



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

A Grammar School with Academy Status
Head Master: Mr G. A. Wright MA (Hons) FRSA
Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 2RS

26th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we prepare to break up for Half Term, the term seems to be flying by! Public examinations are now in full swing and seem to be going as well as possible. Once again, best wishes go to all students involved.

As we say goodbye to the 2022-23 Senior Prefect Team, the search is now on for next year's Head Prefect and House Captains. The staff and student votes are now in, and Mr Murray (Head of 6th Form) and Mr Soulsby (Assistant Head) delivered an assembly on the various leadership roles available and on the 'selection process' to Year 12 on Tuesday. I will report back with the results of this process in late June. Student leadership is taken extremely seriously at AGSB, and I am confident that we will receive a number of excellent applications for these important positions of responsibility.

The amazing AGSB PFA (with the assistance of Year 12 students) are preparing for the inaugural 'Grammar Fest' which will become an annual Summer Food and Music Festival at AGSB. The event is taking place on **Saturday, 8th July** between 4pm and 7pm. Expect live music bands with some great food and drink provided by: The Little Red Pizza Company, Buzzy Bee Bakery, BBQ (Halal by the Grill Master) and Craft Beer. We are also having 50ft inflatables as well as a Rodeo, Astro games, eSports, face painting and much more. I do hope that you can save the date for your diary. All funds raised by the PFA are used to directly enhance the provision of education the students receive at AGSB.

In sport, the highlight of the week was the Trafford Cup Final victory by the AGSB Under 14 XI. It was a real pleasure to watch the game against Altrincham College on Tuesday afternoon. Both sides were 100% committed and our boys demonstrated real resilience to overcome a 0-1 score line at half-time, to win the game 2-1. It wasn't to be, however, for our Under 15 Cricketers and the Senior Tennis squad as they were defeated in their cup matches by Cheadle Hulme School and Strathallan (Perth).

I wish you all a very happy bank holiday weekend and a restorative week to staff and students.

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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UKMT

The UKMT results are in and out of the 60 AGSB pupils who entered, we achieved the following:

Bronze: 5
Silver: 12
Gold: 42



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Mathematics Trust

Of those pupils who achieved Gold, thirteen Y7's and fifteen Y8's are through to the Maths Kangaroo and six pupils are through to the Maths Olympiad. Well done to all who took part.

Miss J McCourt
Maths Department

Y10 and Y7 House Debating Competitions



The Y8 House Debating Competition was held last week and participants addressed the motion 'This House Believes That: Music streaming services are not providing a sustainable model for the music industry'.

A wide-ranging debate and closely contested competition was won narrowly by the proposition, consisting

of Leo B and late replacements Isaac L & Chris B (Stamford) alongside Ethan X (Bradbury). Stamford was awarded first place by virtue of Leo's measured and well-informed performance in the main floor debate. The defeated opposition put up a very creditable performance. It consisted of Joseph K & Kavi G (Massey) and Seb W & Alan S (Tatton). Massey was awarded third place due to Kavi's confident and persuasive contributions to the floor debate. Many thanks to the judges Ms Clark, Ms Chapman and Jacob R (Y12). Thanks as well to Ms Mahony & Ms Marson for hosting and all those staff and students who supported the event & participated by asking questions during the floor debate.



The Y7 House Debating Competition was held yesterday and participants addressed the motion 'This House Believes That: It should be compulsory for all newbuild homes to be fitted with solar panels'. This was the first opportunity for many of the students involved to participate in a formal competition of this type and they acquitted themselves admirably. It was ultimately won by the proposition, consisting of Mustafa S & Assad A (Stamford) and Adam B & Charlie W

(Bradbury). Stamford was awarded first place by virtue of Assad's calm and performance in the main floor debate. The defeated opposition put up a very creditable performance. It consisted of Vinay S & Rithvik



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N (Massey) and Haider-Ali K & Sean H (Tatton). Massey was awarded third place due to Vinay's measured and articulate responses to some searching questions during the floor debate. Many thanks to the judges Mr Williams and Jacob R (Y12). Thanks as well to Ms Mahony & Ms Marson for hosting and all those staff and students who supported the event & participated by asking some great questions during an excellent floor debate.

