmed from the particle research and application facilities which was made effortless and effective by the web-based audience interaction tool, Slido. Overall, the event was extremely beneficial as it gave a significantly greater understanding than our classroom-level understanding, and I would highly recommend it to any aspiring physicists or innovators.



Taimor Alam and Manu Mani



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## Oxbridge

### Altrincham Grammar School for Boys celebrate student offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge



Congratulations to AGSB's hard-working Sixth Form students who have been successful in securing offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge, particularly in such a highly competitive year.

Mof, Sumedh, William, Wurdaan, Kiran, Seny, Kevin and Antwan will all be going to Cambridge – to study a range of subjects ranging from Maths, Medicine and Engineering to Computer Sciences, Economics and Human, Social, and Political Sciences

Meanwhile Henry, George, Oliver, Adham, Miles and Muhammed Ali are heading to Oxford and will study Economics and Management, Italian and Spanish, Law, Engineering and Medicine. Well done to each of them on their hard work and on securing these offers.

## Cook for Ukraine



Mrs King, Mrs Gordon  
& Mrs Embleton  
Food and Nutrition department

A massive thank you to all those pupils and parents who donated to our *Cook for Ukraine* event. The generosity was overwhelming and the feedback has been very positive. I am pleased to announce the event raised just under **£500!** During the event we made traditional garlic bread and dumplings. The pupils also took home some traditional beetroot soup, borscht, to serve with their bread.







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The Y7 pupils were very proud to show off their skills from their first ever practical lesson this week. They were taught how to use a grill and then made their first ever food product in the food room!

## Chad's Challenges



Thank you to both of our Chad's Challenges Teams for a fantastic event this week - "Fun and Fund Raising" at its best!

Our Year 13 students guided the Year 12 and Junior Chad's Challenges teams and an amazing £187.69 was raised for Chad's Hope Tribute Fund, all in aid of The Christie. Thanks also to Sainsbury's in Altrincham for donating the prizes.

Mrs G Williamson  
Sixth Form Officer



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## Trafford Unite for Ukraine



Thank you to Ben, George, Cormac and Jacob from Year 11 who represented the School by delivering a heartwarming presentation on the Ukraine crisis as part of the Trafford Schools Unite for Ukraine initiative.

## Old Altrinchamians



It was amazing to have five "old boys" come back into school who have set up a company called Medology to give our aspiring medics and dentists their expertise on how to successfully get into University. Lots of myths were dispelled and some great messages about supporting one another were given.

## Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Alex V (11CO) who recently took part in the British Swimming Championships in Sheffield and came 5<sup>th</sup> in his heat. Alex was up against much older competitors so did really well.

Congratulations to Year 12 student Faaris H who has recently qualified for the Freestyler's Pro YACT3 International freestyle football competition. His "around the world" skills (which you can watch on the video [HERE](#)) have secured him a place in the Top 8 rankings for Under 18s globally!

Well done to Thomas M (12BK) who has been invited to take part in the Partille Cup in Sweden in the summer which is the biggest handball tournament in the world. Trafford Handball (Thomas's team) has secured places for two U19 teams at the event and we wish him good luck.



(Left) Congratulations to Sebastian Mc (10RW) and his tennis partner, Olivier, who recently won the 2021/22 16U County Winter League, defeating High Legh Grizzlies in the final





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Well done to Joseph C (Year 8) who has made it through to the last 16 of the U13's National Table Tennis Finals!

## AGSB Chess

The Inter-House Chess Competitions are now finished and the results are below.

Year 7 Tatton (Joshua Y)  
Year 8 Stamford (Valentine F)  
Year 9 Stamford (Hugo W)  
Year 10 Stamford (Sai V)  
Year 11 Tatton (Gautham R)  
Year 12 Massey (Pranav V)  
Year 13 Tatton (Seny D)



The Chess Team (Dr Sully, Mr Kidd, Zain M, Y13 Prefect

## AGSB & NCS Islamic Societies



Congratulations to the Islamic Societies of AGSB and North Cestrian School who, during the Spring Term 2022, have raised a staggering £8,210.20 for the Salam Charity. Thank you to all who donated! Your support has been invaluable and will make significant impacts on the livelihoods of many in need. Mr Lee Bergin, Headteacher at NCS is pictured alongside Mr Graeme Wright, Head Master, and students.





