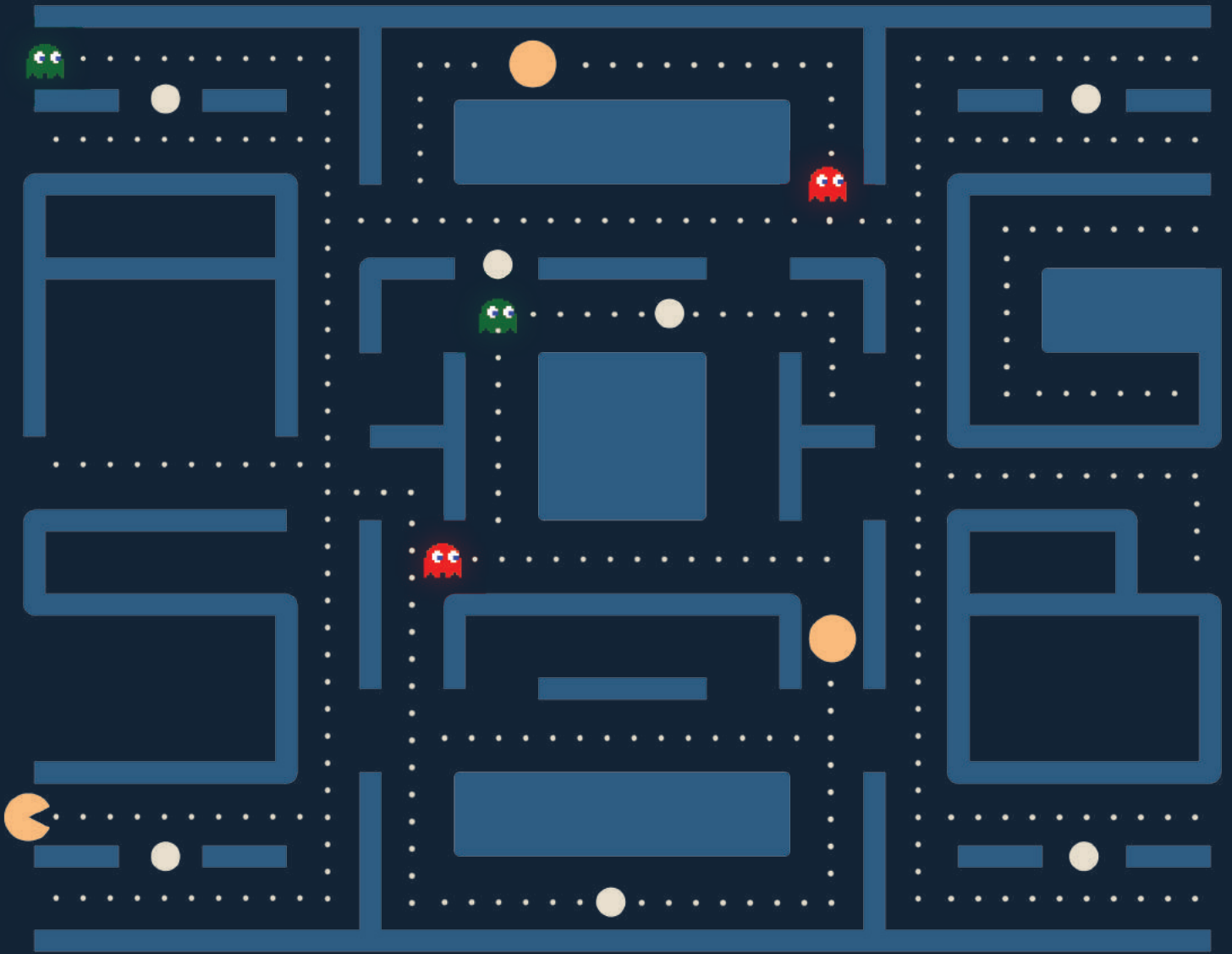


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HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Achievement
Aarabh Sinha	Chad's Challenges Graphics Design
AGSB Islamic Society	Raised £2,750 for Build Africa
Alex Gouernas	Bronze Medal in 100m, 400m and 1500m
Alex Jackson	Chemistry Olympiad Gold Award
Alex Patel	Conducting the Staff Choir
Anish Das	Purple Belt Karate
Ben Yu	The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
Billy Horton	Arkwright Scholar
Christopher Jurkowski	Arkwright Scholar
Dan Haslett	UK Maths Trust Olympiad
Dan Kupurseravic	Chad's Challenges Deputy PM
Daniel Clame	Ucycling National Competition Winner
Daniel New	Bronze in English National Swimming Championships
Iftikhar Chowdhury	The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
Jack Stewart	Organising AGSB Staff choir
Jed Bailey	'Highly Commended' in the Living Edge Art Competition
Joe Blackburn	Junior Captain of Styal Golf Club
Joe Witchalls	Chad's Challenges Deputy PM
Kevin Gao	The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
Louis Driver	Represented Manchester in Hockey
Luke Kwan	The Royal Photographic Society
Luke Kwan	Arkwright Scholar
Nugith Jayawanna	Under 15's National Chess Champion
Nugith Jayawanna	Cheshire County U14 Cricket Team
Oliver Reeves	Diana Award 2017
Oliver Reeves	Chad's Challenges Project Manager
Paul Pankiw	Gained Silver medal in Paintball Championships
Rohan Luthra	U13 Cheshire Cricket Team
Sam Belfield	Represented Cheshire in Squash
Sam Bytheway	Chad's Challenges and AGSB Football Scarves
Sam Bytheway	Winner of School Mayoral Election
Saroush Heudari	Junior Chad's Challenges Team Manager
Sean Liu	Chemistry Olympiad Gold Award
Shafae Ali	Arkwright Scholar
Shiven Arya	Production of Shakespeare at Sale Waterside Arts Centre
Talha Siddiq	First Place Quran Reading Competition
Teddy Donnan	Martial Arts Silver Medal
Thomas Mollieux	Won football Competition to Play at Carrington
Tom Vernon	Musical Director of Staff Choir
William Ridge	Arkwright Scholar
Murdaan Kashif	English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare Award Winner
Zaid Albeldawi	The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

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I have to admit that my exposure to computer games has been fairly limited. I gave some of the early games a try during occasional visits to arcades and more recently had a go on X-Box with my children when they were younger but it has been as an observer rather than as an active participant that I have viewed the phenomenal growth of computer games into a multi-million worldwide industry that is ever changing as new trends and fashions emerge. In contrast the Old Altrinchamian, Ian Livingstone, established the Eidos company and has achieved huge success through publishing Tomb Raider and Lara Croft.

