



Head Master's Newsletter

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Head Master's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the season of public examinations, I would like to extend my best wishes to our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for the challenges ahead. This is an important time for them, and we are confident that they will meet these challenges with determination and focus.

Earlier today, we bid a fond farewell to our Year 13 students as they began their study leave. It was a bittersweet moment, filled with both joy and nostalgia. Our leavers, dressed in Hawaiian shirts beneath their traditional AGSB green blazers, gathered in the Stamford Hall for the annual 'Leavers' Breakfast.' It was a delightful event, featuring humorous speeches from Mr Murray, our Head of Sixth Form, and our Head Prefect Jacob R. Additionally, we had the privilege of hosting Christian James, the Chairman of the Old Altrinchamian Society, who shared insights on the importance of maintaining connections as Old Boys of the School.

Last weekend, the Year 11 English Speaking Union team defeated over 350 schools to get to the final of the ESU-Churchill Public Speaking Competition . The Finals were held on Sunday at Churchill College, Cambridge. Although they just missed out on the title, Tosin, Leo and Yuvan should be extremely proud of their achievements.

On Tuesday, we hosted the annual AGSB Oxbridge Information Evening in the Coleman Hall. This year, the event was led by Dr Richard Partington, Senior Tutor at Churchill College, Cambridge, and Dr Peter Claus, Senior Research Fellow at Pembroke College, Oxford. It was heart-warming to see a large turnout of students and parents, not only from AGSB, but also from Loreto Grammar, Lymm High, Urmston GS, Knutsford Academy and Ashton-on-Mersey School. The event was informative and inspiring, offering valuable insights into the Oxbridge admissions process.

On the sporting front, our cricket season is off to an impressive start. We've celebrated significant victories against the likes of Cheadle Hulme, King's Chester, and Wilmslow High. Meanwhile, our Year 8 squad embark on their tour of the Midlands next week, taking on Bishop Vesey, Queen Mary's Grammar, and Bablake. We're also proud to report that several AGSB students from various age groups have been selected to represent Cheshire in cricket this season—a testament to their talent and dedication.

In football, many congratulations to the Under 14 XI who defeated Sale Grammar 3-1 to become Greater Manchester Plate winners.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating the successes of our students in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr G A Wright, Head Master

LAMDA Showcase



Well done to all those students who took part in the LAMDA Showcase Evening on the 29th April.

There were some incredible performances throughout the evening.

Ms C Clark, English Department & Drama Co-Ordinator





AGSB vs AGGS Debate



Last week we held the 'return leg' of the AGSB vs AGGS inter-school Debate.

The Motion was: "This House would abolish the House of Lords".

After a fantastic debate with fine performances from both teams, AGSB were declared winners.

Well done to both teams.





AGSB Futures Fair



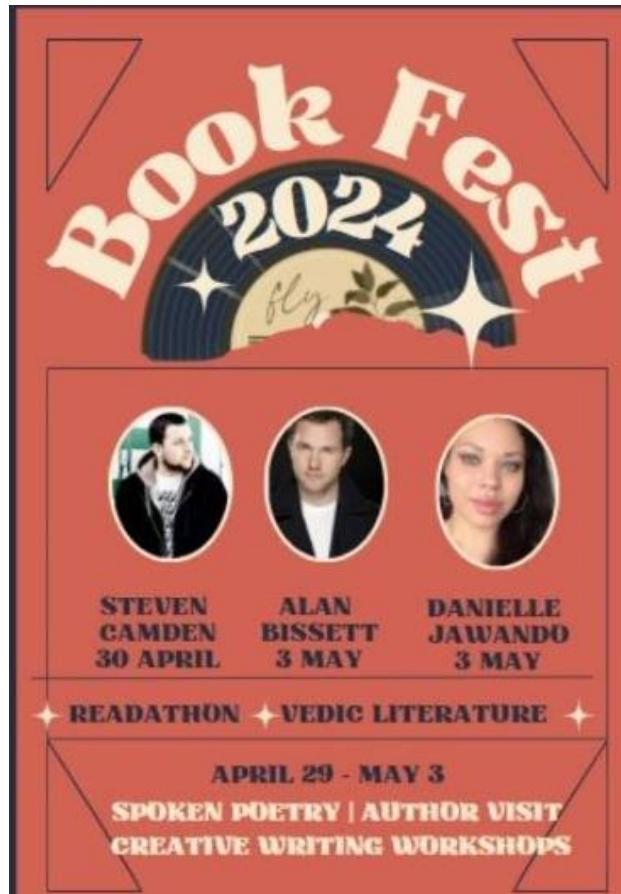
Last week we held the AGS 'Futures Fair' which had over 600 students meeting a wide variety of Universities, businesses and apprenticeship providers including Jaguar Land Rover and Deloitte.

