



# Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We have now reached the end of the exam season and whether your son has taken End of Year exams or GCSE and A level public exams, I do hope that all has gone well. The 'End of Year' exams are an excellent opportunity to see how well students are performing in their range of subjects and also to inform how improvements might be made. In many cases, this 'follow-up' is more important than the result itself. Can I take this opportunity to thank our Exams Officer, Mrs Howell, and her team for all their efforts over the past two months.

On Tuesday, we held a SEAL day (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) for Year 8. As it is Pride month, the day focused on celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ people, learning about LGBTQ+ history and some of the issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. One of the ways the School looks to promote diversity and inclusion is by engaging in different celebratory months and weeks, such as Black History Month and Pride. It is essential that all students at AGSB engage in such learning opportunities and this important facet of School life is outlined in our Preparing Students for Life in Modern Britain Policy [here](#).

Over the last week, many newspapers have commented on the emerging "disparity" that is opening between State and Private schools in the provision of educational opportunities that involve such activities such as music and cricket. At AGSB, providing such opportunities for our young people remains a key priority. This week alone we have enjoyed the Key Stage 3 production of Joseph and yesterday, the fabulous House Solo Music Competition took place in the Coleman Hall with over 60 performers. Throughout the cricket season, our teams have enjoyed great success in a fixture card dominated by schools from the independent sector.

Remaining on the co-curricular theme, last Saturday our Esports squad became the only team in Esports history to win National back-to-back titles and on Thursday, our Senior Chess Squad travelled to Nottingham to compete in the National finals. Of course, our extensive co-curricular programme comes at a cost and is only made possible due to the generosity of parents who donate monthly to Altrincham Grammar School Developments Ltd (AGSD). Monthly giving by parents ensures that the 'AGSB Experience' – the thing that makes this school so special to our pupils – is not threatened. For more information on how to donate, please click [here](#).

The end of the School year is approaching fast, and as always, it seems like only yesterday that we were starting it back in September. Next week, we are greatly looking forward to one of the seminal events of the year – House Sports Day. We wish the Under 13 Cricket side the best of luck as they take on King's Chester in the final of the Cheshire Cup. We also wish the best of fortune to four students from Year 8 who are travelling to Cambridge on Monday to take part in the National Translation Bee finals.

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

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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## English Literary Festival



Congratulations to Hugo S-F (12WK) (left) who has won highly commended in the French Flash Fiction Competition run by the University of Oxford.

Hugo had to write in French a short story which was assessed by a panel of judges based on imagination and flair as well as linguistic accuracy.



## Institute for Research



Well done to Yuvan, Freddie, Nisala, Ibrahim and Arya who presented their excellent academic posters on DNA Origami at the Institute for Research in School's Manchester Conference last week.

## AGSB Esports



Against all the odds, the AGSB League of Legends squad became the first team in British Esports history to win back-to-back National titles. A truly amazing accomplishment to be once again crowned the best in the UK!

Well done to the team: Captain - Joshua C (13BN); Vice-Captain - Seb H (12EL); Yuheng C (13RD); Taimor A (13RD) and Alex R (13GH).

*Mr R Cummins*



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## Senior Prefects 2023-24

It was a real pleasure to observe the House Hustings last week. The Hustings are part of the process to appoint this year's House and Deputy House Captains.

The appointments have now been made and the photo below is all eight House Captains, Deputy House Captains with the Head Prefect.



(L-R) Aayan A; Dhruv P; Tom R; Aiyush G; Jacob R; Yusuf R; Gautham R; Jamie L-B; Will M

Massey	Tatton	Bradbury	Stamford
House Captain Jamie L-B	House Captain Gautham R	House Captain Dhruv P	House Captain Aiyush G
Deputy House Captain Will M	Deputy House Captain Aayan A	Deputy House Captain Yusuf R	Deputy House Captain Tom R



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## Guest Speaker and Old Alt



Many thanks to Old Alt, Sumedh, for delivering an outstanding talk about 'Free will vs determinism' and 'How to live a good life' from the teachings of Krishna and other 'eastern' philosophies to members of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain Society. Sumedh is currently reading Economics at Cambridge.



