



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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16th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

A huge amount has been achieved since the start of this half-term term across the range of school activity. The glorious weather has coincided with an array of sports fixtures with our athletes performing well in the Trafford Championships on Tuesday and emphatic victories for the Under 12's, 13's and 14's cricket teams against Cheadle Hulme School last Saturday.

We are also enjoying further success in academic enrichment activities. We received a number of Gold and Silver awards in the national Biology Challenge competition. In Modern Foreign Languages, a number of Year 8 students travelled to Lancaster University to represent the School in the Regional Finals of the Routes into Languages Translation Bee. A staggering number of 2,450 Year 8 and 9 students originally entered the competition in the North of England and, in this stage, the best 48 (or 2%) battled it out to translate as many sentences as possible in one minute.

We are extremely proud to announce that Asadulla M won the Regional Final and is the North of England champion for Spanish. Mekyle C, Ivor D and Ans I also performed extremely well and will also be representing the School in the National Finals in Cambridge next month.

Continuing on the theme of academic enrichment, we hosted our first ever AGSB Literary Festival this week. We welcomed three authors into School (Stuart Rowson, Melissa Weaver and Sathnam Sangera) and they delivered thought provoking presentations about both their work and the reality of being an author. Year 7 have been focusing on their annual 'Readathon' which raises money for the [Read for Good](#) charity. Many thanks to Mrs Mahony (Library Co-ordinator) and Mrs Marson (Librarian) for organising this excellent initiative.

I am delighted, in conclusion, to announce the appointment of Jacob Roden as Head Prefect for the next academic year.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr G A Wright
Head Master



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English Literary Festival

We have hosted our first ever AGSB Literary Festival this week and had three fantastic authors in to speak to Years 7, 8 and 9 - Stuart Rowson, Melissa Weaver and Sathnam Sangera.



Pictured left above is local author and media man, Stuart Rowson delivering his inspirational message about following your passions in life and finding your vocation. His latest book is called *"Izzy and the Tumble Thunder"*.

Photo above right is Melissa Welliver talking all things dystopia today and giving a detailed insight into the reality of getting published and coming up with our own "what if" scenarios.



Photo left is Sunday Times bestselling author and Times Journalist, Sathnam Sangera who talked about his new book *"Stolen Histories"*.

Year 7 have also been doing their annual Readathon all week and have been permitted to read in lessons to raise money for sick children in Hospital - click here for further information -

<https://readforgood.org/>

Read
for Good



Mrs C Mahony
English Department



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German Exchange 2023



A very big thank you to @ukgconnection/@ukgermanconnection for awarding us a bursary to support our students on the German Exchange to Fellbach which will be taking place this coming Autumn.

Mr D Smith
Teacher of Electronics & Computer Science &
House Manager (Bradbury)

Translation Bee



On Thursday, 8th June, Ivor D, Ans I, Asadulla M, Mekyle C, Soham B and Sarthak B went to Lancaster University to represent the School in the Regional Finals of the Routes into Languages Translation Bee. The day started with a tour of the campus, giving them an insight into a student's life. They were then sent to their respective lecture theatre to determine who would go to the National Finals in Cambridge. A staggering number of 2,450 Year 8 and Year 9 pupils originally entered the competition in the North West and North East of England and, in this stage, the best 48 (or 2%) battled it to translate as many sentences as possible in one minute.

We want to congratulate all our competitors for their effort and commitment, and we are extremely proud to announce that Asadulla won the Regional Final and is the North of England champion for Spanish. Mekyle came 5th and he will also be representing the School in the National Finals. We are also delighted that Ivor and Ans made it through for French and we wish them all the best of luck in Cambridge on the 3rd of July.

Mrs Blakeley, Mrs Wallwork and
Ms Farrelly
Languages Department





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Appointment of Head Prefect 2023-24



We are delighted to announce that after an extremely thorough process, Jacob Roden has been appointed as the Head Prefect for the next next academic year.

Jacob said: *"I am looking forward to getting to work alongside what I'm sure will be an excellent Senior Prefect Team, continuing the brilliant work of past Head Prefects and moving into new areas myself"*.

Lego League



There will be two taster events this term for Year 7 pupils who are interested in taking part in the 2023/24 FIRST Lego League season.

addresses a real-world problem.

LEGO League is a robotics competition for students aged 9-16 years. Teams of students work together to design, build, and program a robot that can complete a series of challenges. In addition to the robotics competition, teams also work on a research project that

The competition is very rewarding, but it is a big commitment in terms of time. Please consider signing up to a lunch time taster session if you would like to know more. Sign-up sheets for the following dates will be on the door of T3.