The computer games industry is an example of a business sector that has emerged out of rapid technological change. When I left school computers were just beginning to touch our lives, but only in a very small way. At that time, perhaps a few people understood just how widespread their impact would be on all of our lives (Ian Livingstone was one such person) but my friends and I certainly did not. Over the years people of my generation have had to be flexible in the way we live, work and enjoy our leisure time as we have adapted to technological change. Some of my friends have even got to enjoy computer games!

Reading through this magazine it is highly impressive to recognise the huge range of skills possessed by AGSB students and how they have seized the educational opportunities available to them. As they move into the adult world I reflect that it is as difficult now to predict what will be the next big change to transform the world over the next thirty years as it was in the 1980s. However, whatever the next big change is – it will probably be another change in technology which will be the catalyst – I believe we can be confident that the broad education provided at AGSB and the appetite of our students to develop their knowledge, skills and personal qualities will allow them to cope with any challenge they come across.

TJ Gartside

Avatar created at <http://www.conradshome.com/mii/>



SUE KNOWLES 1954-2016

I first met Sue in the summer of 1994 after my appointment as teacher in the Biology Department. Keith Knowles, Head of Biology



at the time, picked me up from the bus station in Altrincham and brought me to their home in Mobberley. This was no induction to the Biology Department via a tedious meeting and the presentation of a scheme of work, but a homely chat about teaching at AGSB over a coffee and home baked cake. I did ask about lesson plans but we moved on swiftly and the mood lightened!

was therefore a sad but understandable decision that Sue took when she retired and left AGSB to spend more time with Keith. The retirement was busy and a trip to New Zealand a highlight. However, the retirement was cruelly cut short by the dreadful illness that Sue endured with great fortitude.

We all admired Sue as colleague that was always genuine and honest. She was a true friend to us all, never self-serving nor expedient, always sincere. She will be remembered as a friend who cared deeply – about the pupils, her colleagues and the wider school. She is greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

Emyr Thomas



This initial meeting was pretty typical of Sue's attitude to teaching and life in general – she was warm, caring and very generous with her time. She cared about me as a new teacher joining the biology team and understood that to be a good teacher you need to be valued by all your colleagues. I instantly felt very at home in what appeared to be a strange and arcane institution.

Sue had joined the school in 1989 on a part time basis after teaching in other, less salubrious, educational establishments in and around Manchester. She was a fine teacher of Biology but she also devoted a large amount of time, with Keith and other members of staff, on a range of extracurricular trips to enrich the lives of the students here at AGSB. She participated in ski trips, UK wide touring excursions on narrow boats and coastal path walks in God's own country (Pembrokeshire, Wales, not Yorkshire!). When her children, David and Sarah, were settled at secondary school she returned to full time teaching and the department greatly appreciated her highly organised and meticulous approach to every aspect of teaching. Working hand in hand with Sue, especially on the A level course, was a joy. She was such a great colleague - helpful, organised and effective. She was a consummate professional in all that she did but had a warm and gentle sense of humour. It

2017 will see the end of an era. Both Tim Shorten and Belinda Hochland leave us after a combined SIXTY years at the school. I couldn't resist the opportunity to have a sit down chat with two legends.

So you have both decided to leave at the same time. What will be your AGSB legacy?

Tim: There are just so many things that we have done in our time at the school together that picking out one is almost impossible. We first started out in the Geology room, so you could say that we were literally rock bottom, then we managed to get a room which has since been converted into a toilet. So that one went down the pan. However, when the food room came along we got a brand new room with a dedicated sixth form area. We now have tremendous working areas with students producing outstanding work.

We always thought that we would both retire together and metaphorically jump off the cliff together. In some cases we have, however I think the decision was much tougher for Belinda than for me.

Belinda: I, of course was the originator of 'chocolate Friday'. Every form group of mine has been 'encouraged' to follow the example of the year before! I always think it's such a civilized way to end the working week..... I'm also proud to have introduced textiles (but not as you know it) to an all boys school, and some fantastic work has been produced as a result. Also, we've won an award almost every year since we began participating in the Living Edge Schools Art competition, and it's been going 17 years now.

What was it like when you started?

T: It was completely different you wouldn't recognise the place.

B: It was very serious! I soon changed all that with my sarcasm and great sense of humour.



What made you appoint Belinda? Was she the only candidate?

T: In one sense she was the only candidate, because she was the only candidate who we knew was perfect for the role. I remember walking down the corridor with Belinda to see Brian Purvis (the Head Master) and she literally had a wheelbarrow full of things to show. During the interview, she spoke incessantly and passionately about Art and it was impossible for us to get a word in. After Belinda left Brian stood and put his back on the door and puffed out his cheeks, he was as shattered as I was. He looked at me and stated, "Are we in agreement?" I confirmed that I thought we were, then we had to debate for the next thirty minutes about who to appoint if Belinda turned us down. Luckily, she didn't.

What is Tim's best attribute?

B: In 24 years at AGSB, I've never heard Tim shout or lose his temper. Unlike me, who has manic, shriek induced days when I'm overfired, a deadline looming or I haven't had enough caffeine. Not one to draw attention to himself or enjoy being in the limelight, he is the person you would want for your 'wing man' to steer you and keep things on a steady course. He has greatly influenced my teaching, and has been unbelievably supportive in some of my 'madder' ideas. However..... in 24 years he still won't fill the kettle when he's used all the water up!

What's your favourite story whilst you have been here?

B: In November 2011, my form group at the time, having secretly been in training for weeks with a 'professional' coach, challenged Altrincham Grammar School for Girls to a netball match (the boys didn't have a clue about netball, the rules, the point etc). Dressing up (worryingly well) in full Trafford netball kit, including tunics, pigtails, padded bras and the full make up of course, they raised a massive amount of money for Chad's Challenge and The Christie Young Oncology Unit. I was bursting with pride at their willingness to put the needs of others before their reputations. Great, great lads, I will never forget them.



If you could start all over again what would you do differently?

T: For me, the thing about education is that things go around in circles and for me it has been a continuous journey and one that is now coming to an end.

B: I would start chocolate Monday to Thursday so I didn't have to wait until Friday!

Is there anything you want to add?

T: Incredibly in the school there have only ever been two people in charge of Art. The first Head of Department was here for thirty eight years and I have now been here for thirty seven. I doubt the next person will be here this long.

B: I feel incredibly privileged to have been a part of AGSB. I have learned as much from the boys as I've imparted to them. Tim said to me the other day..... "I don't see me retiring, I'm just stopping teaching" and I think he's 'spot on!'.

Name..... Tim Shorten
Game Debut..... 1980



Tim Shorten leaves AGSB this summer for a well-earned retirement in which he can pursue his main interests. Tim arrived in the Autumn of 1980 and quickly rose to the heights of Head of the Art Department, only the second head of department in the entire history of the School. For the last eleven years he has formed a very effective team not only with Belinda Hochland but also with Helen Stewart and Brenda Allen more recently as well.

