



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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10th June 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

This week, Year 7 and Year 8 have been taking their internal exams. I have been extremely impressed with the way the vast majority of pupils diligently revised for these assessments and their conduct throughout this week has been outstanding.

The process of appointing the Head Prefect and Senior Prefect Team has now begun and I spent the early part of this week reading through some excellent letters of application for the role of Head Prefect. Student leadership is central to all we do at AGSB and I am confident that we will have another excellent leadership team for 2022-23.

On Wednesday, I attended the annual Grammar School Heads Association Conference which was held at the RAF Club in London. Guest speakers included Nadhim Zahawi - Secretary of State for Education; Amanda Spielman - Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, and Roland Butcher, who was the first black cricketer to be selected for England. A range of pertinent issues were discussed throughout the day and on a personal note, it's always good to meet up with fellow Heads to discuss school leadership and some of the key issues that schools are currently facing.

In sport this week the Year 7 and Year 8 Tennis squads have been in action and tomorrow morning we have four cricket matches against Cheadle Hume School. Special mention to Ted Graves from Year 12 who was selected this week to play for the England Hockey Under 21 XI.

Finally, on behalf of all at AGSB, we wish Mrs Jarratt the very best of fortune as she tackles the National Three Peaks (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon) in under 24 hours this weekend. Mrs Jarrett works for an organisation called *Looseheadz* who aim to tackle the stigma of talking about mental health and well-being within the rugby community.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'G.A. Wright' with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr G. A. Wright
Head Master



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Year 8 House Debating Competition



The Year 8 House Debating Competition took place before half-term and participants addressed the motion *'This House Believes That: Single sex education should be abolished'*. A wide-ranging and well-prepared debate was won by the proposition, consisting of Gregory S & Zacharias S (Massey) and Bhargav K & Daim S (Stamford). Stamford was awarded first place by virtue of Bhargav's measured and

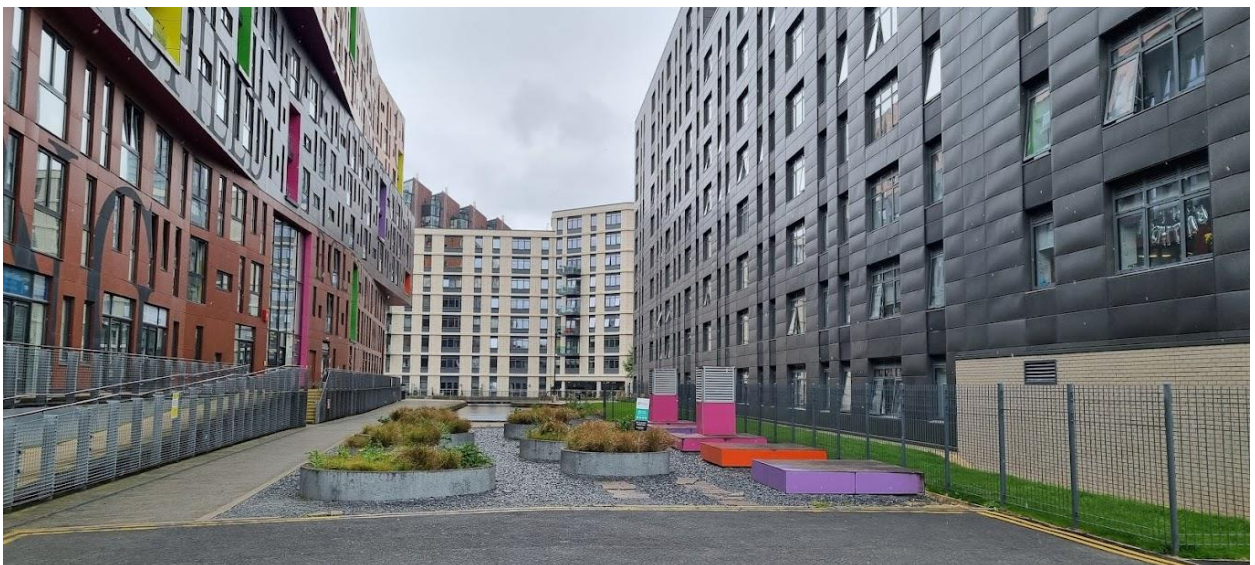
well-informed contributions during the floor debate. The defeated opposition put up a very creditable performance. It consisted of Nathan P & Ali D (Tatton) and Nate L-V & Panchu N (Bradbury).