- Friday 23rd June
- Friday 7th July

If parents and carers require more information, please click here - [The MASTERPIECE Season - FIRST LEGO League EN \(first-lego-league.org\)](https://www.first-lego-league.org)

*Mrs C Lightowler
D&T Department*



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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat 27th June 2023



Tickets for our KS3 Summer production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat are now on Sale. This is a one night only performance, so tickets are likely to sell out fast!

Tickets cost £5 for adults and children and can be purchased now on [Eventbrite](#) [HERE](#)

Miss C Clark
Teacher of English & Drama Co-Ordinator



Biology Challenge Competition



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Well done to all who took part in this year's Biology Challenge. Congratulations go to the following students who took part in the competition:

Ehan S (10FB)	Gold
Abdulaleem H (10JM)	Silver
Christopher B (10AS)	Silver
Kavi G (10JM)	Silver
Harry C (10AS)	Silver
James H (10AS)	Bronze

All students who participated did extremely well and they should be proud of themselves.

It is a very challenging competition as all students have to apply their knowledge to unusual situations.

Mrs K Crowther
Biology Department



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Harmful Vaping



VAPING

DID YOU KNOW?
The liquid in electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and vapes usually contains nicotine, flavourings, and harmful chemicals.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONEY

- It's expensive!
- The cost of vaping can add up quickly

HEALTH

- Vaping can cause tooth loss, gum disease and bad breath
- Nicotine contributes to stress, fits and lung diseases

LAW

- You must be over 18 years old to buy a vape or liquids
- Not all vapes are properly regulated. They can malfunction and cause injuries like burns

ENVIRONMENT

Vapes (particularly disposable ones) contribute to:

- Toxic and single use plastic waste

Follow us on Instagram! 

How to find out more?
Chat with a School Nurse* by texting **Chat Health to 07312 263 056**
*School Nurses will be available between Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Trafford School Nurses (@traffordschoolnursing) | Trafford Local Care Organisation | ChatHealth

You will have been reading in the Press over the last couple of weeks about the dangers of vaping which is harmful to both children and the environment.

To access the Greater Manchester Toolkit and other resources, please click on this [LINK](#).

You may also find of interest a statement from the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, on the dangers of vaping which can be found [HERE](#).

Please do read this important information and discuss the key areas with your son(s).

Old Altrinchamian



Prospective A Level PE students received a talk last week from Old Alt, Liam Heaney who is a Senior Lecturer at Loughborough University. What a great experience and thank you for all your words of advice!



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Gurdwara Trip



On a hot Wednesday morning, half of Year 8 embarked on a Philosophy and Ethics trip to the Sri Gobind Singh Gurdwara Education and Cultural Centre in Whalley Range. 8CC, 8PA, 8PG and 8RN were welcomed by our guide, and shown the customary way of entering a Gurwara, by removing their shoes, covering their heads, and washing their hands. The students were then taken to the main prayer hall, in which they enjoyed a presentation on the beliefs and practices of Sikhism. After a quick drinks break in the Langar - the free communal kitchen of the Gurdwara - Year 8 were given one last chance to ask any questions about Sikhism, which resulted in some profound questioning of our guide, whose answers gave the students a deep understanding of the faith.

Many thanks to the Sri Gobind Singh Gurdwara Education and Cultural Centre for hosting us and welcoming our students so warmly. Thank you to 8CC, 8PA, 8PG and 8RN for representing AGSB so brilliantly, and a big thanks to Mr Perkins, Dr Hepden, Ms Sawamura, Mr Williams, Mrs Crowther and Miss Frankland for accompanying Year 8. The Department are thoroughly looking forward to taking the remainder of Year 8 next week.

Mr A Sampson
Teacher of Philosophy





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AGSB Cricket Tour



On Wednesday, 10th May two Year 8 Cricket squads travelled to the Midlands on tour. Both teams played 3 great games of cricket across the 3 days. Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, King Edward Camp Hill and Bablake School were all gracious hosts with excellent facilities and much-needed refreshments provided after our matches. With a victory on the final day against Bablake School, some excellent cricket was on show.

Cricket wasn't all we did however, a very competitive evening spent bowling was great fun, even the teachers joined in. We spent an interesting morning looking around Warwick Castle where we watched a fascinating Birds of Prey display.

On our final day we travelled to War Memorial Park in Coventry where we had some free time to look around and have our lunch before heading to our final game.

The trip was a great success, many thanks to Mr Meakin, Mr Cammack and Mr Olney for accompanying us and ensuring we had a very enjoyable time.



