



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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12th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope that you all enjoyed the Coronation long weekend.

As we approach the public examination season, may I take this opportunity of wishing all Year 11 and Year 13 students every success in the forthcoming couple of months.

Earlier today, Year 13 said their final farewells as they embarked on study leave for the final time. It was both a fun and a poignant occasion as our leavers (dressed in Hawaiian Shirts and their AGSB green blazers) descended on the Stamford Hall for the now traditional 'Leavers Breakfast'. This was followed by amusing speeches from Mr Murray (Head of 6th Form) and the Head Prefect who both took the time to thank all staff and students for their contributions throughout their time at the school and especially whilst attending the 6th Form. It was also fitting that the Chairman of the Old Altrinchamian's Society, Christian James, was present to say a few words on the importance of staying in touch.

Over the past week, the return trip of the Spanish Exchange took place. Ms Mattison, Ms Cooke and Mr Cummins took 24 Year 10 and Year 12 students to Barcelona. The students stayed with their host families and got to experience the Spanish language and culture in person. During the week, the students visited some of the most emblematic sites such as the Nou Camp, Park Guell and the Dali Museum in Figueres. Overall, a fantastic trip which was enjoyed by all.

Last Tuesday, we held the 27th AGSB Oxbridge Information evening in the Coleman Hall. The evening was expertly delivered by Dr Richard Partington (Senior Tutor, Churchill College, Cambridge) and Dr Peter Claus (Senior Research Fellow, Pembroke College Oxford). It was marvellous to welcome so many students and parents not only from AGSB, but also from North Cestrian School, Stretford Grammar, Sale Grammar, Loreto Grammar, AGGS, Lymm High and Wellington School.

The cricket season has started very well with excellent victories against the likes of King's Macclesfield, Birkenhead School and The Grange. The Year 8 squad are currently on tour in the Midlands taking in matches against Bishop Vesey, King Edward's School and Bablake. Finally, on the subject of cricket, it is extremely encouraging that a number of AGSB students from across all age groups have been selected to play for Cheshire this season.

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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AGSB Engineering Society



Last Thursday in Engineering Society, students presented their final projects for a Silver CREST award.

CREST is a scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. It's a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects and over the last 2 to 3 months the engineers at EngSoc have been planning, designing, manufacturing, and evaluating a project of their own choice. In the end the group made 4 projects.

The hardest part for the CREST award, it seems, was thinking of a good and suitable idea as well as how to design it but in the end the four groups (BBY, A&B, TBB and Mandem) decided to make a self-driving car; an electronic seismometer; a digital clock, and a wheelchair respectively. In the end, after a hard decision, BBY won the competition for the best project competition with their automated car!

The photos are of the 2nd place seismometer project; Harris A demonstrating the winning project and the committee behind it all.

Dawei He (12PT) & Faaris Haque (13GH)



Astrio Pi Mission Space Lab – Los Pollos in Space!

Astrio Pi Mission Space Lab is a project that lets students conduct scientific experiments in space using specially designed Raspberry Pi computers equipped with sensors and cameras. The data collected is transmitted to Earth for analysis, providing students with a unique opportunity to engage with cutting-edge technology and conduct experiments in space.

Our experiment accumulates data from the sensors on the Astro Pi device to calculate the magnitude of the effect of time dilation on the ISS. From this, we hope to explore how this would affect perceived wavelengths of radiation being transmitted to and from the ISS.

Being selected to have our experiment run on the International Space Station for the Astro Pi mission is an incredibly exciting opportunity for us. It is a testament to our hard work and dedication to exploring