Tim has always been one of those teachers who was motivated by the teaching of this subject and in enthusing the students. Rising beyond his current post wasn't really for him. In recent years Tim has been known to don his tuxedo and is something of a crooner. He formed a double act with another fine singer, who shall remain nameless, performing at Jazz Nights and Swing Nights and the like, covering the Great American Songbook, helping to raise money for the PFA. His advice on stage productions has been invaluable and he has stage-managed several School productions.

He accompanied Darren Smith on the China trip where he learnt that differences in cultures are not always a good or tasty thing. He accompanied the German department on the Rhine tour and he could see the inspiration for painters like Turner.

Tim is a committed Bolton Wanderers fan and has known the good times as well as the bad times. This year once again seems to be looking up for his team. Retirement will allow him to take advantage of that upturn.

Tim, your enthusiasm, great skill as an artist and experience will be missed.

Bob Gledhill



Name.....Nader Ahmadzadeh
Game Debut.....1983



Nad is retiring after 34 years at AGSB. He has always been our expert at all things statistical and to be fair an expert at everything else in maths. The maths department pretty much always defer to Nad whenever we're in dispute about a correct method to use. Just

whatever you do don't ask him about "limits of accuracy": I think he's got a little tired about how often he's heard over the years "Nad can you give me some help on this limits question" and a twitch will appear at the corner of his eye.

He's always mellow in nature, staff and students alike will miss his chilled out disposition. His nature has always helped him to keep in check some of the more heated matches in chess club! Apparently he once walked into the staffroom and said he'd had to shout at a class. This was an unprecedented event and staff thought it must have been a portent of the end of the world as we know it and kept an eye out for other signs of the apocalypse.

He is planning to spend some of his time with his new grandson and take some very extended holidays. We know he's had a map of Australia on his wall at home with pins in it for places he wants to visit. It was once commented that the world would be a better place if we had intelligent, practical, positive and pleasant people like Nad running countries. Nad for President/Prime Minister/King!

Little known fact: Nad is a national level athlete and represented Manchester at the UK Transplant Games.

Mark Heslop

Name.....Caroline Shield
Game Debut.....1996



Caroline joined AGSB as an Accounts Clerk just at the time the School went grant-maintained and so needed to run its accounts more independently from the Local Education Authority. She retired 21 years later as Bursar of a very large business (AGSB). She had played a significant role in navigating through another major change – namely bringing North Cestrian School into the operating company. Over the years Caroline developed her responsibilities and

experience considerably, quickly proving herself to be adept at a wide range of financial roles and, as Bursar, adding personnel issues to her brief. She managed to keep abreast of a big workload because she worked extremely hard and got through business quickly and efficiently.

She had a fearsome reputation with some staff. Caroline protected school funds tigerishly and would give a "the computer says no" type of answer to requests for unnecessary expenditure. Caroline also controlled my own enthusiasms for building projects by presenting "prudent" forecasts which brought me down to earth. It is due to her careful management of school finances over the past 15 years that we can still get by despite the significant reductions in funding for schools over recent years.

Caroline forged many strong friendships amongst the school staff during her twenty years with us and the affection in which she is held became most apparent when, for a period of six months or so a few years ago, she was off work recovering from illness. It was typical of her approach to work that she was back at her desk working long hours as soon as she was able. We all wish Caroline the very best as she takes on a slightly slower pace to her life and it is an added bonus that her husband, Andy, continues to work with us as School gardener so he can keep us in touch with all the family news.

Thank you for all you have done for AGSB, Caroline.

Tim Gartside

Name.....Laura Barratt
Game Debut.....1988



This summer we say au revoir to Laura Barratt, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, who has taught French, Spanish and German at AGSB since 1988.

Laura knew that this was where she definitely wanted to work and ensured that she was successful. During the interview process she eagerly eyed up the competition and convinced the only other real contender that AGSB wasn't for them. She played a blinder and

successfully secured the job as a teacher of languages.

Since then Laura has worked on many different ventures within school. The School's Language College status was achieved in part by her hard work and determination when locked in a hotel with members of the previous Senior Management Team for four days completing numerous documents. Thankfully this paid off and the School benefitted from Language College status for many years. Along with this Laura assisted in the formation of Altrincham Grammar School Developments (AGSD) which is our Registered Charity established in 1998 to support our developments within the school.

Always keen on travelling abroad, Laura has accompanied many school trips to various countries; indeed she was a regular on the Year 7 German trip with Kevin Pearson (the previous Head of Sixth Form) and Hilary Knowles. More recently, despite not teaching German for a long time, Laura needed to correct the hotel staff when they would not accept the fact that the hotel plumbing was not up to scratch. Who else would remember how to say "I am right- the tap is not working and we need a plumber" after not teaching the language for over 10 years? She also helped to introduce the very popular New York and Venice trips for the Sixth Form.

Inside the classroom Laura has always operated a no nonsense approach. Never one to adhere to the all singing and dancing routines expected of teachers these days (except whilst in the school choir), she has always stuck to her tried and tested method: Insist they work hard and they will do well. At first, she may come across as a very strict teacher but her students soon develop a good relationship with her and even the most tricky customer will fall into line.

This approach has also helped Laura in her role as Deputy Head of Sixth Form. She has worked tirelessly over the years to secure as many university places as possible for the Sixth Form students. Her intervention strategies have often turned students' destinies around and she has worked hard to enable some students to go from D grades to A grades. Laura has also put in a tremendous amount of hard work writing and editing UCAS references, modifying personal statements and conducting practice interviews which have helped hundreds of students secure places at top universities.

AGSB will not be the same without Laura. We have our very own BR-Exit and for sure it will be a hard one. We all wish her well for the future and a very happy retirement.

Hilary Meadowcroft



Name.....Janet Clark
Game Debut.....2005



Janet started at AGSB in summer of 2005, taking full ownership of the library. Since then she has worked very hard with staff and students alike to turn the library into the buzzing place that it is now. In 2005 Janet had a vision for the library and has worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality.

To those who don't frequent the library, Janet may seem like someone who pops up every so often with library quizzes or author visits. But to us who know her she contributes so much more than that. She and her army of helpers open the library every day, she often has well over 99 students in the library over any lunch time hour. Knowing how strict Janet can be I expected to be pelted out of the library the first time I went in as quiet is not a word in my nature. I was somewhat shocked to see how busy and noisy it was in there: group work, debates about politics from the newspapers, student helpers arguing over what to put in the next week's sixth form quiz - it was all happening. From the middle of this organised chaos Janet calmly appeared and ushered me in. From that day on I became a fan of the library.