That concludes our programme of House Public Speaking & Debating competitions for this year.

*Mr N Croxton
Head of History & Politics*

AGSB Drama



Congratulations to Dhruv P in Year 12 who has been offered a place to join the **National Youth Theatre**. The NYT is the most prestigious youth drama program in the entire country; fiendishly difficult to get onto, and fewer than 10% of applicants are successful out of the thousands who audition each year. With NYT alumni including Daniel Day-Lewis, Daniel Craig, Rege-Jean Page, Chiwetel Ejiofor, we are lucky to have Dhruv preparing to play Jets' leader, Riff, in our upcoming School Production, 'West Side Story'.

The Academy - Drama Free Trial

Our LAMDA teacher, Hannah Bounds, is offering a free trial session for 'The Academy' - her external Theatre Company for students aged 16+. Suitable for current Y11 and Y12 students, find out more about 'The Academy' at [The Academy Manchester Drama Classes Over 16s - Family On The Go](#)

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat



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

eventbrite

AGSB Gardening Club



There has been a great deal written recently about how gardening can have a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

There are currently a number of students who come along to Gardening Club each week and we are growing fruit, vegetables and flowers inside the greenhouse and outside (strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb; mint, sage, thyme, rosemary, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumber, carrots, red onion, radish, rocket, beetroot, pumpkins, courgette, garlic and butternut squash gladioli, alliums, sunflowers, dahlias) and many more.

A very big thank you to the AGSB PFA for funding our new greenhouse which has helped enormously!



The wildlife pond and woodland area has wild garlic, iris, grasses and primulas. We have lots of tadpoles, frogs, bees, damsel & dragon flies regularly visiting too, which the students really enjoy watching and spotting.



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Everything has been grown from seed or cutting by the students who come every Monday.



Mrs E Jackson & The Gardening Club

Harmful Vaping



An increasing number of reports are coming out about the dangers of vaping, an increasing problem across all Schools. Students in Year 7 and Year 9 and the 6th Form are educated about the harmful effects of vaping through our PSHE and ACE programmes.

Read the [BBC News](#) here.

English Literary Festival



We are hosting our first ever AGSB Literary Festival week beginning the 12th June and we are pleased to announce that we have three authors coming in to speak to different year groups (Stuart Rowson, Melissa Weaver and Sathnam Sangera). Year 7 will again be doing their annual 'Readathon' which means they can will also be permitted to read in lessons to raise money for sick children in hospital – click here for further information <https://readforgood.org/>.



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[Read for Good: motivating kids to love reading and helping disadvantaged children.](http://readforgood.org)

Read for Good encourages children to love reading. We work in schools and hospitals across the UK to make reading accessible and fun.

readforgood.org

I will also be running a 'Read around the World' challenge - if any pupils read books set in a different country/culture or written by a writer from a different country, they can let me know so I can add it to the map and award them a House Point.

Mrs C Mahony
English Department

Year 10 Geology Field Trip to Anglesey



Our Y10 Geology students have been away in Anglesey this week doing some fieldwork and have been blessed with amazing weather.

Left - Modern sedimentary environments and structures to 600 million year old lava flows. Plenty covered on the first stop of Year 10's field trip.

Right - Metamorphic rock descriptions and crustal shortening calculations at one of the stops!



Left - they had a great second day exploring some coastal sections including schists and dyke swarms.



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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.

Many thanks in advance of your assistance.

Mr A Gallamore
Head of Careers

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



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AGSB Sports

Football



Very well done to our Y9 Football team who won 2-1 against Altrincham College of Arts this week. ACA broke the deadlock inside the opening 5 minutes of the Trafford Cup Final. However, AGSB reacted positively to conceding and enjoyed large spells of possession throughout the 90 minutes. Despite some excellent technical play from AGSB, they had to match a physical and skilful ACA side.

