



ALTRINCHAM GRAMMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS



APPOINTMENT OF
HEAD OF CHEMISTRY
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Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

Information Pack for Candidates

HEAD OF CHEMISTRY

Start Date: 1st September 2026

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This document is a prospectus designed specifically for you as a candidate, the aim being to summarise the relevant information you require to reach your decision on whether to apply for a position at our School. We hope you find this useful. Please access the School website www.agsb.co.uk for further information.





WELCOME FROM THE HEAD MASTER

I am delighted to welcome you to the recruitment area for Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, one of the top performing boys' schools in the country.

Founded in 1912, the school is rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted and secures some of the best examination results at GCSE and A Level in the country. Almost all students progress to university with many attending the best Russell Group Universities including Oxford, Cambridge and many others.

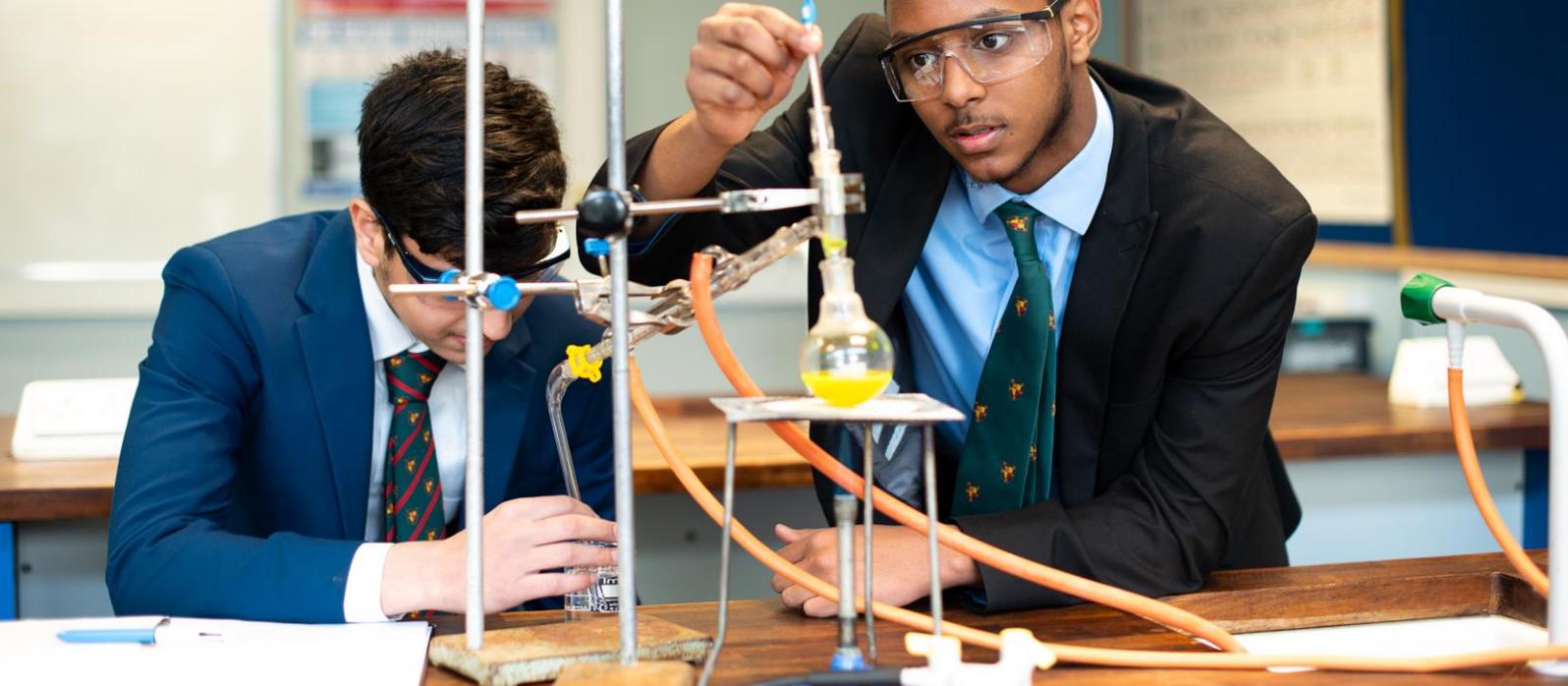
We tailor our curriculum to ensure students are nurtured as well-rounded individuals, excelling in core subjects like Mathematics, English and the Sciences but who are also deeply knowledgeable about the Arts and Humanities.

Knowledge, however, is only one component of success. At this school we aim to equip our students with the range of skills to succeed in a rapidly changing world. All students are offered a wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular activities and enrichment that hone essential character traits such as leadership, resilience, moral purpose, integrity and honesty.

AGSB is a great place to work and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

G.A. Wright
Head Master



THE SCHOOL

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is a multi-ethnic seven-form entry 11-18 selective Academy School. It caters for boys who have been selected for a grammar school education from a wide area of South Manchester and North Cheshire. Pupils travel to the School from Wilmslow, Knutsford, Lymm, Warrington, Sale, Urmston, Old Trafford and Cheadle Hulme.

The number of boys in the School has been rising steadily in recent years as its popularity has increased. In September 2024, there were 1425 boys in the School of whom 390 are in the Sixth Form. The School is very popular with parents and in the current year received over 1,600 applications for 202 places.

The academic results are outstanding and they place the School in the top 20 maintained schools in the country. Our GCSE results are strong in respect of 9/8 grades and our A Level results in respect of A*/A/B grades. The 2022 Ofsted Report graded the School as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

We have the highest expectations of our students, not only in their academic performance, but in their commitment to extra-curricular activities be it in sport, drama, music or wider community service.

We are a school that values diversity and individual contribution; supporting and encouraging both students and staff to pursue their interests and achieve their ambitions.