Over the years Janet has introduced, and indeed been part of, many initiatives throughout school. To name a few Janet: helped to source resources for the popular Spanish culture project; led the literature sessions for the MFL cultures day for three years; organised and led the North West Librarians conferences here at school; organised countless popular author visits (my favourite was Alan Titchmarsh); helped out with the PGL visits for a number of years (she was often more enthusiastic than the Year 7s when it came to abseiling); introduced music into the library to be played by students, otherwise known as Forté Fridays and Tuesday Tunes. Janet was also a form tutor during her years here.

A highlight of Janet's time here was when she was asked to spend some time talking the Duke of Gloucester through the photo display of the school's history in the gallery room. In the photo on the main corridor it looks like they are having a nice pleasant conversation but

rumour has it that Janet was using her usual dry wit and said something quite sarcastic that made him laugh. There is a very naughty Janet in there! A personal highlight for me of Janet's contributions to school were the extremely popular Christmas quizzes in the library. From Deal or No Deal to Pointless, Janet and her student helpers have hosted a succession of wonderfully humorous and competitive contests. Each year there have been so many entrants that some students have been turned away from these popular quizzes to fight for the title.

Janet's retirement will definitely leave a hole in the library and the school as a whole. Her warmth, vast knowledge of online databases, helpfulness and calm manner will be much missed but hopefully her vision and the initiatives she has put in place will continue.

Rashenda Chapman

Name.....Alison Bartholomew
Game Debut.....2009



Alison has been a loyal and highly adaptable member of the AGSB community since joining the school in 2009. She has made a valuable contribution across several subject areas including History, R&P and Geography. Her wisdom as a senior examiner has been of particular benefit to her colleagues in the History Department. She has made me feel welcome and helped implement her knowledge into the new curriculum. Alison has also contributed extensively to the wider

life of the school by, for example, mentoring Year 11 students and supporting several school productions through her skill in designing and making costumes.

She now takes a well-deserved retirement although we are sure she will continue to be very busy in pursuing her varied interests beyond AGSB which include her roles as a school governor and lecturer. Her experience and unfailing dedication will be much missed by her colleagues. Although she may be fooling us all and make another comeback in a couple of years?

Nick Croxton

Name.....Astrid Lavin
Game Debut.....2005



I was part of the panel that appointed Astrid and I remember being most impressed that she knew how to unblock a toilet! At first she worked in the main office doing all the myriad of tasks from looking after sick boys to keeping pupil records orderly. She later transferred to the examinations office to become the KS3 and KS4 administrator; the most daunting part of this job was keeping track of and organising the 'scarlet pimpernel' that is Mr Hall. Despite

the word 'examinations' not appearing in her job title, she quickly became a vital cog in the examinations wheel.

Her unusual name came from her mum, who was Norwegian and I always thought that some of the Viking genes still ran in her blood. You see, the thing about Astrid was (and probably still is) she was a 'can do' person.

She was the person to go to if you wanted help with something, and she never said no. She could turn her hand to most things and she mastered the archetypal 'swan' look, always appearing serene above the water but often paddling madly underneath.

She left us to work in the 'people team' for a major retail company; a job at which she will excel because she is very much a 'people' person. She is caring, helpful, hard-working and efficient. We will very much miss her and wish her every success in her new career.

Pauline Capel

Name.....Ginny Williams
Game Debut.....2011



Ginny leaves AGSB after six and a half years as Head's PA and office manager.

She will be much missed because she has been excellent in both roles. Ginny possesses superb IT skills which she has put to great use in streamlining and making more efficient the work of the school office. She has an engaging manner with colleagues, parents and visitors to the school which makes a visit to her office a

pleasure. She understands the importance of confidentiality and discretion at all times.

Above all, Ginny demonstrates the quality of patience and calm when dealing with the Head Master, ensuring that he forgets nothing; such as the next meeting or appointment he is meant to attend and that he is always, seemingly, well prepared with the correct documents or agendas. She works with pace and has been able to complete huge amounts of work each week; as a juggler who is able to keep many balls in the air at once she has no equal.

Ginny leaves us to move to North Wales to live in the foothills of Snowdon. There she and her husband, Joe, will have more time to enjoy their love of walking and life in the countryside. There will be another house renovation to work on- and we have no doubt that their new place will soon be turned into a 'show home' for all that is tasteful and beautiful. Everyone at AGSB wishes Ginny the very best for the future and give her their thanks for everything she has done whilst working at the school.

Tim Gartside



Name.....Hannah Coates
Game Debut.....2012



"The five years we have had have been such good times..." These lyrics pretty much sum up Hannah's time here at AGSB, if she can get a song lyric or movie quote into a sentence she will. Hannah joined the Mathematics department in 2012 as a fresh faced NQT.

Where she came from, nobody quite knows as her Cumbrian accent has been mistaken for Geordie, Yorkshire and Lancashire.

As a teacher, Hannah has been heavily involved with activities within the department and extra-curricular activities. She particularly enjoyed running the Primary School Masterclasses for the Royal Institution and not forgetting Film Club. As a keen charity fundraiser, she was always happy to volunteer for events such as the staff bleep test and Chad's Challenge Ladies Night. She was especially grateful for the support and sponsorship she received from staff, pupils and parents for running last year's London Marathon for the British Lung Foundation. She's also contributed to school life through her role as a teacher liaison for the Parent and Friends Association, attending meetings, proposing funding suggestions and organising many an own clothes day.

The maths department lose not only an eager mathematician (she always relished a bit of a challenge) but also their very own sporting superstar, who is off running and cycling to pastures new. Good luck for the future Hannah!

Kate Potter

Name.....Helen Crossdale
Game Debut.....2012



Helen joined the staff of AGSB as a part-time English teacher in 2012 having worked at Altrincham Girls' Grammar School and, before that, at schools in her beloved home county of Yorkshire. Helen swiftly proved to be a popular and highly effective teacher. Like her lessons, her repartee with the boys was lively and enthusiastic, and she had the knack of achieving a winning blend of hard work and good fun. Together with Clare Hilton she helped to run the GCSE Book Club

which introduced boys to literary classics such as Wuthering Heights. Always willing to lend a hand backstage, her calm support behind the scenes on the recent production of Baron Bolligrew was greatly appreciated. A keen sportswoman herself, Helen's son Alistair - a student at AGSB during some of her time with us - shared her love of rugby and has gone on to achieve international success. Helen is moving on to concentrate on her home tutoring business, and leaves with our thanks and very best wishes.

Martin Davies

Name.....Clare Hilton
Game Debut.....2013



Clare joined AGSB in 2013, from St Ambrose College, as a part-time English teacher. Her charismatic and highly engaging teaching style quickly made her an instant hit with the boys. Clare conveyed her love of literature with passion and - together with Mrs Crossdale - organised the GCSE Book Club, an opportunity for young readers to encounter classic literature. Her classroom was one from which the pupils fortunate enough to be taught by her came away

brimming with knowledge and interesting ideas. Clare is moving on to focus more time on her private tutoring and exam marking work and we wish her all the best with her future plans.