Many thanks to Mr Gallamore (Head of Careers), Dr Thomas (Assistant Head) and all the exhibitors who attended.





Book Fest 2024

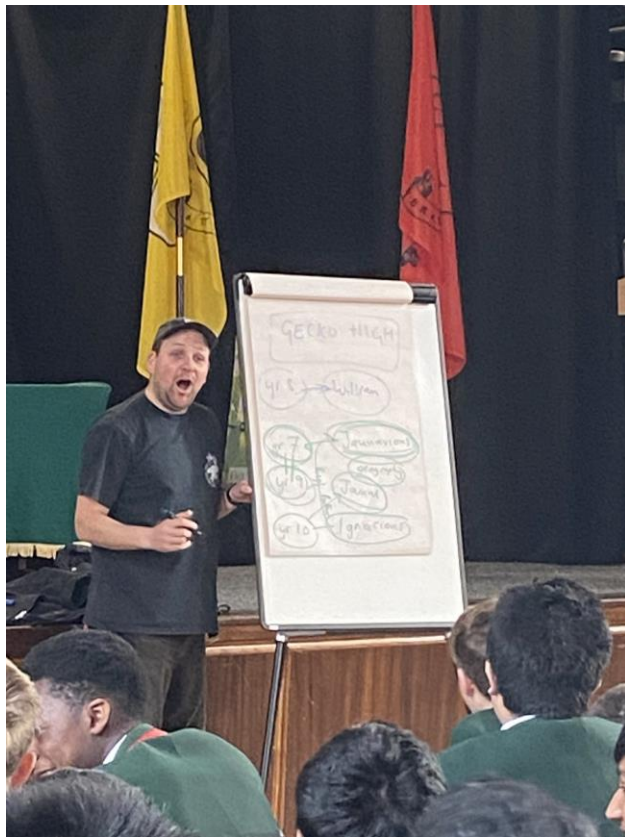


Year 7 and Year 8 attended a great talk and creative writing session with the author Steven Camden during Bookfest last week.

Camden, a novelist, spoken word poet and drama script writer, demonstrated his own writing process with the help of suggestions from the Year Groups. Who knew tales of toes, cannibalism and FBI teachers would be amongst their ideas today. As well as devising their own plot lines, pupils focused on characterisation and emotional response to stories. The session ended with Camden reading from his collection of poems "Everything all at once" following the events of one week in a Secondary School.

Mrs C Mahony, Teacher of English & Library Co-Ordinator





Well Done

Ezra H (7EE) was given the opportunity to go work in his mum's Microsoft Office recently to help with a project which the Company are planning, which is to build a simulation of the Proton Beam Therapy building at The Christie, in Minecraft.

This project is focusing on reducing the fear of children attending the Centre for cancer treatment as it means that they will be able to explore the facilities in the familiar surroundings of Minecraft in advance of their arrival.

Ezra was a huge help to the team on the day.



Oxbridge Evening



The AGSB annual Oxbridge Evening took place this week with 300 people in attendance, including students from AGSB, Loreto, Urmston Grammar School, Lymm High, Knutsford Academy and Ashton-on-Mersey School.

Many thanks to our presenters Dr Peter Claus (Oxford University) and Dr Richard Partington (Cambridge University).

English Speaking Union





Congratulations to the AGSB English Speaking Union Team who defeated over 350 schools to reach the Finals of the **ESU-Churchill Public Speaking** Competition which were held at Churchill College, Cambridge last weekend.

Although they just miss out on the title, Tosin, Leo and Yuvan should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Head Prefect and Senior Prefect Team 2024-25



Following a rigorous selection process, we are delighted to announce that Year 12 student Anoop J will be Head Prefect at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys for the 2024-25 academic year.

We wish Anoop all the very best in this prestigious role.



The appointments for the wider Senior Prefect Team have also been made and congratulations to all the eight newly appointed House Captains and Deputy House Captains.

Back Row L-R: Barny W; Piyush K; Laurie M; Dan K; Bhavdeep K; Abhi E

Front Row L-R: Anoop J (Head Prefect); Will J

We would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to each and every student who has been successful in this competitive process. We are confident that they will make a positive impact on our school community in their new leadership roles.

AGSB Open Evening



You can find out more about Sixth Form Bursary support [here](#).

Information on discounted and free public transport for students aged 11-18 is available [here](#).

Help with funding UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is available [here](#).

