



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

A Grammar School with Academy Status
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Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 2RS

24th November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As I write, a long-anticipated pause in the Middle East Conflict has come into effect. It is more important than ever to hold in our hearts, thoughts and prayers those caught up in this conflict and Mr Hall (Deputy Head) will be echoing these sentiments next week in assemblies.

As you are aware, in August AGSB celebrated record results at GCSE and A level. I would, however, like to draw Parents and Carers attention to a number of brief points at this juncture, if I may. The Department for Education have officially released their analysis of the 2023 exam results; we are extremely proud to announce that our School's Progress 8 score has been confirmed as 1.14 which places us in the top 1% of Schools nationally (for progress at GCSE). A score of +1 means that pupils at AGSB achieve one grade higher in each qualification than other similar pupils nationally. This is testament to the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place at AGSB each and every day.

My thanks to all AGSB Alumni who visited the School over the last two weeks. Our students benefit so much from hearing about 'real world' career pathways and experiences.

The co-curricular programme continues to gain pace and it is fantastic to observe the myriad of events taking place each lunchtime – many led by the students themselves. This week our whole School production of West Side Story takes centre stage, and I am look forward to attending this evening. I know how much hard work students and staff have put into this production and for each evening to be sold out is testament to the growing reputation of drama at AGSB.

In sport, students continue to excel in a range of sports. AGSB has enjoyed great success in recent weeks in table tennis, badminton, hockey, basketball, football and rugby. Special mention to the 1st XI football team who are through to the last 32 in the National Cup and the last 16 in the Greater Manchester Cup. Well done also to the Senior Indoor Hockey Squad who have reached the National Finals after defeating MGS in the Regional Final last Friday.

Finally, I sincerely believe all students at AGSB know in their hearts what it is to be a true 'Altrinchamian', especially in terms of living out the School value of 'Respect'. It is disappointing to report that although we celebrated Anti-bullying Week last week, there were a small number of instances involving students being unpleasant and hurtful to others. Our aim at AGSB is to create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour and positive relationships, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment. As the Lebanese-American thinker and poet Kahlil Gibran said: "Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution".

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



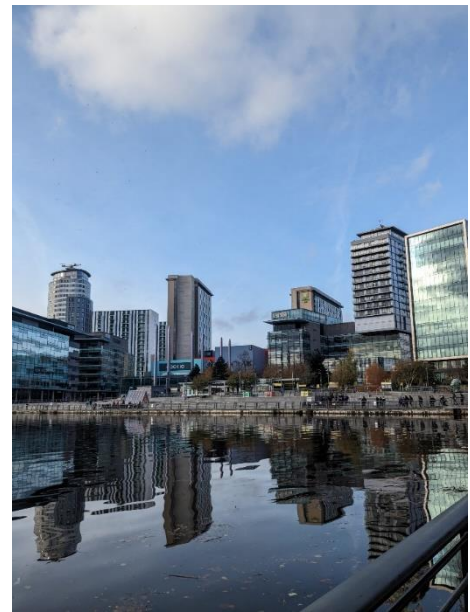
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Geography Field Trip



Last week the Geography Department took the whole of Year 9 off timetable to investigate the effects of regeneration on Salford. The students were given a short talk in school prior to departure providing them with a fascinating insight to the changes that Salford has gone through over the last 200 years.



Once the students arrived at Media City, they were given a tour of the major landmarks that have been built since the early 2000's and had the opportunity to collect some primary data. They were able to conduct Environmental Quality Surveys as well as think about the different user groups for the sites they were investigating. After a short lunch break the students were back at it, hard at work conducting pedestrian counts and surveys. This data will then be used in the classroom to write up a Geographical enquiry to ascertain how sustainable the regeneration of Salford has been. Overall, the students had a great time conducting fieldwork for the time and the teachers were very grateful that it did not rain!

Mr P Williams
Geography Department

Year 9 Public Speaking House Competition



The Year 9 House public speaking competition took place this lunchtime, debating the motion "*Healthcare workers should not be allowed to strike.*"

The winning team this week was the opposition – Pratham M, Yilin L, Asadulla M and Naitik M (Bradbury and Tatton). Congratulations!

The judges felt that the argument made was well-prepared. Star performer was Pratham who the judges considered to have used a well put together argument; comprehensive detail and used his time properly. They also commented on his convincing and well-paced style. Runner up for



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the team was Naitik who responded well to questions, offering assured responses with particularly good use of statistics.

Star performer for the Proposition was Noah who was able to accept the points made by the opposition and use these to build on his argument. Arnav B was also highlighted for his emotive and passionate argument style.

Thank you to today's judges: Mr Harrison, Miss Harris, Miss Smith, Alfie B (Y12) and Leo F (Y11).

The scores from today are: 1st Bradbury; 2nd Tatton; 3rd Massey; 4th Stamford.

Mrs C Mahony
Teacher of English and Library Co-Ordinator

Future Chef Competition



Many congratulations to Harry in Year 11 who won the Springboard Future Chef Regional Final and now goes through to the next round with a Chef mentor.



(Left) Another eventful lunchtime this week with 6th Form House University Challenge and (below) another excellent meeting for the History & Politics Society.





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AGSB Languages



Well done to our Year 9 students, who took part in the national GCHQ Languages Competition. Out of over 2000 teams in the country, AGSB had a team who was placed 62nd! Congratulations to Tahmeed, Eric, Maanas and Jun, who were in the AGSB winning team. Also well done to Jacky, who was placed one of the top students in the country!

We look forward to the GCHQ Christmas competition.

Sporting Achievements



Left) Well done to Sol J (7LE) who recently won a silver medal for patterns at the TKD UK Championship in the age 10 -12 Black belt category. Sol has also trained with the England squad.



