



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

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18th July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

After a period of intense activity in school, we have reached the end of a highly successful academic year. Activities Week has taken centre stage for the past few days and I would like to thank Mr Gooch for organising an action-packed itinerary with numerous activities on offer including trips to Paris, Barcelona and London.

Our Music programme ended for the year with an excellent Year 7 and Year 8 Showcase Concert on Tuesday. It was marvellous to see so many parents and carers witnessing the musical talent of their son's. The annual House Sports day was another highlight, and it was great to see so many students supporting their Houses in another keenly contested athletic competition. The Sports Department dealt brilliantly with the complex organisation of the event (and the weather!), which was a great success.

Over the last two weeks pupils have also enjoyed academic success in Biology Olympiads, Maths Challenges and the Cambridge University Chemistry Challenge where our Year 12 Chemists secured 8 golds (top 10%), 5 silver and 3 copper awards. Special mention goes to Amaar A who achieved a Roentgenium award, being placed in the top 50 candidates out of a field of over 10,000.

We have also seen the start of the unique cycle of regeneration that happens at schools every year. As we say farewell to our leaving students, we have also been looking ahead to new beginnings. On Wednesday evening, it was a pleasure to welcome Parents and Carers of incoming Year 7 students for an information evening. On Thursday, their children were in school enjoying a Transition Day. The boys met their Tutors and Tutor groups, experienced taster lessons in Maths, Science and PE and took part in activities run by the Sports Department.

VALETE

As ever, at this time of year we have a number of staff leaving AGSB:

Therese Harvey Voyce retires from AGSB after 23 years of dedicated service. Mrs Harvey Voyce served the School as an English teacher, drama lead and Deputy Head of Sixth Form. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.

Simon Smith joined AGSB in September 2021 as a part-time teacher of Music and has made a huge impact especially in his leadership of singing. Mr Smith is leaving us to develop his Christian charity initiative and use his faith to impact those who need it.

Vicky Littler joined AGSB in September 2022. After a successful year with the English Department, Miss Littler has accepted a post at an international school in Dubai.

Mark Keaney joined AGSB on a temporary contract in September 2022. After a year with the English Department, Mr Keaney is planning an expedition to the Americas.

Imogen Underwood joined the school as a maternity cover in the Art Department. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you also to our fantastic PE Interns - **Sam Cook and Angus Bailey** who have provided excellent support to the PE Department throughout the academic year.



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My thanks, in conclusion, to all teachers, support staff, pupils and parents and carers for all that you have contributed to a year of such significant success, and I wish you all the very best for the summer break.

Yours faithfully

Mr G A Wright
Head Master

Biology Intermediate Olympiad



Congratulations to all the Year 12 students who took part in the Biology Intermediate Olympiad. A number of the students achieved the Gold and Silver Awards which require a good level of knowledge plus the ability to apply it to novel situations.

Mrs K Crowther
Teacher of Biology



Anthea Bell Translation Exchange Creative Translation Competition



Many congratulations (again!) to Hugo S-F (12WK). Following his success in the French flash fiction competition, we now know that he is also officially the North West winner in this prestigious translation competition for which he translated a French poem, impressing the judges who even publicly singled out parts of his entry that they enjoyed.

Over 15,000 students took part in this competition and a team of 36 judges then assessed the entries. Our younger students can now look out for these competitions next year- we can't wait.

Mrs V Brennan
Head of French



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Translation Bee National Finals

On Monday 3rd of July, Asadulla M and Mekyle C from Ms Mattison's group and Ivor D and Ans I from Mrs Brennan's group travelled to the University of Cambridge to compete in the Routes into Languages National Translation Bee Finals. They were competing to see who could translate as many English sentences as they could into their target language within one minute.

The competition took place in the Lady Mitchell Hall at the Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages where none other than Stephen Hawking celebrated his 60th birthday! It was fierce, fast paced and extremely high standard. Only a whisker separated all the contestants. Our pupils gave a good fight but lost to pupils from North London Collegiate School and Queen Katharine Academy. We are extremely proud of them as they were part of the final 57 out of the original 13,730 contestants. They showed real dedication and flair for languages. Well done!