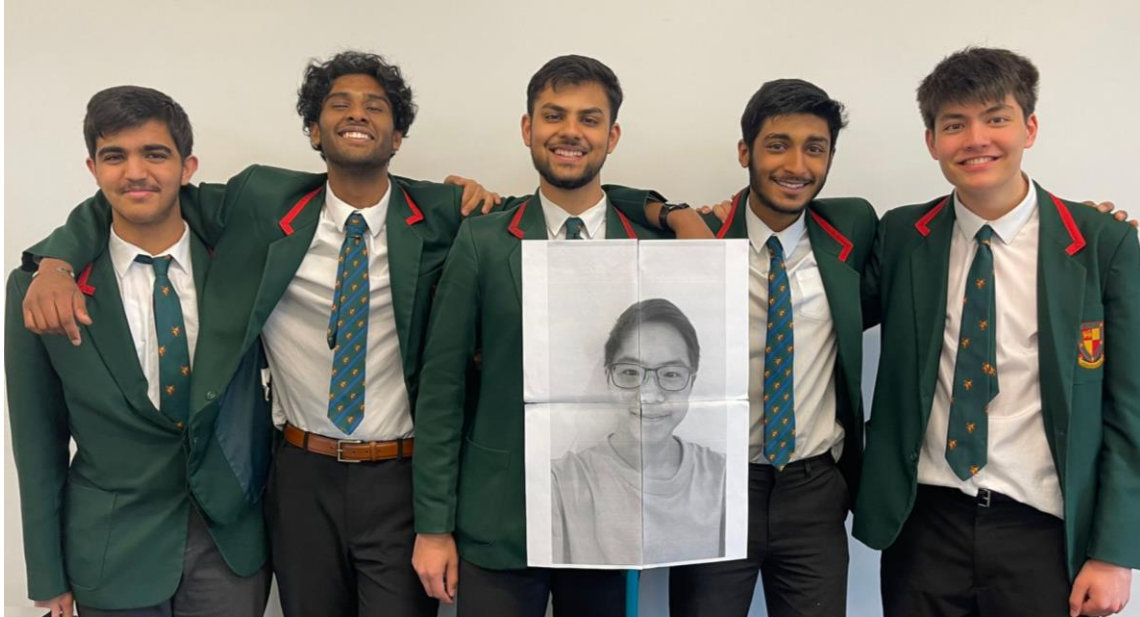


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the fascinating intersection of science and technology. We cannot wait to continue our project and see our experiment conducted in space, potentially contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge and space technology.

Team Los Pollos En El Espacio



Y8 House Debating Competition



The Y8 House Debating Competition was held this week and participants addressed the motion *'This House Believes That: Farming has been the most damaging industry in Earth's history'*.

A wide-ranging and well-informed debate was ultimately won by the proposition, consisting of Yusuf J (Stamford) and Pronoy M & Artikan K (Bradbury). Bradbury was awarded first place by virtue of Pronoy's assertive and persuasive performance in the main floor debate. The defeated opposition put up a highly creditable performance. It consisted of Noah K & Maanas V (Massey) and Asadulla M (Tatton). Massey was awarded third place due to Noah's measured, well-informed and articulate responses to some searching questions during the floor debate.

Many thanks to the judges Ms Clark, Mr Bromley and Ben B-J (Y13). 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 the floor debate.

Mr N Croxton
Head of History & Politics



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Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge



**Barcelona International
Youth Science Challenge**
7th edition, 3rd to 14th July 2023

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Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge (BIYSC) is a life-changing experience for talented young people from all over the world with a genuine interest in science and technology.

This two-week residential program is held annually in Barcelona, a vibrant city with a scientific and technological ecosystem of international relevance composed by top-ranked universities and world-class research centres.

BIYSC is designed for an international group of 150 brilliant young students with high interest in science and technology, aged between 16 and 18 years old and once again we are pleased to say that 8 of our Year 11 and Year 12 students have been selected to participate, Abhinav G; Aiyush G, Arnav G; Jamie L-B; Dhruv P; Vikash J; Abhilash E and Nevin R. There was a record number of successful applicants this year from AGSB and we know that the 8 who have been selected are going to have an amazing time and will gain new knowledge allowing them to broaden their perspectives and become more open minded.

We wish them all the very best!

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*



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Year 11 Study Leave



And so, Year 11 left yesterday, to begin their Study Leave ahead of their GCSE Exams. We wish them the very best of luck in the forthcoming weeks.

Year 13's Last Day!



This morning we said goodbye to the Class of 2023, a delightful Year Group who have achieved so much over the past 7 years. They spent their final morning in School at the traditional Leavers' Breakfast and there were speeches by the Head Master, Mr Murray, Head of 6th Form, the Chair of the Old Alt's Society, Christian James, along with a fantastic final speech by Head Prefect, George T!

We wish all of our Year 13 students the very best of luck in the coming weeks. We will miss you all!



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AGSB Outgoing Senior Prefect Team



Thank you to our fantastic Senior Prefect Team who have done a fabulous job all year of setting positive examples for our students and showing great initiative and leadership.

Head Master

Food & Nutrition



Well done to our Year 10 Food & Nutrition students who created some excellent plates of food during their recent practical.

AGSB Esports



The AGSB League of Legends team has once again defied the odds and reached the National Finals!

A truly commanding display of teamwork and mechanical skill saw the team defeat the mighty Lux 2-0 in a match for the ages. They will face their toughest opponents to date, Thomas Telford school, in Nottingham on Saturday, 24th June. Good luck to the team: Year 13

students: Joshua C; Yuheng C; Taimor A; Alex R and Year 12 student, Seb H.



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Well Done



Well done to Aadith M (9WL) who has won the Getfree and Bluesci sponsored Story Writing Competition.