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## Y8 Geography Trip to Llandudno



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, myself, and 59 other Year 8 students went out to visit the seaside town of Llandudno. The purpose of the trip was to enhance our learning of the 'Crumbling Coasts' unit we learnt this year and to develop our geographical fieldwork skills. It was an incredible and highly

educational experience that taught various fieldwork skills including data collection and data logging in preparation for Year 9.

We arrived at school early as the journey would take a while in rush hour traffic! We got off the coach in Llandudno at around 9.30am and were split off into groups of 15. The first task we were given was to climb the Great Orme, a 207-metre headland (that was home to vibrant flowers and various vegetation) to investigate the limestone rock. We then climbed down the Great Orme to carry out tally charts on litter, pedestrian flow, and traffic count to answer our main key question, "To what extent do the positive impacts of tourism in Llandudno outweigh the negatives?" After this, around midday, we walked along the pier (the longest in Wales at 700 metres) where we found a spot to eat lunch. We were then given 15 minutes to look around the selection of shops for souvenirs and snacks. Afterwards we carried out a couple more pedestrian counts in various locations and then strolled along the Promenade and talked about the sea defences that were in place, which was very fascinating! The time ran away with us, and it was soon time to go, so we got onto our coach and set off, deep down not wanting to leave! An enjoyable day had by all.

*Harrison Fisher (8SI)*

## AGSB Plant & Cake Sale



A big thank you to everyone who donated plants, raffle prizes and baked goods for the Gardening Club Plant sale. The weather was glorious and lots of people came to buy from all the stalls and helped raise money for school funds. Gardening Club are planning to invite guest speakers in as well as build on their equipment in the greenhouse and there are plans afoot

for more development of planting areas around school. A big thank you to everyone who came to support the event!

*Ms Drake and Mrs Jackson*



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## AGSB Chess



The AGSB Chess Team left School on Thursday to take part in the National School Chess Finals over two days at Nottingham University.

Pictured L-R Gautham R; Arnav G; Sithun D-S; Pranav V; Sai V and James F.

We wish them the very best of luck!

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat



What a fantastic performance of 'Joseph' on Tuesday night this week, the cast were incredible and the musicians were brilliant. Well done to all the KS3 pupils who took part – the new stars of Music Theatre!

A very big thank you also to Mrs Jarrett, Miss Clark and Mr Monument for organising.





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## AGSB House Music Solo Competition



The AGSB Music House competition on Thursday of this week was the best yet – phenomenal effort from every performer and some truly inspiring soloists. Well done to everyone involved and special mention to Isaac A-W (12SM) who accompanied everyone as well as winning the Grade 7/8 category!

*Mr M Monument*  
*Director of Music*



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## AGSB Staff Choir



Last Saturday the AGSB Staff Choir celebrated 10 years. Established and directed by students past and present, it has been amazing to see it grow over the last decade, thanks to the hard work of the student leaders, who were in attendance alongside some familiar faces.



## AGSB Art



Many thanks to the Art Department for putting on a wonderful exhibition on Thursday evening this week, such talent on display. Thanks also to the Food & Nutrition Department for some amazing canapes and to Mr Monument for organising the music accompaniment.





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## Careers Update



Mr Gallamore has had a busy year supporting the learners and building the Careers programme further in the School. On top of the one-to-one work completed with the Year 11 – 13 students, lots of other initiatives have been taking place in the School to further enhance the career offer to all students.

One of the main focuses this year has been trying to see more direct links between the individual curriculum areas and showcasing the career paths available from them and we have been delighted to have speakers in many Departments including Maths, PE, Geology, History and Politics amongst others. This gives subject specialists the opportunity to highlight the benefits of taking an individual forward to a higher level of study as well as looking at the career opportunities that exist in the future.