For all Inclusion related queries, please contact acathcart@agsb.co.uk

Ms A Cathcart, Assistant Head (Inclusion)/SENDCo

AGSB Esports



Our E-Sports team under the expert guidance of our Head of Esports Mr Cummins were crowned champions in the Splatoon 3 National Finals recently, beating 54 other schools to the title. Congratulations to the team on this fantastic achievement.

Sporting Achievements



Congratulations to Lucca R and Freddie S (Y11) and Nathan P and Kuba J (Y10), who were part of Timperley's U16s boys' Lacrosse Team at the Northern Flags Finals 2024.

Taking place in Rochdale, Timperley U16 boys were successful in winning the U16 Boys Plate Final against Stockport 9-8, in a closely fought game with an exciting golden goal by Kuba in extra time.

Well done to Dylan P (12GH) who was selected to play last week for the Cheshire County Cricket Team.



Well done to Henry R (7HI) who has been selected for Tensworth Academy and will play in the U13s National Hockey Championship in Nottingham in June.



Well done to Nico M (8DO) and Isaac L (13PT) who both represented the School in the Table Tennis England National Finals. Both played well but unfortunately, didn't get placed.

Sports News



Our latest Sports Newsletter is now available to view (Issue 7) on our website.

Click on this [LINK](#) to read it here.

Cricket

A great morning of cricket took place last weekend at King's Chester. Honours even with King's taking the U15 game and AGSB taking the U14 game.

Well done to all involved.



The U14 Cricket Team played this week against Cheadle Hulme School. The team won by 34 runs!





What a lovely afternoon for Cricket on Thursday evening this week! This was the first match played on our new cricket pitch funded by the 'Making a Difference - Sports for All Campaign'. Well done to the Under 13 XI for defeating Wilmslow High.

Football

Under 14 Greater Manchester Plate Winners!

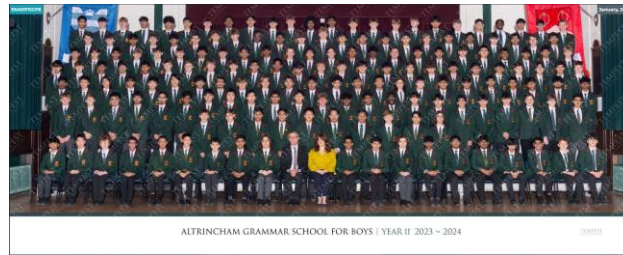


Well done to the Under 14 XI who showed great character to react to going 1-0 down vs Sale Grammar this week with 3 excellent goals in the second half. Will produced some brilliant saves and Ahmed changed the game with a very energetic display!

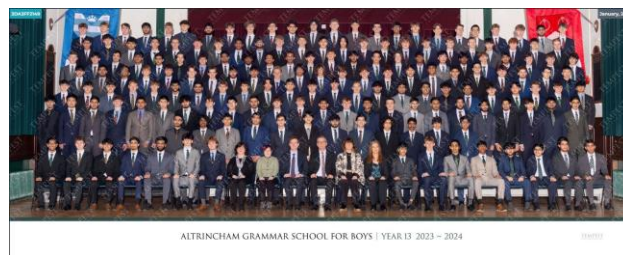
As we say goodbye

Year 11 spent their last day in School on Wednesday of this week before embarking on Study Leave.

We are so proud of all their hard work and wish them the best of luck for their GCSE Exams which have now begun!



So long, farewell ...



Today, we bid farewell to the amazing AGSB Class of 2024!

Year 13 celebrated their final morning in school with the traditional Leavers' Breakfast.

It's been a joy watching you grow and learn and we wish you all the very best for the days and weeks ahead.









Dates for your Diary



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

Forthcoming Key Dates are:

- 09.05.2024 - 24.06.2024: External Exams
- 13.05.2024 - 24.05.2024: Year 7 Assessments
- 15.05.2024 - 17.05.24: Year 8 Cricket Tour
- 21.05.2024: Year 10 Chinese Trip to Chinatown
- 24.05.2024: School Closes for Summer Half-Term
- 03.06.2024: School Re-Opens

AGSB PFA



1 - Grammarfest - June 2024

Saturday, 29th June between 4pm and 7pm @ Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

Grammarfest is a celebration of food and music for all our AGSB community. There will be live performances from AGSB Bands, inflatables, competitive games with teacher participation and much, much more. There will also be plenty of great food for all the family ranging from a pizza truck to Indian street food to Halal kebabs and of course the PFA will be providing a bar and cake stall.