Tatton was awarded third place due to Nathan's excellent responses to questions from the audience and judges' panel. Many thanks to the judges, Ms Clark & Dr Thomas and to chair Adham S (Y13). 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.

The final competition for this year is for Year 7 on Thursday, 16th June and the motion is *'THBT: It should be a legal duty to take care of your ageing parents'*.

Mr N Croxton
Head of History & Politics

Geography Field Trip to Manchester



As part of A Level field work, Year 12 Geographers recently embarked on a series of outings around Manchester. The most dynamic and real world subject could never be taught solely within the four walls of a classroom, and these field trips pretty much cemented this.



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We began by investigating the contrast between different parts of Manchester. It's not a City of terraces and owners anymore, but a lot of the old patterns remain true. Being surrounded by derelict, unwelcoming depots just minutes after visiting the high-rise, furnished haven of the City Centre really made me question whether we were in the same Manchester. It was also unimaginable to think that just 10 years earlier, Spinningfields's boutique park full of trendy stores was merely wasted brownfield land.

Day two was about exploring Ancoats, one of the most attractive neighbourhoods in the UK. They managed to prop up modern and vibrant housing right alongside the old Victorian builds, and somehow (mostly) pulled it off. Taimor and I were then heavily challenged in trying to survey locals and their opinions. No one seemed to have a few minutes to spare!

These Manchester expeditions opened my eyes to the City we live in, and how places change. The types of land-use, buildings and people can all be learnt on paper, but to see how the world works, you really do need to see the world. Thank you to Mr Bromley and the Geography Department.

Faaris Haque (12GH)





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Technology Department



Congratulations to Aiyush G, Alex V and Gautham R, all in Year 11, who submitted entries to this year's Teen Tech Awards. Aiyush submitted "Plant Dude" which was awarded a Gold and is a design for an interactive plant database for use in National Parks and gardens to provide educational resources.

Alex submitted a design for an outdoor security system which was also awarded Gold and Gautham submitted "Modulus" which won Silver and was a modular 3D-printed solution for flexible storage on bicycle frames. Aiyush and Gautham have been selected to go through to the National Finals and we wish them all the best.

If you want to learn more about Teen Tech and submit your own entries, there are over 20 categories across all year groups. More details can be found at <https://teentech.com/>. Be sure to speak to Mr Baker first.



Awards recognise innovative thinking, problem solving, entrepreneurial attributes and networking capabilities. An award is issued when an entry has a demonstrable commercial or social value. This needs to be evidenced through clear identification of target market, value (commercial or otherwise) and future potential impact.



What did the judges think of our entries?

Plant Dude



What an outstanding project! You have created a very comprehensive portfolio for your project. You have carried out in-depth research, used questionnaires to gather ideas from users and at each stage in the design and creation you have asked the opinion of those who may use it for their opinion and have adapted your design to incorporate their reflections. It is great that you got the industry experts to give their views and this could lead you to design two styles one for a coloured and funky product and possibly one designed for older customers. I would certainly use this sort of product at an RHS or National Trust location so that you could get more information at the point of seeing a plant when you could make a decision (with further information) to see if it would be suitable for your own garden. This is a great idea and you have put in so much work - Well Done.



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Outdoor Security



A thoroughly designed and unique project idea. Brilliant stakeholder engagement and derivation of requirements that they used to ensure their design met the needs of their chosen stakeholder. Well-presented research and use of prototype development to examine the best option. I really like how they have thought of different aspects of the system, sought external feedback and, even developed a functioning prototype.