As in previous years, the lunchtime Alumni talks have proven very popular this year and it's an area we will continue to increase in the coming years. All talks have been extremely well attended by students across all Year Groups, examples of the talks included:

Krish Bhatia – Degree apprenticeship in Law  
Alistair Allen, Jonathan Brown & Matt Jaquiss–Oliver from Rothschild Investment Banking  
Dr Neal Morgan – Engineering Consultant  
Dr Karam Ahmad – Medicine  
Daniel Jones – Co-founder of Fintech start-up Kennek  
Paresh Gajjar – Principal Scientist at SEDA  
Alex Bescoby – Historian and documentary maker  
Luke Kwan – 4th year Engineering Degree apprentice at Jaguar Land Rover

We are introducing a new fortnightly careers lesson for the Year 10 students from next September. We want to get them exploring the future opportunities available to them and looking at the attributes required to be a success during the year. In collaboration with Unifrog the lessons will focus on a wide ranging of areas that will get the learners thinking about their future and hopefully giving them the tools to go about succeeding with their chosen pathways.

The Year 10 & 12 learners are out for work experience in the coming weeks. On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July we have a morning planned for the Year 10 learners where they will be hearing about apprenticeship pathways from the ASK team, taking part in a “Managing Money” session delivered by a financial planning company and finally we have Andy Walker MBE rounding off the morning delivering a talk about how tragedy hasn't gotten in the way of him following his dreams and how since a tragic accident aged 28 which has left him disabled, he has gone onto become an actor in Emmerdale and continue to live life to the full.

*Mr A Gallamore*  
*Head of Careers*



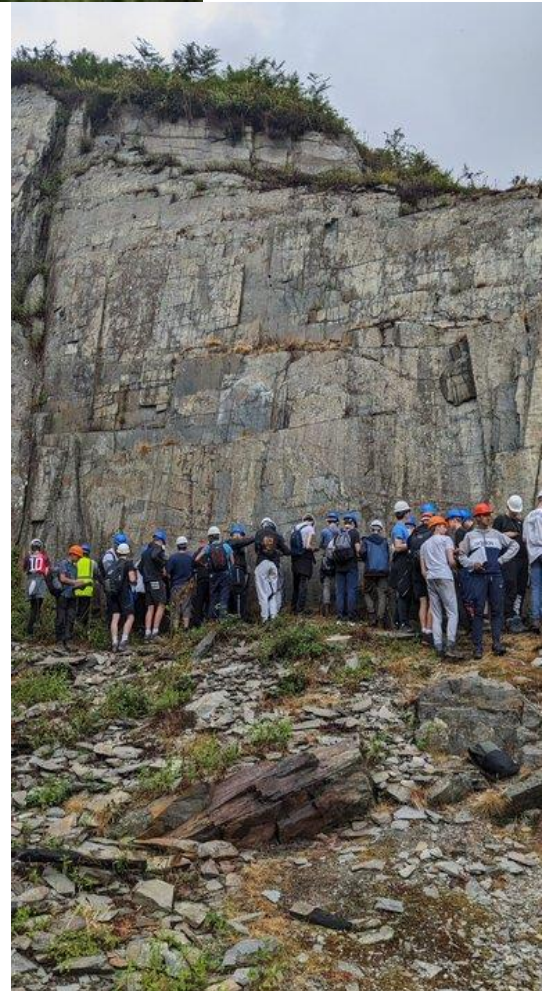
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## Y12 Geology Trip to the Vale of Eden, Cumbria



Our Year 12 students have been in the Vale of Eden this week on a residential field trip looking at sedimentary environment interpretation amongst other things!





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## Maths Olympiad



The results are in for the Junior Maths Olympiad and the boys have done fantastically well! Ans and Imran will also be receiving a bronze medal and a book each which means their scores are amongst the top 200 in the country (out of a starting 300,000 who entered the Junior Maths Challenge).