Mrs Blakeley and Mrs Wallwork

Trip to Chinatown

Y10 enjoyed a trip recently to Chinatown in Manchester. The trip started with a visit to the Chinese bakery, *Wong Wong*, and the local Chinese Supermarkets, where the students completed questionnaires on Chinese foods and traditional ingredients to cover the traditional foods aspect of the curriculum. They were then taken to the Hot Pot restaurant, where Mrs Ding had organised an all-you-can eat experience.



The pots had two different soup based areas, which get heated on hot plates. When the pots



were at boiling point, various amazing platters of meats, seafood and vegetables were brought out to place into the pot for cooking. After a quick lesson in using chopsticks, the boys started placing food into the pots, watching it cook and then eating until they

could eat no more! Doggy bags were organised for leftovers and then it was off to the Bubble tea shop for dessert!

The pupils said they really enjoyed the experience and will be back with their families to visit again soon.

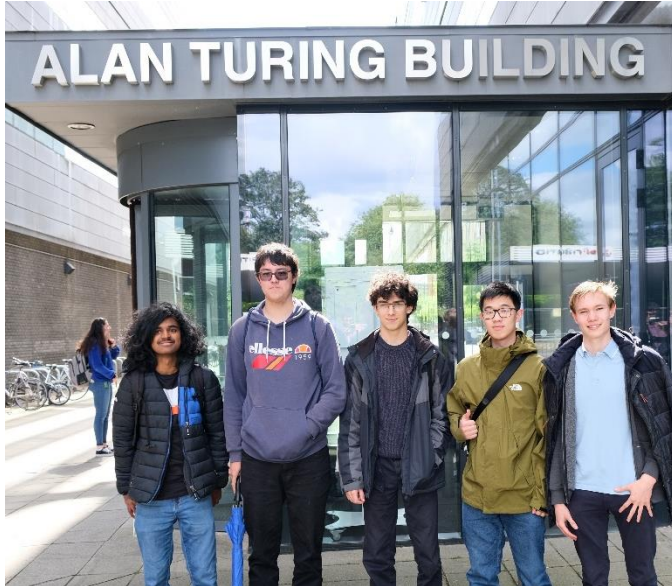
Mrs Ding and Mrs Gordon



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Maths Modelling Day



On Monday, Paco L, Joe C, Alex V, Isaac AW and Amil C travelled over to the University of Manchester to attend the North West Mathematical Modelling event. Our team of five Y12 Further Mathematicians were given the choice of attending two sessions based around the applications of seemingly abstract mathematical concepts to the real world. From secure cryptography methods using the modulus function to building mathematically stable bridge structures, these sessions covered a wide range of maths. Perhaps the most intriguing moment was the topic of the combinatorics of shuffling cards, where the number of possible orders of 52 cards was found to be $52!$ (52 factorial; also known as $52 \times 51 \times 50 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$), or numerically equal to

about (8.07×10^{67}) . For those who are unfamiliar with this notation, it is approximately equal to the digit 8 followed by 67 zeros – a large number indeed. But how large? We don't really have any reliable frame of reference to truly understand, but the following analogy might help:

"Imagine that you are an immortal being standing on the equator of the Earth. You have a timer on which you enter (8.07×10^{67}) seconds. Start the count down and wait 1 Billion years. After those years, take one single step forward (assume you have the ability to walk on water) and wait another Billion years. Repeat these steps until you have walked all the way around the equator and ended up at your starting position. At this point, take one small droplet of water out of the ocean, and restart your tiresome circumnavigation along the equator. Every lap of the Earth you will take out a singular droplet until all of Earth's Oceans are drained – at which point you may place one thin sheet of A4 paper on the ground beside you (and the oceans are magically refilled, of course). You must continue draining the Earth's oceans many times and stacking the paper until your magical paper tower reaches the surface of the sun. At this point, you wipe the sweat from your brow and check the timer. You look on in horror, as you see it reads that about (8.066×10^{67}) seconds remain – you have barely made a dint in the time needed to wait $52!$ seconds. Not to worry though, simply burn the paper stack and repeat the entire thing around 2000 times and you'll get there eventually..."