A great project well done!

Modulus

Fantastic work on creating a really well researched, considered and technically developed proposal to combat the need for safe on-bike storage. While there are similar solutions on the market, the modular nature of your design is really innovative and interesting. Plus, you have demonstrated impressive skills at creating prototypes - you are not far off pitching for investment! Keep on rolling this idea forward and try to further develop the safety angles so that the design is as functional as it can be.



I really hope you'll move into Product Design, Engineering or Tech in the future. I can see how much you enjoyed this.

Mr Baker
Head of Technology

AGSB Physics Concept Society



This week saw the re-launch of the AGBS Physics Concept Society (now that the Year 13 Physics students are on study leave). Josho S (12SQ) gave a fascinating presentation on orbital mechanics. Pupils from all Year groups are welcome to attend. It will run every Wednesday in Pc3.



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Raising Awareness for Charity




It was a pleasure to welcome back Tony Collier and Alex McCann to support Tony in completing his daily 5km run to raise funding and awareness for MOVE Charity.

Tony's efforts continue to inspire us all at the School.

Photo taken before half-term when members of staff and students did laps of the School field!

AGSB Art Exhibition



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Art Exhibition

Showcasing GCSE and A level
artwork

Thursday 23rd June 2022

17:00 pm—19:00 pm

Location: A1, A2 and A3

There will be light snacks and drinks served by the food and nutrition department.

The Art Department are holding an Exhibition on **Thursday, 23rd June between 5pm and 7pm** to showcase the GCSE and A Level artwork completed by some of our budding artists. If you want to come along, please do so – there will be light refreshments provided by the Food & Nutrition Department.

Ms F Cooke
Head of Art



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Congratulations

Many congratulations to Aadith M (8WL) - Bradbury and Sumed S (8GA) - Tatton who have both made it through to the Regional Finals of the MFL Translation Bee. Aadith and Sumed will be representing the School at the National Finals in Cambridge on the 1st July and we wish them the best of luck!

Well done to the five Year 11 students who sat the Maths Maclaren recently and achieved a merit. They are Isaac A-W, Ibrahim J, Mahd K, Yevan M and Gautham R.

Congratulations to Flynn and Theo B-D who have qualified for the All England semi-finals for Musical Theatre, as well as several other categories in ballet, tap, modern and character. Flynn is the only competitor to have qualified in all genres. Theo is also working hard with his rehearsals for the production of Gypsy at the Buxton Fringe Festival in July.

Sporting Successes

Well done to Theo H (9CX) who recently took part in the National School's Rowing competition for Warrington Rowing Club at Dorney Lake, Windsor.



Congratulations to our fantastic PE Gap Student, Tom Walsh, for being selected to represent Cheshire RFU in the County Finals.

Head Master, Mr Wright, pictured right, presenting Rohan P (7HI) with a cricket stump celebrating his wonderful century in the Cheshire Cup. To score 100 in a 20 over match is no mean feat! Well done Rohan!



AGSB Sports Report

Cricket

What an innings from Rohan P (7HI) (right) – 100 scored!





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Excellent performance against Terra Nova in the Cheshire Cup. Congratulations and well done to the whole Year 7 team who were victorious in the First Round hitting a target of 64 in 6.5 overs against Tytherington. They go on to play King's Macclesfield on Wednesday.

We were very pleased that all teams won their matches against The Grange School, Manchester, Bury Grammar School and Sandbach School.



We are hoping to keep our winning streak going this weekend with wins against Cheadle Hulme School. Good luck to the Y10 team who are looking to progress in the Cheshire Cup tomorrow.

Tennis



Well done to our Senior Tennis squad who are now one step away from the National Finals after a 10-2 victory over Stonyhurst College.

The leagues have all been concluded in all age groups

Y7 & Y8 A team have won the Division 1 group and progress to the knockout rounds. The Y7 & Y8 B team came runners up in the same league.