Martin Davies

Name.....Shaolei Min
Game Debut.....2016



This summer we are also saying goodbye to Shaolei who has been covering a maternity leave in the Chinese Department and now leaves us to start a new job teaching Chinese at the Manchester Creative and Media Academy in September.

Shaolei has had an extremely long commute to AGSB each day from Langho (appropriate) in Blackburn - about 2 hours each way - several times losing her way and forgetting to join the M6 - she has been seen cruising around Chester on several occasions late in the evening....

She is very hardworking, never ever complains and has held two jobs simultaneously teaching Chinese at both AGSB and Stoneyhurst - her work rate is second to none. Shaolei has adapted brilliantly to the School and the Department, at times we all took for granted the cultural adaptation. For example, for ages she mistook the members of the SEND team for Security Guards with their walky talkys.

Shaolei has worked tirelessly in the MFL Department to support pupils. We will all really miss her and wish her all the very best with her future career.

Finally, the Chinese symbol for goodbye - has a real meaning of "see you again". This is what we all really wish for.

Hilary Meadowcroft

Name.....Hatia Miniaci
Game Debut.....2016



This summer we are also saying Auf Wiedersehen to Katia Miniaci who has been covering a maternity leave in the German Department. She was already a very familiar face in the MFL Department, last year she very generously gave up her time voluntarily to give French A Level students speaking practice, which helped them to obtain first class oral results.

Katia is a superb dual linguist and she has worked tirelessly in the Department to support pupils and colleagues and to promote languages. The boys will surely remember her rigorous application of grammar - perfect for the new GCSE. We will all really miss her and wish her all the very best with her future career.

Hilary Meadowcroft



Name.....Anna Sanderson-Leigh
Game Debut.....2005



Anna is leaving AGSB after 11 years, after joining the staff as an NQT English teacher. An AGGS 'old girl', Anna's quick wit and expressive teaching style quickly made an impression with the boys. She made significant contributions to theatrical productions over the years, directing and assisting with memorable productions such as The History Boys. After the birth of her children, Anna moved to a part-time role and is moving on to spend more time with her family and focus

on exam marking and private tuition.

Martin Davies

START GAME



Name:
Helen Armstrong.
Place of birth?
Manchester.
Favourite computer game and why?
Pet Rescue on my iPhone! I find it very therapeutic to rescue the animals.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The people.
What computer game character would you be?
Princess Peach from Mario Kart.
First job?
Bank Clerk.
Most embarrassing moment?
Too many to mention!
First gaming memory?
Daley Thompsons Decathlon on my Commodore 64.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
You should lymphasie every day by rebounding for 30 minutes!
Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
I am a qualified tap and ballet teacher.

Name:
Frances Bates.
Place of birth?
Sinderland Maternity Hospital, Altrincham (no longer exists).
First job?
Working as a Data Entry Operator for Trafford Borough Treasurers (not that interesting but I enjoyed it).
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
Quite relevant is that, 'a boy will always outgrow his mother' (check it out).

Name:
Ryan Cammack.
Place of birth?
Reading.
Favourite computer game and why?
FIFA – unbeaten against Mr Meakin.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The positive teacher-student interactions which result in fantastic progress in all individuals throughout AGSB.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Superman (Lego Version)
I look like him.
First job?
Barista at Costa Coffee.
Most embarrassing moment?
Attempting to sing Opera in front of 500 people in America dressed as a woman.
First gaming memory?
Tetris.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
Humans share 50% of their DNA with bananas.

Name:
Deana Roberts
Place of birth?
Manchester.
Favourite computer game and why?
Smurfs the App - I used to collect all the figures in my younger days.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The brilliant students of course.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Smurfette - she is a good gardener.
First job?
Vice-President of my Students' Union.
Most embarrassing moment?
Too many to mention.
First gaming memory?
Way back when the first Nintendo 360X came out!
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
The safest place to sit on a plane is always at the back.
Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
A dancer for many years. I can still stretch to a good timestep!

Name:
Nick Croxton.
Place of birth?
Crewe.
Favourite computer game and why?
Football Manager, so I can I mastermind Man City's path to eternal domination.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The History Department! Only joking. The opportunity to teach young people with a genuine curiosity in the world around them.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Joe Hart; Pep - sort it out!
First job?
McDonalds; I think it's called 'character-building'.
Most embarrassing moment?
I couldn't possibly comment. Thanks Francis Urquhart for getting me out of that.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
British Prime Ministers and American Presidents in reverse chronological order. It gets a bit hazy in the mid nineteenth century though.
Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
Dodgy goalkeeping. Bravo-esque.

Name:
Raji Gaydhani.
Place of birth?
Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Berkshire.
Favourite computer game and why?
Uncharted, because I like the cinematic quality of it, I enjoy solving the puzzles, and it would be epic in VR.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
Physics department!
What computer game character would you be and why?
Nathan Drake, I want to be able to have the strength, stamina and skill he has in climbing and swinging in style...perhaps Spiderman!
Most embarrassing moment?
I was getting married when the priest asked me in what I would be doing next, and I couldn't answer...so he answered for me 'Raji will be rolling chappatis for her husband'.
First gaming memory?
Space Invaders or Pacman.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
Honda's CBR 750, the 1987 model, develops 105 horsepower at 10500 rpm and a torque of 77Nm at 8500 rpm.

START GAME



Name:
Kery Gill.
Place of birth?
Yorkshire.
Favourite computer game and why?
FIFA 17 – keeps my son quiet for hours!
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The wide variety of options available to the boys.
First job?
Overseas Travel Representative.
Most embarrassing moment?
Being 45 minutes late for my wedding.
First gaming memory?
Pac Man.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
The only lake in the Lake District is Bassenthwaite Lake.



Name:
Louise Johnson.
Place of birth?
Oxford.
Favourite computer game and why?
Monster rumble, great fun!
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
Proximity to my house.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Sonic the Hedgehog because it's the first game I played on Megadrive.
First job?
On "sounds/records" in WHSmith.
Most embarrassing moment?
Too many to mention!
First gaming memory?
Space invaders.
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
Michael J Fox's middle name is Andrew!
Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
I can do the splits.



Name:
Alison Jolly.
Place of birth?
Manchester.
Favourite computer game and why?
Mortal Kombat. First game I played that was a bit gruesome.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Would want to be Sonya Blade as I always won when I was her.
First job?
Clarks Shoe Fitter.
Most embarrassing moment?
Falling down a full flight of stairs on my knees, landing in a heap in the foyer of the Folie Bergere in Paris in front of a couple of hundred French people who all just stared at me.
First gaming memory?
Playing Pac Man on holiday in Greece and thinking it was the greatest game ever!
What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
If you hold your thumb up to the sun 60 billion neutrinos pass through it from the sun, but do not hurt you.