As the match went on, AGSB started to probe and ask questions of the ACA defenders and goalkeeper. Joe P (9CO) had an excellent effort from 25-yards denied by the crossbar. During this dominant spell, AGSB remained resolute in midfield and defence. This allowed the team to commit more players forward and they were rewarded for their passion and desire inside the last 10 minutes of the game when Max R (9GA) converted a superb volley with the inside of his foot into the far bottom corner, forcing the tie to extra time.

In extra time, AGSB remained in control and were enjoying spells in the wide areas of the pitch. Jonah P (9SU) found himself 1 vs 1 against an ACA defender and showed brilliant pace and strength to poke the ball past and draw a foul from the defender inside the area. Up stepped Josh C (9GA) who calmly slotted the spot kick beyond the ACA goalkeeper to give AGSB the lead and secure the 2-1 win.

MOTM - Koby e (9CO) & Josh C (9GA)

We are also pleased as the Y7 Football team has made it to the Trafford Final and their game will be played after half term.



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Cricket



Well done to our U15 and U13 Cricket team who both had convincing wins over Poynton and St Ambrose respectively.



And this week saw another two great cricket games vs St Ambrose for our Y7 and Y8 teams. AGSB came away victorious in both with some really strong performances!



Sporting Achievements



Congratulations to Alex T (8CC) (left) who recently got 1st place at the Great Britain Indoor Ski Championships.

Well done to Leo B (10JM) (right) who was selected for the Greater Manchester U15 Hockey team for the England Hockey County Tournament North Finals on the 21st May.

After a very close finish, Greater Manchester won the tournament on goals scored.





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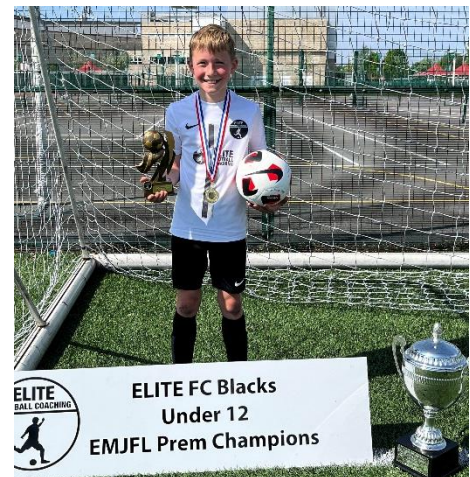
(Left) Alex O (9G) is the Captain of his local football team, Hartford Stags Under 14s, and they have just won the mid Cheshire League, well done!

(Right) Marley I; Theo C and Hari McD (all in 10FB) play for Brooklands Dragons U15s. They have just become the Cheshire Cup County Champions 2023. They have also won the Timperley & District Junior Football League Division 1 2022/23 Season.



(Left) Muhammad M K (7UN) has been selected for Cheshire County Cricket U12 squad and is pictured being presented with the Cap by Cheshire U12 manager Phil Balderson.

(Right) Ben S (7OL) plays for the Elite FC U12 Blacks Football team who have just won the EMJFL U12s Premier Division in their first season of competitive football and Ben finished the season with the Golden Boot, having scored 36 goals in 24 matches.



(Left) Vishi U (7RN) won the 14U Grade 4 North Tour Tennis tournament at Robin Park Sports & Tennis centre, Wigan recently.



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Luca T-H and Wayne T (both in 10SA) have been training with Manchester Dragon Boat Club, based at Sale Waterpark, on a weekly basis.

They recently competed with Manchester Dragons at Sale Waterpark's dragon boat race, in a mixed team of new and experienced paddlers and they were both the youngest paddlers out of 43 teams. Their team won each qualifying 3 rounds and then came second, beaten only by 0.5 of a second by a men's team.



They are both training for more competitions and will be competing in the British Dragon Boat Association Nationals in September. Members of the team will be representing GB in Thailand this summer.

Elham W (7MO) plays football for his local team, Old Trafford Junior Football club and is Team Captain. He has been scouted for Man City Select and is currently training there twice a week.

Oliver S (10CX) has been selected to be part of the Sale DPP Rugby course which is the first stage on the player pathway towards the professional game.