(Right) Congratulations to Joseph S (9CD) who has not only passed his Grade 5 theory, but has also passed his Grade 6 Piano exams in a matter of a couple of months. Well done Joseph!

West Side Story 23rd - 25th November



A standing ovation for Opening Night of West Side Story last night!

Well done to everyone involved – two more performances to go 😊





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AGSB Sports

Rugby



The U14 and U15 Rugby teams have experienced some good successes over the last two weeks. The U15s progressed in the National Bowl with a convincing win over Weaverham School. This was followed up with a great performance against The Grange.

The U14s have had some fantastic games throughout the season, regularly scoring over 20 points a game, the recent win against MGS being the pick of the bunch.

To date, AGSB have competed in over 50 games of rugby across all age groups. The levels of commitment shown has been superb. Well done to all involved.

Football



The AGSB Year 8 football team had a great start to the Greater Manchester Cup campaign last week with a convincing 9-1 win over Altrincham College or Arts.



Right - Huge second half performance and AGSB come away 5-0 winners! On to the next round!



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1st XI: Into the last 32 in the country in the ESFA. Game is to be played vs Wilmslow next Friday 1st December 1.30pm KO @ Wilmslow.

Also into the quarter final of the Greater Manchester Cup – AGSB drawn vs Trinity High School. Date TBC.

U15: Into the last 16 of the Greater Manchester Cup. Awaiting opponents.

In the 3rd round of the Cheshire Cup vs Culcheth School.

U13: Playing Wellington School next Tuesday, 2pm KO @ home in the Greater Manchester Cup Round 2.

U14 + U12 - Awaiting opponents in the Greater Manchester Plate Competition.

Hockey



Fantastic result for the U18 Hockey squad last week. They are now North West Champions, beating Manchester Grammar School in the final 4-2. They are now off to the National Finals, good luck!

Old Altrinchamians



(Left) It was fantastic to welcome back Old Alt, Parmesh Gajjar last week. He talked about his journey after AGSB to study Maths at Cambridge University. He has used his Maths Degree to forge a fantastic career and is currently the principal scientist at Seda Pharmaceutical Services.

(Right) It was standing room only at lunchtime this week as Old Alt and Head of Engineering Design at Morson Projects – Chris Summers CEng MIMechE – delivered a fantastic talk on Aerospace Engineering to students across all Year Groups.





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SEND Support at AGSB



You can arrange an appointment to discuss a SEND issue, either at our weekly virtual SEND Clinic (Thursdays 1:30pm- 3:00pm) or at another suitable time.

Financial Support at AGSB

You can apply for Free School Meals [here](#).

You can find out more about Pupil Premium support for Y7-Y11 [here](#).



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

Noticeboard for Parents

Parking and Traffic

A reminder that there is no parking for Parents/Carers on the School site during the school day. Our reception staff field regular complaints from annoyed residents about irresponsible parking far more often than we would like. If parents who drive their son to school could also be mindful of our neighbours, and park safely and legally when pulling over to drop off and pick up, we would be extremely grateful.

It also gets congested around the School gates when the buses arrive and leave, so please do avoid these areas if you can.

Please note that unless you have express permission, the Grammar car park is purely for the use of **AGSB Staff and Visitors** between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm. We are again experiencing high volumes of people driving into the car park to drop off/collect their son(s), often at high speed which is a danger to both staff and students who walk through the car park to the School.

Thank you for your help with this, it is much appreciated.



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Board Games Required!



Bananagrams Club started up again in the library this week. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any spare board games, please

AGSB PFA Christmas Fair



*It's that time of the year again when the AGSB PFA are delighted to invite you to our ever-popular annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 3rd December 2023 12noon-3pm at AGSB***

Remember that Friday 1st December is 'non-uniform day' in return for the boys bringing a donation of chocolates and a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for the Tombola stalls.

If you are unable to donate, any help on the stall on the day for an hour would be much appreciated. Please complete the [ONLINE FORM HERE](#). If you are unable to do either, you can make a monetary donation on ParentPay ("PFA1 - PFA Donations") where all donations go to the PFA directly. Any form of donations, whether it is time, effort or money, goes directly to benefit the boys.

Our contact details for the Made at Home Stall: Ravi Parupudi: 07545819799: ravishankarurp@gmail.com
PFA: pfaagsb@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your support.

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New House Sponsors



We are delighted to announce that we have a new sponsor for Massey House. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs S Gupta from TaxAssist Accountants who are now the proud sponsors of Massey House.





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Calendar Dates

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

Forthcoming Key Dates are:



- * 23.11.2023 – 25.11.2023: West Side Story - 7.30pm
- * 25.11.2023: PFA Snowflake Ball, Bowdon Rugby Club
- * 27.11.2023 – 01.12.2023: Y11 Language Speaking Exams
- * 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023: Years 7 – 11 Flu Vaccinations
- * 30.11.2023: Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm
- * 01.12.2023 – 02.12.2023: Cross Country National Finals, Woodbridge School, Ipswich
- * 03.12.2023: National Concert Band Festival, Warwick School
- * 03.12.2023: PFA Christmas Fair 12noon to 3pm
- * 04.12.2023: 6th Form Politics Trip to Polecon
- * 05.12.2023: Y13 Biology Trip to Bragg Centre
- * 07.12.2023: Y13 Parents' Evening
- * 11.12.2023 & 21.12.2023: Y11 Exams
- * 19.12.2023: A Level Awards Evening 5pm
- * 20.12.2023: School Christmas Lunch for Students
- * 21.12.2023: School Closes for Christmas 12.20pm

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