An investment of £4M in improved sports facilities has been completed and all School employees benefit from free use of the facilities.

There are exciting times ahead at AGSB. In September 2020, the School moved from six to seven-form entry. In December 2020, work was completed on a state of the art £2.8 million teaching complex which is located in the heart of the School.



THE LOCATION

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is situated a mile from Altrincham Town Centre within the Parish of Bowdon, and close to the surrounding parishes of Hale, Altrincham and Timperley. The surrounding area is a desirable place to live and work. The School prides itself on its excellent relationship with the local community and parents. These are important factors that have contributed to the School's success and enable pupils to reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Ten miles from Manchester City Centre and thirty miles from Liverpool and Chester, the area is served by an excellent motorway network and the Manchester Metrolink rail. Manchester International Airport is sited in the east of the School's catchment area, five miles from Altrincham town centre. Wythenshawe Teaching Hospital, a pioneer in advanced surgery, is sited just outside the catchment area to the north. The School has strong connections with Manchester University and Manchester Metropolitan University both through teacher training links and through links with academic departments.

Manchester is a cosmopolitan centre of international commerce, arts, music, theatre, opera, ballet, sports, museums and events. The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester is the home of the Hallé Orchestra, there are numerous venues for major rock concerts, and the City Centre theatres regularly host major West End productions. Old Trafford, home of Manchester United Football Club and Lancashire Cricket Club, is within easy reach of Altrincham.



THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

The Chemistry Department at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys consists of a team of six Teachers and one Technician. With many years of experience within the Department, we have a proven track record of getting students into University courses that demand the highest grades. Staff within the Department deliver high quality lessons that demonstrate “excellent subject knowledge, challenging activities promoting deep thinking and the use of diagnostic questioning to highlight misconceptions.” (Dept Review Nov 2024).

The Department follow the AQA syllabus for A Level, and at GCSE we use the AQA Trilogy syllabus for those students who opt for Combined Science, with the vast majority of KS4 students (about 80%) opting for AQA Chemistry (Separate).

Chemistry is a very popular choice at A Level with just over 200 students presently studying the subject in Sixth Form. Many of these have ambitions to be Doctors and Dentists, although we do have a number each year who go on to study Chemistry and other related degree subjects.

Examination results in 2025 were outstanding with 61% achieving A* and A grades and 80% at A* to B from a record 101 A Level entries. At GCSE, the Department achieved 54% Grade 9's with a further 26% at Grade 8. Students at both KS4 and KS5 perform exceptionally well in terms of value-added outcomes.

The Department has five dedicated Chemistry laboratories which have undergone significant investment and improvement in the last 10 years.

In recent years our students have taken part in the Chemistry Olympiad in Year 13 and the C3L6 challenge for Y12 students. We have sent teams to take part in the regional ChemQuiz, Salter's Chemistry events and we have an established Chemistry Club that meets weekly. An ability and desire to assist the department with the running of these events would be expected.

At A Level, the Department has a strong history of attracting students to study at this level and has been successful in maintaining a consistent number of students. We currently have five groups in Year 12 and five groups in Year 13. Students study the AQA Chemistry specification.

Examination results are excellent at all levels with a significant percentage continuing to degree level at Russell Group Universities including Oxford and Cambridge.



THE ROLE

HEAD OF CHEMISTRY

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding and inspirational teacher to lead this thriving Department as Head of Chemistry. **The job description below provides an outline of the role but is not exhaustive.**

- To lead the Department by developing or keeping under review a statement of the Department's general aims and objectives which will be within the context of the School's strategic aims and curricular policies.
- Ensuring that the Chemistry curriculum at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 is inspiring and well-planned, and meets the relevant specification requirements.
- Taking steps to ensure teaching and learning in Chemistry is consistently excellent, through lesson observations, learning walks and work scrutiny, in line with school protocols.
- To lead the Department through conducting annual P, R and D reviews according to the guidance and timetable which is published annually.
- To lead the Department by representing the subject in a variety of ways, to parents, pupils, colleagues, Governors and the Head Master.
- To contribute to the setting of ambitious but realistic examination targets and to strive for the Department to achieve these targets.
- To continually refine and develop the curriculum.
- Running relevant enrichment clubs, societies and trips to maximise learning opportunities outside of the classroom and organising visiting speakers where possible.
- To manage the Department through the holding of regular Department meetings.
- To manage the Departmental budget and the Departmental assets, having due regard to the quality of resources purchased, the quality of teaching materials used and the quality of Department assets.
- To manage the Department by developing or keeping under review the arrangements to provide for pupils of differing abilities, including those with special educational needs.

APPLICATIONS

HEAD OF CHEMISTRY

The successful candidate will oversee the strategic direction and the day to day running of the Chemistry Department, providing effective professional leadership and management in order to ensure high quality teaching, effective use of resources and high standards of learning and achievement for all pupils.

The successful applicant will be remunerated with a TLR2C and 4 Admin periods.

To arrange a visit or for an informal chat about working at the School please contact the Head Master's PA: Mrs M Brickell (mbrickell@agsb.co.uk) or call on 0161 928 0858.

Applicants are requested to submit a completed Application Form via the TES website which will include a formal letter of application addressed to the Head Master.

Closing date for applications is 8.30am on Tuesday, 21st April 2026. Interviews will take place in School week commencing 27th April 2026.

Further background information is available on our website – <https://www.agsb.co.uk/>.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted with details of the interview process. If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

Safer Recruitment

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to go through child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers, social media checks (in line with KCSIE 2023) and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Equal Opportunities

We are an equal opportunity employer. We are also a multi-ethnic school and we particularly welcome applications from ethnic minority candidates who are under-represented in our staff population compared to our pupil population.

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