Name:
Rob Kellner.
Place of birth?
Galveston, Texas USA.
Favourite computer game and why?
Intellivision Game Console - Every Saturday me and my best friend Tim would take a pocket full of quarters to the video arcade and play video games until our money ran out then go to his house and play on his Intellivision console until our fingers got sore.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The manners and kindness shown by both students and staff.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Q-bert because he's cool.
First job?
Flipping hamburgers at a local diner.
First gaming memory?
Playing 'Pong' back in the Stone Ages
Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
I am a good skater as I spent many years playing hockey on rollerblades.



Name:
Shauna Morgan
Place of birth?
Hereford, Herefordshire.
Favourite computer game and why?
Crash Bandicoot on PS2, I used to love it because it was so fun to leap around and smash through the different obstacles.
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
The staff room sofas are very comfy.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Harry Potter in the PS game as I could actually go to Hogwarts!
First job?
Washing dishes at a local hotel in Mid Wales.
First gaming memory?
Playing a game on my old Nintendo where you had to shoot ducks as they went bobbing past – similar to what you see at the fair.



Name:
Candice Pickering.
Place of birth?
Salford.
Favourite computer game and why?
Lemmings! Most annoying yet addictive game ever. Alex the Kidd is a close second though!
What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
Meeting a whole range of different students everyday who have forgotten their PE kit, homework, dinner money, mobile phone, folder, coat, tie, shirt, pants and probably underwear.
What computer game character would you be and why?
Ryu because he looks like Al Williams.
First job?
Glamorous assistant on the fruit & veg stall at Altrincham Market.
Most embarrassing moment?
Having to show my 3 year old daughter, Sophia, how the Easter bunny hops (whilst in the middle of Asda)!
First gaming memory?
Trying to keep my Lemmings alive!



Name:
Tom Wright.

Place of birth?
Manchester.

Favourite computer game and why?
Rocket League. Endless fun for everyone.

What do you consider to be the finest aspect of AGSB?
Great learning environment, not just for students but staff as well.

What computer game character would you be and why?
Trevor Phillips. Some of the situations he gets in are hilarious.

First job?
Care support worker.

Most embarrassing moment?
Tearing my trousers! (Happens far too often).

First gaming memory?
Playing Sonic on the Sega Mega Drive with my dad.

What is the nerdiest fact that you know?
Nicolas Coppola took his stage name, Nicholas Cage, from the Marvel character Luke Cage.

Any hidden talent(s) you'd like to share?
I play Ice Hockey.



CONCERT BAND

This year the three tiers of concert bands in the school have merged to form a single concert band containing 60 members, which is 5% of the school. This means that there are a wider range of parts available to pupils of all ages. The idea of this is that fewer pieces can be played with more work being put into them so that they can be played at to even better standard than before.

Earlier on in the year the top tier, the Symphonic Band, went to the National Concert Band Festival regionals in Oldham during which they were presented with a silver award. Unfortunately they were unable to progress to the nationals as they did last year but it was a great performance from the band. Hopefully now with all of the new talent in the band the new Concert Band will be able to progress to the finals next year.

Aren McCabe



MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

Many people don't know that the school now has a musical theatre group. This is a new group which used to be the choir. The group was created to keep momentum going after Jesus Christ Superstar which was a huge success and also to keep the team that performed Jesus Christ Superstar together.

Next year the group, which is led by Mrs Jarratt, plans to perform a semi-staged production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. New members are welcome and if you want to join or simply want more information please go to MU2 after school on a Tuesday and see Mrs Jarratt.

Aren McCabe



JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR PRODUCTION

Rehearsals began promptly in September. Ahead of us was a seven month journey of dedicated practice – all leading to three days of performance that would prove unforgettable for both audience and cast. When I finally decided to join, it was to push myself to do something I hadn't done before. As the first musical at the school in many years it was an opportunity that I would only regret not taking earlier, as I was quickly welcomed into the tightly knit JCS family.

What first started out as a static circle of disciples - heads buried in scripts and notes being learned – slowly grew in confidence as we began to link songs together and transfer them onto the stage where energy grew and the intensity of moving and singing lifted the performance beyond recognition. The introduction of Holiday and Saturday rehearsals came without surprise – everyone was committed to ensuring that we could give a performance to be proud of, and with Mrs. Jarratt giving up sleep to ensure the highest standards we all had to pull our weight!

Finally, Wednesday March 22nd came, and as the audience began to shuffle in, the high ticket sales brought high tension. The familiar, chilling opening guitar riff soared over the speakers. The nerves were overwhelming. When we finally rushed out to gather around Jesus however, all apprehension evaporated – just as expected the 11 piece band blared out at full volume, the lights perfectly drew the attention to Jesus, and I knew instantly that every single one of us would give it our all and put on an amazing show. When the curtains finally drew on Friday night, I knew that I had shared something incredible with everyone stood on that stage, and in that respect, we were all superstars.

Alex Phung

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JESUS CHRIST SUPERFOOD

On the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th March 2017 the school production, 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' went live! It was an exhilarating and a highly-anticipated event I must say, and why was that I hear you ask? Because of the canapés of course!

I hear you all questioning how the aforementioned canapés could possibly have been the highlight of each evening, well, the canapés weren't just any canapés. They weren't just picked out of the vast array of freezers at Iceland, thawed and served. Every single one of the 900 mouth-watering, appetite-whetting canapés were made by our very own AGSB Food and Nutrition GCSE students, as well as myself, a former F&N GCSE student.

Upon tasting the first batch of thirty-two miniature, savoury, cheesy bits of shortbread - which would later become the bases of the shortbread canapés topped with pesto, cream cheese, olive and dried tomatoes - it was deemed by me and the staff in the department that they were far too salty to help anybody's hypertension and so rather than simply reducing the salt content, it was decided that the most effective and efficient fix was to completely scrap the recipe and instead search far and wide for a new one. Another test batch of forty-eight (or fifty-four, a highly-disputed matter) was made. This time, I am pleased to say, they tasted lovely, spicy and at the same time appreciably cheesy. Thankfully the crumb wasn't as short as the initial recipe's test batch! We also made the woefully difficult decision to reduce the amount of cayenne pepper by an immense quarter of a teaspoon per fifty biscuits. For me this decision was purely incomprehensible and agonisingly painful, however, I had to go with what was apparently right.

The mushroom vol-au-vents were also tested in the hope, of some, that they could be made to taste 'gorgeous'. I was however not involved this time because I am not a huge fan of one of the key components of the recipe - mushrooms. Although, I do recall that the vol-au-vents were hugely popular which is likely due to the addition of béchamel sauce.