Y7 & Y8 C team came runners up in the Division 2 league.

Y9 & Y10 A team have won the Division 1 group and progress to the knockout rounds. Our Y9 & Y10 B team came runners up in the same league

Y9 & Y10 C team came runners up in the Division 2 League.

Our Senior Glanville Cup A team have made it through to the Regional Finals vs Calday Grange Grammar School which will be played on Friday 24th June.

Athletics

So far this season we have had three Athletics meets. Both the Junior and Inter boys' teams competed in the English Schools Competition, with the Junior side reaching the Regional B Final. Special mention to Rory H (8CM) and Neil R (8SU) who won their events (300m & 100m).

Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will all be competing in the Trafford Cup next Tuesday. We wish all participants well.



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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 to arrange an appointment. If the Clinic hours do not suit, we can of course arrange an alternative time.



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 Plant & Cake Sale – Saturday 11th June at 10am

AGSB GARDENING and WILDLIFE CLUB

PLANT and CAKE SALE

Saturday 11th June 10am-12pm
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Marlborough Road WA14 2RS

TABLES ALSO INCLUDE PFA second hand uniform sale AND;

Beautiful hand tied bouquets by Melanie Farrow. Her flowers are all home grown in Lymm.	Wildlife themed objects made in Tech Thursday lunchtimes by yr7 and 8. Cash only.	Plants and unusual garden ornaments by Bird and Bay, Lymm.
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Don't forget to come along tomorrow to the AGSB Plant & Cake and Second Hand Uniform Sale!!

The Gardening and Wildlife Clubs are very excited to announce the first garden, plant and cake sale happening at AGSB on the **11th June between 10am - 12pm.**

They have been busy sowing seeds, splitting and dividing plants and making wildlife related objects at lunchtimes in "Tech Thursday lunchtime Club". All the profit will go towards buying new equipment for both Clubs.

The PFA have very generously agreed to buy a greenhouse for Gardening Club but they will need to add shelving, buy compost, seed trays etc so they can grow even more exotic fruit and veg!

Ms H Drake
Technology Department



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AGSB PFA Easyfundraising



Every time you shop online, you have the opportunity to raise free donations for Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Parents & Friends Association. We have just been paid £45.28 so it really works!

Please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 4,000 shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/agsbpfa/payments/61/>. Thank you 😊.

How easyfundraising works

Raising donations for Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Parents & Friends Association - Cheshire using easyfundraising is easy and completely free.



1. Sign up

Create an account to support Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Parents & Friends Association - Cheshire - it only takes 2 minutes



2. Start shopping

Browse 6,000 retailers via easyfundraising and shop as normal



3. Raise donations

When you buy something, the retailer donates to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Parents & Friends Association - Cheshire

Platinum Jubilee Lunch Fun!



The Platinum Jubilee Food Week was a fantastic success before half-term and the students, as well as enjoying the traditional dishes and British puddings, particularly loved the “pop up” ice cream tent! Thank you to all the Sodexo Staff who worked very hard to put it all together!



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Forthcoming dates for June 2022

13.06.2022

School Closed for Staff Development Day

22.06.2022 – 24.06.2022

Y12 Geology Field Trip to the Vale of Eden

23.06.2022

Art Exhibition of GCSE & A Level Work 5pm – 7pm

24.06.2022

Y13 Book Return Day 11am to 1pm

26.06.2022

PFA Summer Fair



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29.06.2022

Y11 Transition & Book Return Day 9am to 11am

30.06.2022

Junior Sports Awards for Y7-10

Reminder for Parents



School will be closed for a Staff Training Day on Monday, 13th June.

Students should have been given independent work to do at home by their class teachers.

Plea for help!



We are looking for parents who have sewing or embroidery skills to assist in the construction of four new House Flags which will be proudly displayed in the Coleman Hall next term. If you are able to assist or you know of anyone who would gladly give up their time, please contact Mrs Brickell on mbrickell@agsb.co.uk.



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