Pictured L-R: Harshith G (8WD), Ans I (8WD) Aaron W (8PG), James Q (7OL) and Charantej A (7HI) (Jayden Y (7CE) unfortunately was not available)

*Ms J McCourt*  
*Maths Department*

## 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Old Altrinchamian



We are delighted to announce that the Altrincham and Sale West Conservative Association has selected a fellow Old Alt, Oliver Carroll as the candidate for the next General Election, replacing Sir Graham Brady. We wish Oliver all the very best. If you would like to read more, click on this [LINK](#).



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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](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](#).

Please also note that students on FSM or Bursary can apply for full funding to cover UCAT fees (University Clinical Aptitude Test). Full details can be found here - [Bursary Scheme | UCAT Consortium](#)

Ms A Cathcart  
Assistant Head Inclusion/SENDco

## AGSB Sports

### Cricket



The U14s Cricket team had a great game of cricket this week vs Manchester Grammar School, winning the match with Dan S getting MVP with 2 wickets, 3 catches and a run-out. Well done to all who played!



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## Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Vishi U (7UN) who has been selected to take part in the Huddersfield Open Tennis Tournament in the U12's and U14's in July. Good luck!

Good luck to James R-S (7CE) who has been selected to represent the North West of England for Tensworth Hockey. Tensworth is a high performance hockey team made up of players picked from Clubs based in the North West of England which competes in the UK Lions Tournament held at the Nottingham Hockey Centre between regional teams from across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We wish James all the very best.

Well done to Leo B (10JM) who plays cricket for the School and at Bowdon where he has played in adult games up to 2nd XI, and Cheshire CC and has been selected for the Cheshire District Festival four times. Next week he will be playing at representative level (Best of District U15 v County U14). In hockey, Leo plays both for the School and at Bowdon where he plays adult games up to 3rd team, and selection for Greater Manchester Hockey where he recently took part in winning the England Hockey North of England U15 County tournament.



(Left) Congratulations to Gabriel O (7CE) who reached the semi-finals of the boys doubles Tennis Tournament in Scotland. Unfortunately, he lost to the number 1 seeds in a very close match. Hard luck Gabriel.

## AGSB PFA

## PRE-LOVED SCHOOL 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 21<sup>st</sup> July between 11am and 3pm**  
**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> August between 11am and 3pm**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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## AGSB Grammar Fest

We are all really looking forward to the PFA **Grammar Fest** which takes place on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 in advance or 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. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, click on this [LINK](#).

**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	Tea & Coffee Bar
Little Red Pizza Co	The Grill Master (halal)

**Location**  
AGSB – WA14 2RS

**Saturday 8th July**

Be ready for some summer fun **4 – 7 pm**

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

We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Sports for All - Making a Difference Campaign



Phase 1 of the Sports for All – Making a Difference Campaign is running to schedule. Drainage and treatment of the upper fields and tennis courts is now completed, and the new five lane cricket net enclosure will be ready very soon.

Thanks again to all who support this important campaign.



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## Noticeboard for Parents

### Teacher Strike Days

Reminder that there are two Teacher Strike Days next week – **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Only Year 10 and Year 12 students will be in School. All other pupils will be at home either doing online lessons on TEAMS with those members of staff who are not striking or working independently.

## Forthcoming dates for June and July 2023

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



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)
<b>Wed 05.07.2023</b>	<b>Teacher's Strike Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Fri 07.07.2023</b>	<b>Teacher's Strike Day -School Closed</b>
Fri 07.07.2023 & Sat 08.07.2023	Music For Youth National Festival, Birmingham
Fri 07.07.2023	Old Alts' Golf Day
<b>Sat 08.07.2023</b>	<b>PFA Grammar Fest (Food &amp; Musical Festival) at 4pm</b>
Mon 10.07.2023 – Fri 14.07.2023	Y10 Work Experience
Wed 11.07.2023	Y7 and Y8 Summer Showcase Concert
<b>Thu 13.07.2023</b>	<b>Review Day (School Closed for students) (Amended Date)</b>
Fri 14.07.2023 – Tue 18.07.2023	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	Y8 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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