He received his Certificate at a special awards evening recently where he was thrilled to be awarded for the best story among many other nominations.

AGSB Music

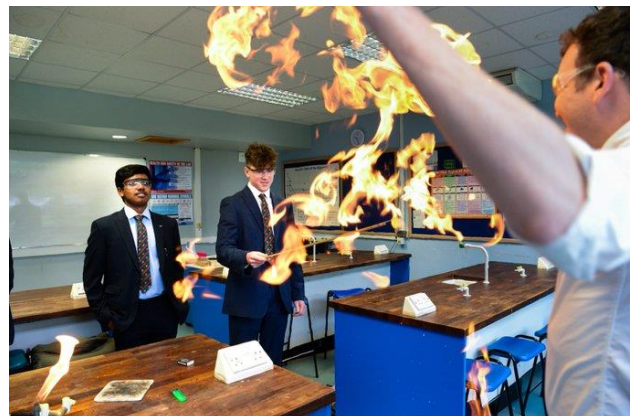


Many congratulations to the AGSB Big Band who have again been chosen to perform in the Final of the National Festival of Music for Young on Saturday, 8th July.

Also, well done to "Ignition", our Year 7 and Year 8 vocal group, who have also been invited to perform on the 8th July.

Open Evening

It was great to see so many people attending our recent Open Evening. We would like to thank all staff and students, especially our brilliant tour guides, who made the evening run smoothly!





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Oxbridge Evening



Last week we welcomed Year 12 students from a number of Trafford Schools to our annual Oxbridge Evening.

Many thanks to Dr Peter Claus from Oxford and Richard Partington from Cambridge for delivering a really interesting talk on the Oxbridge experience.

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

AGSB Sports



Football



Congratulations to the U14 Football squad for reaching the Final of the Trafford Cup after defeating Sale Grammar School 4-1



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Cricket

The AGSB U13s very excited Cricket team set off for their Cricket Tour to Birmingham on Wednesday of this week and had a great first day playing against Bishop Vesey's Grammar School who won the match.



Sporting Achievements



Well done to Etienne G (10JM) who took up Fencing just after lockdown and recently represented the North West in the British Youth Championships 2023 in Sheffield. Considering he is still fairly new into the sport, he managed to make it to the 3rd round of the tournament in his category (Boys U16 Sabre).





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The Manager of Timperley Football Club Scorpions U13s, Rick, would like to give a special mention to several students who play for the team, Charlie H (8PG), Eric E (8RN), David C (8WD), Ehsan A (8WD), Philip S (8PG) and Joe B (8WD).

The team did the double (league and cup) in Division 1 (the top division). This has not been achieved at U13s since stats began in 2015. Not only that, they reached the semi-final of the County Cup which covers 76 elite teams across the North West!

Congratulations to Yusuf R and Dan W (both in 12NW) who both competed at the British Powerlifting Championships recently.



Yusuf competed in the 59kg category and was placed 2nd in Britain. He squatted 140kg, bench pressed 80kg, and set a new English record for deadlift at 200kg which was 3.5x bodyweight.

Dan competed in the 83kg category. He squatted 200kg

which broke the northwest record, bench pressed 125kg, and deadlifted 255.

They both now have the opportunity to be selected to compete internationally and represent Team GB which is a fantastic achievement.



Well done to Gabriel O (7CE) who was selected for the Cheshire U14 County Tennis squad recently who won their Division 1 play off matches. The team are now off to the National Finals in Nottingham on the 12th May. Good luck!

Recruiting



We are looking to recruit a Temporary Part-Time Maths Teacher (Maternity Cover) for September 2023. Click on this [LINK](#) for more information.



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Noticeboard for Parents

Please can we remind Parents and Carers that notifications regarding appointments for medical, dental and anything else needed for absence, ie DofE etc, should be submitted to the School via the Arbor App or via email in advance of the day in question (agsbadmin@agsb.co.uk). Emergency appointments must be notified to School as soon as possible.

Please also note that Students must be collected by parents in person and will not be allowed to leave the School site alone. If they know they have an appointment, students will need to ask permission to leave their lesson to sign out at Reception without being prompted by a member of staff.

Requests for holiday absences must be submitted through the school website via the Leave of Absence Form under the [Parents' section](#).

Forthcoming dates for May and June 2023

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



Mon 15.05.2023 – Wed 28.06.2023	External Exams (GCSE & A Level)
Tue 16.05.2023	Y8 – Second Dose HPV Immunisations
Wed 24.05.2023 – Fri 26.05.2023	Y10 Geology Field Trip to Anglesey
Fri 26.05.2023	School Closes for Summer Half-Term Holidays
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 to 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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