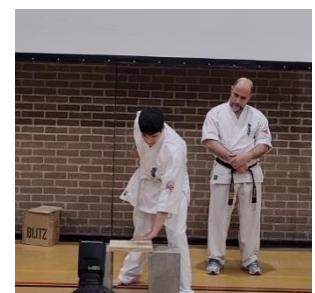
Edward H (10JM) played Badminton for the U17 Cheshire team and competed in the Inter County Tournament at Nottingham University at Easter. He also enters Badminton England National tournaments.



David D (7CE) loves PowerChair football and is the youngest player for Sale United who are in the Championship Division. He was recently asked to make his debut for Manchester United who also have a team and who are fighting to get back into the Premiership. David played an instrumental role in the game and was very proud to wear the shirt! If you want to learn more about the sport, click [HERE](#).

Lucien D S-A (7BM) plays for Altrincham FC Titans U12s who won the East Manchester Championship Cup Final on Sunday at Tameside Stadium. It was a fantastic match, resulting in a 5-2 victory.

(Right) Aidh S (10BZ) started his Karate journey in October 2022 and recently took part in a Charity event in front of 300 people at Sale Leisure Centre.





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(Left) Shlok D (7UN) recently gained his Taekwondo Black Belt and is now officially registered as certified Black Tag – 1st Degree at the International Taekwon-Do Federation. Shlok has been practising Taekwondo since the age of 6 and this is a fantastic achievement.

(Right) Well done to William Q (9CM) who's basketball team, Manchester Magic U14s won the 2022-2023 England Basketball U14 boys National Championship recently.



Upcoming House Events

Please click on this [LINK](#) which will take you to our website for the Calendar with information regarding the forthcoming Summer Term House Events.

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

Good Luck!



Good luck to Mr Birchall (Head of Year 9 and Maths/PE teacher) as he Captains Lancashire RFU in the County Championship Division One Final vs Kent at Twickenham Stadium this Sunday at 4pm. All at AGSB wish you the very best of luck!





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AGSB PFA

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.

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

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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.

Hope to see you all there!!

PFA Plant & Cake Sale

A reminder that the popular AGSB Plant & Cake Sale is back again this year on **Saturday, 10th June between 11am and 1pm**.

There will be beautiful hand tied home grown bouquets of flowers for sale, wildlife themed objects made by the AGSB students in Tech Tuesday and plants and unusual garden ornaments by Bird & Bay, Lymm.

There will also be a Second Hand Uniform sale.

Please do come along, there is something for everyone!

AGSB PFA

AGSB GARDENING and WILDLIFE CLUB

PLANT and CAKE SALE

Saturday 10th June 11am-1pm
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PFA second hand uniform sale

- Beautiful hand tied home grown bouquets by Melanie Farrow.
- Wildlife themed objects made in Tech Tuesday.
- Plants and unusual garden ornaments Bird and Bay, Lymm.



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Noticeboard for Parents

Grammar Gym Opening Times:

Please note that the Grammar Gym is open to the public during half-term week between the hours of 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (except for the Bank Holiday on the 29th May). Under 18's can pay just £5 each and enjoy, gym, badminton, table tennis or football.

Forthcoming dates for June 2023

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



Mon 05.06.2023	School Re-Opens after Half-Term
Thurs 08.06.2023	Y8 Translation Bee Regional Finals
Wed 07.06.2023 – Fri 09.06.2023	Y7 and Y8 Exams
Sat 10.06.2023	PFA Plant & Cake Sale @ 11am
Tue 13.06.2023	Chinese Trip to Chinatown
Tue 13.06.2023	Y8 Parents Meeting for Barcelona Trip @ 7pm
Wed 14.06.2023 & Wed 21.06.2023	Y8 Philosophy Visit to the Sri Gobind Singh Gurdwara Education & Cultural Centre
Thurs 22.06.2023	Y12 Trip to watch 'LEAR' at Shakespeare North Playhouse
Fri 23.06.2023	Geography Trip to Llandudno
Tue 27.06.2023	Y8 SEAL Day
Tue 27.06.2023	KS3 Production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Wed 28.06.2023 - Fri 30.06.2023	Y12 Geology Trip to the Vale of Eden
Fri 30.06.2023	School closes at 12.20pm for Staff Training

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