Edward Manley (8PA)



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Year 7 and Year 8 Summer Showcase Concert



Year 7 and Year 8 pupils are putting on a Summer Showcase Concert here at School on **Tuesday, 11th July** and parents/carers of those students have been sent an invitation. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay at a cost of £2 for adults, children can come for free!

Food & Nutrition



This week is the British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week which is focusing on 5 themes:

Focus on fibre - for meals and snacks. Have more wholegrain foods, fruit and vegetables, beans, peas, and lentils.

- Get at least 5 A DAY - canned and frozen count too. Have at least 5 portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables every day.
- Vary your protein - be more creative. Eat a wider variety of protein foods and choose plant protein sources more often.
- Stay hydrated- fill up from the tap. Have about 6-8 drinks a day and choose reusable or recyclable drinks containers.
- Reduce food waste - be food wise. Aim for the right amount when you shop, cook, and eat to avoid throwing food away.

AGSB Careers – Help Urgently Needed for Work Placements

We are actively encouraging our Year 10 & Year 12 learners to find a work placement for the week commencing 10th July (Year 10) and 17th July (Year 12) and so far, many learners have sourced an opportunity. However, we still have a good number of students who are struggling to get a placement who we are keen to support and make sure that they benefit from the opportunity of spending a week in the work place.



We therefore, wonder whether there are any Parents/Carers out there who, through their workplaces or connections, could offer one or more of our students the chance to gain a week's work experience.

We understand that if, due to logistics or hybrid working, a full 5 day placement is not possible, we would still be keen to hear from you and could take advantage of a shorter placement if necessary.

If you feel can help with this, please can you complete the [QUESTIONNAIRE HERE](#). A member of staff will then contact you to talk through the logistics of offering a placement before we then try to match up a suitable student with the opportunity.

Mr A Gallamore
Head of Careers



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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 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.

More information can be found [HERE](#)

Ms A Cathcart
Assistant Head Inclusion/SENDco

AGSB Sports

Football



Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team on capping off a very impressive season by lifting the Trafford Cup. This year the team have played 15 games, winning 13, drawing 1 and losing 1. They have scored 93 goals and conceded 22; definitely earning the silverware.

In the Final, played against a very strong Sale Grammar side, they started strongly and could have scored in the first minute as a weaving run and cross by the impressive Nico was met at the back post by Robert,



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denied only by a fine save from the keeper. The game ebbed and flowed, but the back three of Arlo, James and Dan were in imperious form, denying any space for their highly rated Stockport County centre forward. It was their excellent work which created space for Ben to thread a ball through to Semilore, who powered away from the defence and put an unstoppable shot into the bottom corner. It wasn't long before we got our second – Lucien this time threading through to 'Goal Machine' Ben who dummied to shoot before cutting inside and finding the bottom corner with a lovely left foot strike. 2-0 at half time.

The second half was a much tougher affair, with the weather and a determined Sale side creating a great deal of pressure, and it was a lovely solo goal by their CF which added some bite to the last 15 minutes of the final. AGSB were excellent though and created pressure whenever Sale were in possession of the ball. It was this high press which led to a mix up causing their centre back to unfortunately put a back pass wide of his own keeper – 3-1.

The team then saw out the last 10 minutes of the game, with relatively few incidents and deservedly walked away with the honours. Many thanks to the staff at both AOM and Sale for a great final and congratulations to all the Year 7's who have played for the School this year, but particularly the team.

*Mr D Birtwell
Head of PE (Curriculum)*

U13 Cricket



A great morning of cricket recently vs Cheadle Hulme School. Three great games with AGSB managing to get three wins!

The Cup team are into the semi-final of the County Cup with the all-important match being played against Kings Macclesfield on Monday 19th June, 1.30pm stumps.

Recent outstanding performances have seen 4 players hit 50 runs! Pratham M; Edward M; Rohan P and Samuel H.



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A great match as well this week for our U12 Cricket team vs Sandbach School. AGSB won by 45 runs, with 50's from Krishav R and Aahan M (pictured right). Both sets of players did their School proud.

Well done to all involved.



(Above) A fantastic game of cricket took place this week between the AGSB Staff XI and Sigiriya Hale XI. Well done to Sigiriya who won by 1 wicket in tense final over!



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House Competitions



We had a fantastic Year 9 House Tug O War competition last week. Well done to all involved and to the eventual winners, Massey House!



The Year 7 House Indoor Cricket semi-finals took place this week with Bradbury House and Tatton House winning, well done to all involved!

If you want to find out more about the forthcoming Summer Term House events, please click on this [LINK](#) which will take you to our website for the Calendar.

All other events can be found on our website under “**School Life – Co-Curricular Activities**”.