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## House Maths Photography Competition

The Maths Department have been running a House Photography Competition over the last few weeks and received a few hundred entries across all year groups. Well done to all of the students who took part. The winning photos are pictured here:



(Left) Year 7 - Zacharia R (Bradbury)  
Concept: *Circles*



(Right) Year 8 - Charlie B (Tatton)  
Concept: *Reflection*

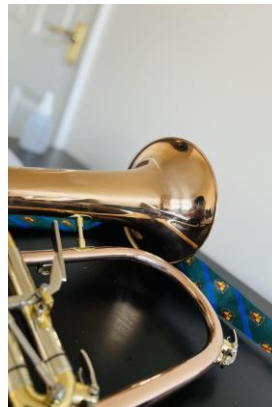
(Below) Year 9 – Hasnat D (Tatton)  
Concept: *Fibonacci Spiral*



(Right) Year 10 – Harry G (Tatton) Concept:  
*Quadratic Graphs*

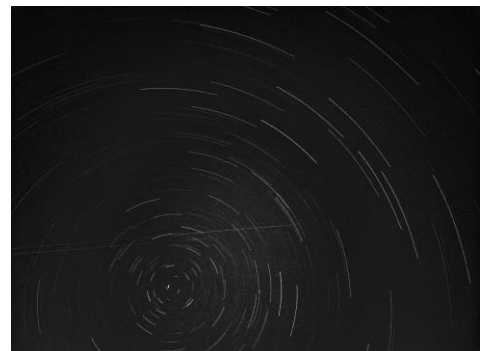


(Below) Year 11 – Oliver H (Tatton)  
Concept: *Perspective*



(Left) Year 12 – Sheen B (Stamford)  
Concept: *Volumes of Revolution*

(Left) Year 13 - Suchit S (Massey) Concept: *Stars moving in perfect circles because of Earth's rotation* with a straight line showing a plan photobombing the shot.



Mrs McCourt & Mrs McCann  
Maths Department



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## Congratulations

Well done to Yusuf N who was personally invited to attend a youth interfaith panel discussion this week with Sir Keir Starmer MP, Angela Rayner MP and Afzal Khan MP (our local MP). He was one of only 15 young people invited to attend. Students and teachers from Manchester Grammar School, Manchester High School for Girls and Islamic High School for Girls also participated. Yusuf found this an interesting experience and he was able to pose questions directly to Sir Keir Starmer on mental health and exam inequality following lost education/lack of technology access during the Pandemic.

Many congratulations to Lewis M (Y13) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Final of ARTiculation which took place in London last week. An amazing achievement.

## Senior Sports Awards Evening



The Senior Sports Awards Evening took place this week which was an incredible celebration of AGSB Sport. Congratulations to all the award winners and to everyone who was involved. Thanks also to Sale Sharks' legend, Pete Anglesea for a great speech.

## AGSB Sports Report



A fantastic 2-1 win for our Year 8s (left) against Wellacre School this week. They now progress to the Final of the Trafford Cup!

Our Year 10 football team are playing Wellacre High School in the semi-final after half-term.

In cricket our Year 10s are playing MGS during the first week back in the National Knockout.

In table tennis, our U13 table tennis team reached the National Finals and are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country.







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Tennis – Mr Rawson will shortly be sending out an email for students to sign up to the AGSB Tennis Programme.



It was fantastic to welcome back our Old Alt's this week to play in two very competitive games vs AGSB 1<sup>st</sup> XI and AGSB 1<sup>st</sup> XV. The last Old Boys' fixture was back in 2019. Well done to AGSB who won the football and to the Old Alt's who won the rugby!



Mr S Meakin  
Head of PE (Sport)

## AGSB Inclusion

AGSB offers a weekly virtual SEND Clinic on Wednesday 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





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## Forthcoming dates for April and May 2022

25.04.2022	School Opens (Week A)
25.04.2022 – 28.04.2022	Y9 Exams
29.04.2022 – 10.05.2022	Y12 Exams
02.05.2022	Spring Bank Holiday (School Closed)
04.05.2022	Sport For All Campaign Parents' Reception 7pm & 9pm
07.05.2022	Sport For All Campaign – Old Alts 11am – 3pm
12.05.2022	Open Evening 5pm to 7.30pm (School closes at 12.20pm)
18.05.2022	Sport For All Campaign Parents' Reception 7pm & 9pm
27.05.2022	School Closes for Half-Term

## Noticeboard for Parents

### Road Safety

Yet again, we have received another communication from a concerned member of the public who reported that several boys were on the wrong side of the railings at the traffic lights at the top of Marlborough Road and he had to stop suddenly to avoid colliding with them. Please do talk to your sons about staying safe whilst travelling to and from School and explain to them the risks of crossing the road without due care and attention.

### Punctuality and Security

After a recent review of our site security, we will be tightening up on the locking of the perimeter gates. AGSB will become a completely secure site, locked down by 8:45am and will remain locked until the end of the School day.

After 8:45am, all access to the site will be through the front gates at reception where a record of late pupils will be taken. Please discuss the importance of punctuality with your child.

Any students who use the Heath Road entrance, must know that this gate will also be locked at 8:45am and under no circumstances should a pupil attempt to climb the gate. This is very dangerous.





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May we wish all Parents, Carers, Students and Staff a very Happy Easter 😊

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