More information will follow over the next few weeks so keep an eye out for emails, but tickets are now on sale and to purchase tickets, please click on the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/agsb-pfa/agsb-grammarfest-2024/2024-06-29/16:00/t-avkmlzl>

Tickets 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.

We also really need help to run an event like this so if you can spare some time on the day itself, please email pfaagsb@gmail.com. We also need raffle prizes so again if you can help, please email us and let us know what you can donate.

Please support the PFA and join us at this exciting event to which all are welcome. Finally help us to spread the word and tell your friends and family about Grammarfest.

Hope to see you all there!!

AGSB PFA

PLANT and CAKE SALE



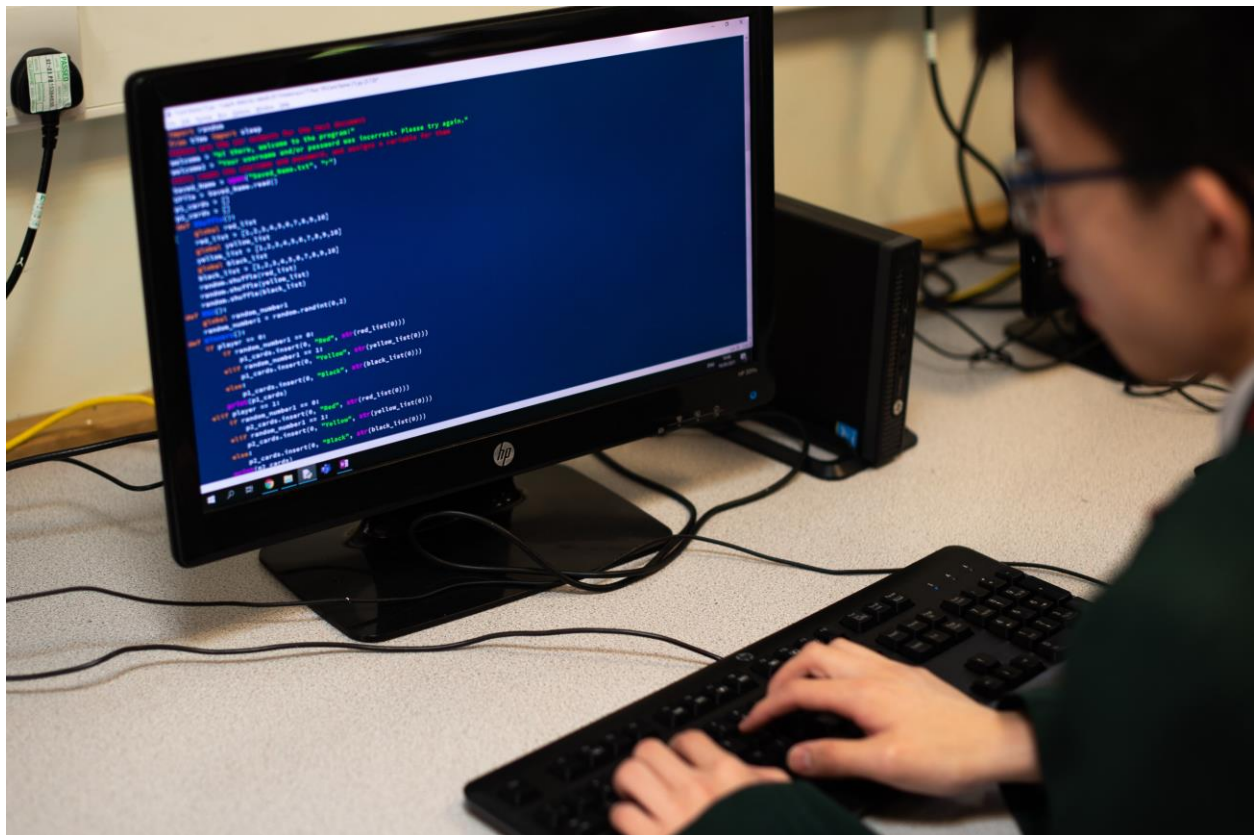
Another date for your diary!

The ever popular AGSB PFA Plant & Cake Sale is back again this year on **Saturday, 15th June 2024** between 12 noon and 2pm. Come along to the main entrance where all the stalls will be centred around the flagpole at the front of School.

There will also be a second-hand uniform sale. Please do come along, there will be something for everyone!

Mrs H Drake, AGSB PFA Staff Rep

Information for Parents



Don't forget that our website is a constant source of news and information.

[Letters & Information for Parents can be found here.](#)

Reporting an Absence

If you need to report a Pupil Absence, please use the ARBOR App to do so. For Special Leave Requests, please complete the online form on our website which can be found under the Parents section [HERE](#).

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