We also produced some gougères (or more simply put; savoury profiteroles) flavoured with a minute amount of parmesan as well as a miniscule proportion of Mrs King's little red tin of smoked paprika. They were hugely successful and this, in my eyes, was purely down to the miniscule amount of smoked paprika sprinkled into the dish (it can truly make any savoury dish work, so if one day you do find yourself making a dogs dinner out of your cooking, just throw in some smoked paprika and it should - in theory - turn out tasting better. As for the aesthetics of the dish, use a blindfold. We all tried said gougères and I am sure we would all agree if I said they tasted absolutely sublime.

A huge thank you to all of those who came along in March to feast upon the our tasteful delights (as well to those who came to watch the production too!)

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Adil Ehsan



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ISLAMIC SOCIETY: BUILD AFRICA

Last year, the AGSB Islamic Society (ISOC) did its first ever major charity project. This project was focused on raising awareness regarding the situation in Syria as well as helping raise money to aid the Syrian civilians. As a result of the success of the event, we decided to do a similar project this year, however instead we wanted to focus on a country that is much less in the media focus, but one that is undoubtedly in need of our aid and donations.

In Africa, 415 million people are living in extreme poverty. By definition, this means they all live on less than \$1.25 a day. Additionally, 40% of adults are illiterate, meaning they can't read, write or do basic arithmetic; skills that we are all very familiar with, and take for granted. Therefore, the purpose of this year's project was to empower education for children in African countries such as Uganda. We decided to do assemblies to all year groups in the week commencing 6th March that were extremely successful in raising awareness and allowing students to truly reflect upon the situation of African children. In the following week, we hosted our hugely popular 'Asian Food Sale' in which in a period of 2 days only, we were able to raise approximately £2000 alone. All in all, from our Asian food sale as well as assembly and society collections, we raised a stunning total of £2750.

All the money collected has been handed over to a charity called 'Build Africa' and used to build 2 entire libraries in 2 schools in Uganda since it costs £1000 for a library. The charity will be sending us constant updates and pictures.

As a result of the immense success of the event, we hope to make our charity event an annual one in order to help raise awareness and money for the other civilians in the world that require our help, and we would be so grateful if all members of staff and pupils would support us in making these events as successful as this event was.

Finally, we, the AGSB Islamic Society, would like to thank all teachers and pupils who helped support our charity event through countless donations with a special thanks to Dr Evers for supervising the food stall on both days; together we have helped aid those who are much less fortunate than us.

Mohammed Saed.



Having been involved in Robot Wars for quite a long time, in December last year we were invited to travel up to Glasgow to take part in Series 2, which has recently aired on BBC2. After Series 1 earlier in the year we had made lots of significant improvements to our robot "Eruption", but we were still nervous heading into the competition – every team had upped their game so much this time around!

At the end of the competition we were really happy with the result! We managed to go undefeated in our heat (episode 2), launching all our opponents out of the arena in our head-to-head fights and the heat final, with the heat final being the shortest ever fight in the rebooted series! This meant we returned for the grand final of the series (episode 6), where we defeated third and fourth place finishers Ironside 3 and Aftershock by knockout, before suffering some quite nasty damage from eventual champions Carbide in the grand final fight. This meant we finished second in Robot Wars which is absolutely amazing – something I have dreamed of for a very long time!

You can keep updated with our progress here: www.facebook.com/EruptionRobot

Michael Oates

The Association annual dinner was held on Friday 10th March in the Stamford Hall at the School. The number of guests attending was similar to the previous year - circa 70 in total - a mixture of staff, current prefects, recent Old Boys and some not-so-recent Old Boys. Pre-dinner drinks were held from 6:30 in the 6th-form common room (there was a general feeling that this slightly earlier start time gave a greater opportunity to meet old friends and possibly have a mooch around the school to marvel on the changes made over the years). Guests were treated to music from the school jazz band - and most excellent entertainment it was too - many thanks go to the boys and supporting staff for providing such first-rate music. Drinks were served by our friends from Ashley Cricket Club. Dinner commenced at 7:30 with grace and the loyal toast, led this year by Christian James as stand-in for Association Chairman, Colin Bamford, who is recovering from illness. Christian 'lit' the Reggie Thompson ceremonial candle (very slickly-done - no naked flame was involved!) How does he do that? Lighting the candle was a cue for those gathered to raise their glasses to toast the Association.

Dinner was served very efficiently by Sodexo and comprised: Starter - Feta mushroom and sundried tomato terrine. Main - Lamb with vegetables (or vegetarian option) followed by chocolate torte, coffee and mints. Very nice it was too. During the meal Christian introduced the raffle prizes, comprising of one or two interesting football items and an enviable selection of cheap booze. Accordingly as guests ate, the Sixth-formers extracted cash from distracted diners in the name of raffle ticket purchases. Having inspected the takings, Christian declared them "interim" before entreating a further plundering of the rapidly-dwindling guest finances with another round of raffle sales. All told, the raffle raised a total of £600. The Association aims for break-even on dinner ticket sales (and often makes a slight



loss, due to last-minute non-attendees), so sales of raffle tickets are an important fund-raiser for the Association. Thanks go to all those who were able to contribute raffle prizes. Eating concluded, it was time for speeches.

Arrangements had been made for Anthony Taylor - top-flight football referee and Old Boy of the school - to attend as guest speaker. However Anthony was unfortunately put in last-minute detention and therefore unable to join us. Maybe in a future year. However, reluctant though he can often seem to speak in public, Christian once again took to the microphone with a hybrid 'guest-speaker-cum-stand-in-Chairman' slot. Apparently, as a result of an earlier school renovation, Christian had recently been presented with a piece of the school infrastructure as a souvenir. The school property in question bore graffiti mentioning Christian by name and also referred to certain biological details that defied tried-and-tested anatomical teaching. The graffiti referred specifically to Mr James' nether regions and their unconventional attachment point. The souvenir was duly circulated for the non-squeamish guests to inspect.