And that it just a description of how many ways there are to shuffle a deck of cards (not even with the Jokers). Specific numbers and calculations have been left out, so if you are determined enough, it would be an interesting challenge to work out the exact time taken by each stage. Clearly, there are many more fascinating areas of maths to be explored – as well as their relevance to the real world.

Alexander Volkovoy (12SM)



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Music For Youth



Well done to the Ignition Choir who performed in Birmingham last week as part of the National Festival of Music.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Cinema Trip

Congratulations to the top House Points earners from Key Stage 3 who enjoyed a trip to the local Cinema as a reward. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse was enjoyed by all in attendance!



Year 12 Work Experience



All of Year 12 have the opportunity to attend a work experience placement, with many places being offered by our AGSB Parents, local and national business.

The majority are in person and are invaluable in helping our students with their post-18 plans. We have again used the UNIFROG platform which has helped us to manage 156 placements during this academic year. Students have gone into various business sectors such as engineering, NHS, finance, legal, dental, GP, manufacturing, consulting, education, IT/Computing, pharmacy, sport, business/retail, construction, environmental, media, economics, care homes, HR.

*Mrs G Williamson
Sixth Form Officer*



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AGSB Engineering Society



6 medium free-range eggs. And their fate depended on one thing - engineering.

Last week, the AGSB Engineering Society held its final session and students put their creativity to the test by constructing devices in a desperate attempt to protect their eggs.

With cardboard, bubble wrap, plastic bags, cups, paper and more at their disposal, their aim was to have an undamaged egg after a drop from the second-floor window. We saw parachutes, suspension, "wrap it in as much as bubble wrap as we can", among other innovative methods. In the end, 5 out of 6 eggs were salvaged, with only one group leaving our final session in tears. But don't worry, Engineering Society will be back on next year, with plenty more opportunities to showcase your genius.

Gautham Ravisankar 12SM

Activities Week 14 – 18 July 2023



Activities Week 2023 has been another hugely enjoyable three days for the students with lots of options including overseas trips, skating, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Jodrell Bank, Rock Climbing and Total Ninja! Many thanks to Mr Gooch for organising the logistics!



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Master Chef @ AGSB

Once again, the AGSB Food & Nutrition Department organised a fantastic Activities Week Master Chef competition which was judged by the Head Master. The entries were nothing short of amazing and the standard of food served up was absolutely spectacular.

Unfortunately, there has to be a winner, although all four teams did exceptionally well. In joint third were: Reuben M and Isaac R-T and Harry Y and Victor S; second place was won by Oliver G and Ademide A and first place was won by Jacob L-J and Josiah H



Above Harry & Victor



Above Reuben and Isaac



Above Oliver & Ademide



Above Jacob & Josiah

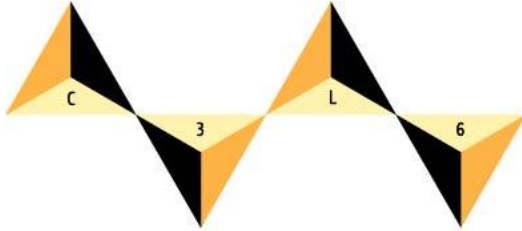
Very well done to everyone who took part and to those teachers who were helping; Mrs Crowther, Ms Blaize, Ms Drake and Mrs Embleton, and of course Mrs Gordon who organised everything!



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Cambridge Chemistry Challenge



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th

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Special mention for Amaar who achieved a Roentgenium award, being placed in the top 50 candidates out of a field of over 10,000!

AGSB Rugby : Thank You!



Many thanks to Mr Smith who is stepping down from AGSB Rugby after 23 years of dedicated service. Mr Smith has coached every age group at AGSB with great success and he will be greatly missed from our Rugby programme.

Year 7 and Year 8 Summer Showcase Concert



The Year 7 and Year 8 Concert was a very well attended evening and the pupils and parents all had a great time.

Many thanks to Mr Monument and the Music Department for all their hard work organising this.



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Music Trip to London



The AGSB Music Department have taken several students on a trip to London, to watch Guys & Dolls at the Bridge Theatre.