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Thank You



AGSB would like to say a huge thank you to the staff at the Dulux Decorating Centre in Broadheath, Altrincham for kindly donating several tins of paint to the school. The Site Staff will be able to use the paint to keep the School looking fresh and the Art Department now have lots of lovely new paint and materials for students to use in lessons. The paint donated has helped to save money from the School's ever tight budget enabling funds to be used on other essential items and repairs.

HM Commendation

Well done to Joshua L (12WY) who receives a Head Master's commendation. Joshua remained very calm following an accident in Hale last week involving one of our pupils and took control of the situation and showed maturity beyond his years.

Sporting Achievements



(Left) Congratulations to Oscar P (9CO) who has been practicing karate with Altrincham Karate Academy (Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai Karate-do World Union (UK)) since the age of 5 and has recently gained his 2nd Dan Nidan, black belt. Great achievement Oscar.



(Left) Well done to Elham W (7MO) who recently captained his team, Old Trafford Junior Football Club and won the supplementary cup.

(Right) Special mention of Alex V (12SM) who has had so many swimming achievements for this year. In January and February, Alex became Lancashire County Champion in the 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle. In March, he became the North West Regional Champion in the 200m, 400m and 1500m freestyle, and he also came 2nd in the 100m freestyle.



Alex has currently qualified to participate in the British Summer Championships in July 2023 in Sheffield where he will be competing in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle and also in 4x200m freestyle relay. He is currently ranked 5th nationally in the 1500m freestyle event and 6th in the 800m event in the 18 years old age group. Fantastic achievement Alex!

Congratulations to Charlie F (7CE) who won the U12 50 metre breaststroke in the Trafford Metro Open last month.



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(Left) Well done to Ronjay R (10AS) who won the Grade 4 Men's Tennis tournament in May at the Alderley Edge Tennis club. In June, he was also the runner up in the Grade 3 Men's Tournament in Douglas, Isle of Man Regional Tennis Tournament.

Congratulations to Jones B and Angus S (both 9CM) who were part of the Lancashire Gaelic Football team who won the National County Championship last week. The tournament was in Birmingham against sides from all over the UK, including the Scotland team. They will now be travelling to Ireland with the U15 team in July to compete in the John West Feile 2023 in Ballyragget County Kilkenny. Good luck both!

(Right) Congratulations to Jasper A-S (7BM) who recently played in the British Dodgeball National Finals in Liverpool. Competitors came from across the UK including teams from Scotland. His team, Altrincham Dodgers Fire, won the Junior under 13s group making them British Dodgeball Junior National Champions. Jasper is pictured holding his trophy and gold medal!



(Left) Well done to Leo B (10JM) who played in the Cheshire County Cricket District Festival over half term, and scored his first century (116 not out).

Leo has also now received an invitation to take part in a Cheshire Cricket Best of District Side (U15s) vs the U14 County team match, which, following on from his recent century, may lead to playing for the full County team. We wish him the best of luck.

Congratulations to Mike C (13MG) who this year captained the Altrincham FC U21 team. Last year the team were runners up in the Foyle Cup in Londonderry and this year they were the Manchester FA County Cup winners!

AGSB PFA

**How to Support Altrincham Grammar School for Boys'
Parents & Friends Association**



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These include all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Your Flights, Your Holidays, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, MoneySupermarket Energy and many more!

This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! If you would like to find out more about his it works, click [HERE](#).

AGSB Grammar Fest

We are all really looking forward to the PFA **Grammar Fest** which takes place on **Saturday, 8th July between 4pm and 7pm**. There will be performances from the AGSB Bands, competitive games on the AstroTurf with teacher participation, face painting, obstacle course, inflatables and a rodeo! Food is being provided by have lots of exciting live music bands from the School performing along with some great food and drink provided by:

- The Little Red Pizza Company
- Buzzy Bee Bakery
- BBQ (Halal by the Grill Master)
- Craft Beer

Tickets are available to buy on the day and are priced at £5 for an adult; £3 for under 18s and under 5s are free. You can also buy a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) for £15. As an added bonus, paid entry includes a free soft drink or a free ride worth £2.00.