They also took part in a recording session at St Giles Camberwell, what a fantastic experience!



Barcelona Trip Summer 2023



Our Y8 Spanish students have embarked on a trip to Barcelona this weekend and are currently out and about enjoying the sunshine and the culture including a visit to the infamous FC Barca souvenir shop!

During this cultural trip, they have visited La Sagrada Familia, La Catedral in El Barrio Gotico and Las Ramblas.





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Paris Trip Summer 20



The Y8 French students (not to be outdone) have travelled to Paris this week and following a coach journey to Dover including service station piano recitals at 5am and singing retro songs from Oasis and Gala, they are on their way! They have been out and about in Paris and taking in the sights.



HM Commendations



THE End of Year Assemblies for Year 7, 8, 9 and 12 took place last week.

Congratulations to all who received awards and HM Commendations.

Well done everyone!

Well Done!

Congratulations to Ruohan L (7CE) who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 5 Flute ABRSM exam.

Well done to the AGSB Islamic Society who have just been awarded FOSIS National College Islamic Society of the year which is a great honour and they have done incredibly well.



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Congratulations to AGSB Cricketers Leo, Zach, Bertie and Zain who represented Bowdon Cricket Club who won the Under 15 Vitality T20 Cheshire Cup against Middlewich and now go through to the National competition representing Cheshire.

(Left to right) Zain A (9SU), Leo B (10JM), Bertie R (10JM) & Zach T (10CX).

Congratulations (right) to Harry S and Rory H from Year 9 who have been selected to represent the UK Lions Hockey squad on their tour of Ireland over the summer. Well done and good luck!



AGSB Sports



Cricket

Well done to our U13 Cricket team who beat King's Chester by 1 run in the final. They are now County Champions!



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AGSB Sports Day 2023



Sports Day this year was another fantastic occasion held over two days.

During day 1, the weather wasn't very kind but there were a number of outstanding performances on the day.

The next day was bright and sunny and we had a fantastic morning of track events. Well done to all involved.

The 2023 AGSB House Sports Day results are now in, and the winners are:

1. Massey
2. Stamford
3. Tatton
4. Bradbury



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.



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](#).

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



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AGSB PFA

Thank you to those Parents and Carers who have kindly made donations of school uniform they no longer required - we raised an amazing £1,004 at the recent Y6 Transition Evening for Parents

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 21st July between 11am and 3pm
Weds 30th August between 11am and 3pm
Friday 1st 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.

AGSB Grammar Fest



The inaugural Grammar Fest took place last week and it turned out to be a fantastic event organised by the PFA and Year 12 students. The "Fest" was a great deal of fun and attracted many parents and students. Very many thanks to all involved.



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Sports for All - Making a Difference Campaign



We are delighted to introduce the new strategic vision for AGSB: Developing Excellence 2023-2027.

For further information, please click on this [LINK](#).

End of Year Review

The 2022-23 AGSB End of Year Review is now available to read. Many thanks to the Publications Committee (which is entirely student led) for producing another excellent review of the year. Please click on the link [HERE](#) to access the review.



Noticeboard for Parents

Important Information – Arrangements for the first day of term on Thursday, 7th September

Thursday, 7th September 2023 – School Re-opens for the Autumn Term:

- New Year 7 pupils should report to the Coleman Hall at **8.40am**
- Year 12 pupils should report to the Coleman Hall for Assembly at **10am**
- Years 8 to 13 inclusive should register in their Form Rooms at **10am**
 - Normal lessons will begin at Period 3 – **11.20am**



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AGSB Vacancies



We are currently recruiting for a Temporary Chemistry Technician from October 2023. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for the role, further information can be found [HERE](#).

Calendar Dates

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



Key Dates are:

- * Publication of results: **A level results** will be on **Thursday 17th August 2023**
GCSE results will be on **Thursday 24th August 2023**

Key Dates in the Autumn Term:

- * Autumn Term begins on: Thursday, 7th September (See information above)
- * Sixth Form Welcome Evening: Tuesday, 26th September
- * Y7 Form photographs: Thursday 14th September
- * Y7-Y10 & Y12 individual photographs: Thursday 14th September



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