Please come and join us on this fun and exciting Grammarfest, all are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Fun and Games

- Total Wipeout
- Rodeo
- 50ft obstacle course
- Fun Fair Games
- Face Painting
- Neil Barrett Photo Booth

Sports

- Competitive Astro Games
- Including TEACHER participation
- E-Sports

AGSB

grammar fest

Food and Music Festival

TICKETS:

- £5 for an Adult
- £3 for under 18s
- Under 5s FREE
- £15 for a Family (2 adults & 2 children)
- (Paid entry includes a soft drink or a free ride worth £2)*

Food:

Street Food	Spot on Pani Puri
Sweet Treats	Bar + Craft Beer
Papa Dutch Pancakes	Mr Whippy Ice Cream
Buzzy Bee Bakery	BBQ
Little Red Pizza Co	Tea & Coffee Bar
	The Grill Master [halal]

Location
AGSB -
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Saturday 8th July

Be ready for some summer fun

4 - 7 pm



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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We are planning to hold three separate days to enable Parents and Carers to come into School during the School Summer Holidays to buy pre-loved uniform items. The dates are as follows:-

Friday 21st July between 11am and 3pm
Weds 30th August between 11am and 3pm
Friday 1st September 11am and 3pm

The uniform sale will take place in the Sixth Form Centre and cash and cards will be accepted. Please note that entrance to the Uniform Sale will be via the Conservatory next to School House and **not** the main entrance.

Noticeboard for Parents

Hot Weather Guidance

Please can you ensure that your son brings a water bottle to school with him every day as we are encountering pupils with headaches/feeling poorly who have not drunk any water, mainly due to the fact that they don't have a water bottle. There are water fountains where these can be refilled at break and lunchtime. Pupils, whilst the weather remains as it is, do not have to wear their blazer or tie and should be encouraged to wear sunscreen and caps when playing out at break and lunchtime.

Pupil Safety

Road safety is a very big issue at the moment and just last week a Year 7 pupil was involved in an accident with a car which resulted in a broken foot. Please can you explain to your children the importance of crossing the road whilst travelling to and from School. We are receiving reports that pupils are just stepping out into the road without any regard for oncoming traffic. Also this week, a Year 7 pupil was assaulted by a group of youths on a tram.

Our advice would be that mobile phones and earbuds should be out of sight when travelling to and from School.

Staff CPD Afternoon

Parents/Carers are reminded that School will close at 12.20pm on Friday, 30th June for Staff Training.

Grammar Car Park

If you are dropping or collecting your child from School, please **do not** use the Grammar Gym car park for this purpose. Only staff and visitors to the School should be using this car park.

Sodexo Vacancy



Sodexo are currently looking to recruit an Assistant Chef at the School. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be suitable, further information can be found [HERE](#).



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Forthcoming dates for June and July 2023

Remember to keep an eye on our [School Calendar](#) for information on upcoming events.



Wed 21.06.2023	Y8 Philosophy Visit to the Sri Gobind Singh Gurdwara Education & Cultural Centre
Thu 22.06.2023`	Y12 Trip to watch 'LEAR' at Shakespeare North Playhouse
Thu 22.06.2023	Y12 Manchester IRIS Conference 2023
Fri 23.06.2023	Y8 Geography Trip to Llandudno
Tue 27.06.2023	Y8 SEAL Day
Tue 27.06.2023	KS3 Production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - 5pm
Wed 28.06.2023 - Fri 30.06.2023	Y12 Geology Trip to the Vale of Eden
Wed 28.06.2023	German Exchange Parent Information Evening – 6pm
Thu 29.06.2023 - Fri 30.06.2023	ECF U19 English School's Chess Championship Finals
Thu 29.06.2023	House Music Solo Competition (5 separate Competitions)
Fri 30.06.2023	National Final of the MFL Spelling Bee at Cambridge University
Fri 30.06.2023	School closes at 12.20pm for Staff Training
Mon 03.07.2023	Y12 Mathematical Problem Solving Conf @ Manchester Uni
Mon 03.07.2023	MFL Translation Bee National Final at Cambridge University
Mon 03.07.2023	Sports Day (Field Events)
Tue 04.07.2023	Sports Day (Track Events)
Fri 07.07.2023	Old Alts' Golf Day
Fri 07.07.2023	Review Day (School Closed for students)
Sat 08.07.2023	PFA Grammar Fest at 4pm
Mon 10.07.2023 – Fri 14.07.2023	Y10 Work Experience
Wed 11.07.2023	Summer Music Concert
Fri 14.07.2023 – Wed 19.07.2023	Years 7 to 9 Activity Days
Sun 17.07.2023 & Mon 18.07.2023	Music Trip to London
Sun 16.07.2023 – Wed 19.07.2023	Y8 Trip to Barcelona
Sun 16.07.2023 - Tue 18.07.2023	Y9 Design & Technology Trip to London
Mon 17.07.2023 – Fri 21.07.2023	Y9 Trip to Paris
Mon 17.07.2023 – Wed 19.07.2023	Y12 Work Experience
Thu 19.07.2023	School Closes for Summer Holidays

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