Last year the Association donated funds to the School to acquire some new microscope equipment to support the excellent science teaching already achieved by the School. Christian presented the

"MANY THANKS TO THE BOYS ... FOR PROVIDING SUCH FIRST-RATE MUSIC"

high-tech equipment to an unsuspecting Andrea Wesley, Head of Biology, who regained her composure in the face of the James charm-offensive. The perfect after-dinner speech: short, semi-witty and not too pornographic. Responding on behalf of the school, the Headmaster updated the Association on the main events of the preceding 12 months. A very successful year on many fronts: 'A' level results were excellent (albeit a slight drop on the previous year's record results) but very pleasing considering the record-breaking numbers sitting exams. High-fliers have always done well at AGSB, but of particular note were those students who had just scraped into the 6th-form, but who really caught the work ethic and managed to achieve good grades. GCSE results were almost identical to the previous year, in spite of the tightening of standards by the exam board. From 2017 there are new syllabuses and exam grades to look out for, which represent the most comprehensive re-engineering of GCSEs for many years. AGSB also had a stellar sporting year. Overall the school is rated as the 7th-strongest in the country, consistently in the top-10. Specifically, hockey: AGSB are the North West champions for Under 18s and in indoor hockey National Finalists for the Under 16s. The U16s team are now also North West champions and Northern champions and reached the National Final in April. Badminton: AGSB are the second best U14 team in the country. Football: The First XI were in the National Finalists in the English Schools Football Cup. (Originally there were over 500 schools.) Our First XI reached the last round of the Greater Manchester Cup. Musically the school had further success this year with the Studio Band reaching the National Finals of the Concert Bank Festival for the 5th year in succession and in the regional round they achieved the much-coveted (but rarely awarded) Platinum award for outstanding musical performance. The Music Department also produced 'Jesus Christ Superstar' an amazing performance.



The Headmaster has also been in the media spotlight recently, particularly with the issue of additional Grammar schools being under public debate at the moment. There is also the thorny issue of money. AGSB will soon suffer a cut in funding of around 2.9% in addition to the cuts already imposed. The school is making representation to mitigate the cuts, but there may well be consequences in terms of class sizes and school morale. At the 2016 dinner, the Headmaster reported that North Cestrian School had joined our Trust - the Hamblin Education Trust - as it joined the state sector. In its first year as a state High School, North Cestrian had 126 pupils in Year 7 and this year it is likely that there will be greater demand for places next year, almost all being drawn from the WA14 and 15 areas. This year Strefford Grammar School and Sale High School may join the Trust. We believe that as a group of four we will be stronger than as separate units in these uncertain times. The Headmaster concluded by reminding the Association of the affection felt for it by the School and thanking the Association for its continued support.

Antony Perret



"IT WENT ON TO BE
NOMINATED FOR
THE OSCAR/BAFTA
QUALIFYING BEST
NARRATIVE FILM AWARD"



BAFTA IN SIGHT

OLD BOY A FUTURE SUPERSTAR?



When I was 16, I made a film with a few other students at AGSB for a tanner. We shot the film up on Saddleworth Moors in the middle of winter - so it was freezing! The film (O2) went on play at the BFI Future Film Festival, which is the British Film Institute's Film Festival for filmmakers aged 15-25. The film won the Best Fiction Award at the festival which was amazing; it was our first time at a film festival, so to win was astounding! O2 is available online now, starring Henry Barlow (Year 12).

From here, the British Film Institute decided that a filmmaker should win their grand prize at the festival: a £5000 budget to make a short film. With the money, I decided to write and direct my own short film. I made a film called LIFELINE, starring 'This is England's' Rebecca Manley and our own resident expert Jennifer Hennessy. I have been very lucky with the success of the film, as it went on to be nominated for the Oscar/BAFTA qualifying Best Narrative Film award at Rhode Island Film Festival, among other festival success. I'm currently working on a new short film called BIG NIGHT and have started directing theatre.

LIFELINE is available online now:
<https://vimeo.com/161274386>

To see more of my films:
www.samjonesfilms.com

Sam Jones

ARTICLE 50

It was almost a year ago today when I sat down with Alex Patel and Henry Barlow to discuss possible ideas for the narrative of a 15 minute 'adaptive' film. We wanted something fresh yet familiar, dark yet entertaining, unlikely yet probable – and that's when the terrifying uncertainty of the much-dreaded Brexit came to mind.

Now I can't exactly call myself much of an aspiring politician, nor do I have much of an interest in the democratic regimes of the 21st century, but what I do know for sure is that the general consensus towards our EU withdrawal is that the outcome was both abrupt and unfavourable. I found this exciting; with so much fear and concern, clouding our country's economic future. I decided to explore the feasibility of capturing the worst possible product of the Brexit in the much-loved medium of storytelling that is cinema. And so, 'ARTICLE 50' was developed, the brainchild of a widespread political catastrophe.

The short film was written in collaboration with Alex Patel, and sees a committed private detective completely out of his depth after a young and rebellious nationalist threatens to attack Greater Manchester in a demonstration against Article 50's delay. I worked closely with a number of different performers & visual artists from a variety of backgrounds to make sure that everything from costumes, VFX and casting perfectly reflected the cinematic tones of this dramatic thriller; even speaking to critically-acclaimed members of the industry, including Matthew Vaughn (Kingsman, Kick Ass) & Christopher Swartout (Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close), for advice about how to establish the groundwork of such an ambitious project. What made it more difficult than the work that I'm used to was the choice to film it in 4K – for those who don't know what this actually is, it's four times the resolution of Full HD, and you can imagine the limitations of trying to shoot and edit in this format. However, I would rather sacrifice the additional time & storage to film something that was nothing less than aesthetically-beautiful.

Although we would love to give you some more details about the plot of this short film, I often feel that the general viewing experience is much more immersive & enjoyable when the audience knows next to nothing about where the story is going. What I will say, for now, is that ARTICLE 50 was perhaps the most labour-intensive yet fascinating project that I have ever worked on, and that you should really expect the unexpected – it's a suspenseful twist on a recognisable genre, and we're very proud of it.

In the meantime, set your calendars ready for a mid-October release. We'll be putting a few teasers up and around the school, with a trailer preview currently in development – as a little treat, here's the first poster featuring a sneak-peek at our antagonist, Ross Fletcher, and for more information visit my website @ <https://www.jrwhitecinescope.com/> or follow our Facebook page.

Jamie White



“...AND THAT'S WHEN THE TERRIFYING UNCERTAINTY OF THE MUCH-DREADED BREXIT CAME TO MIND”



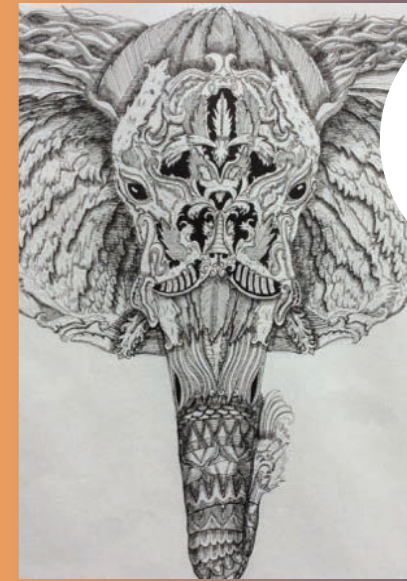
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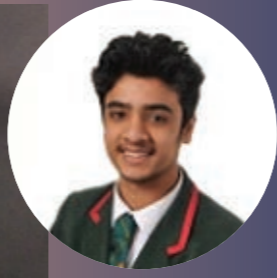


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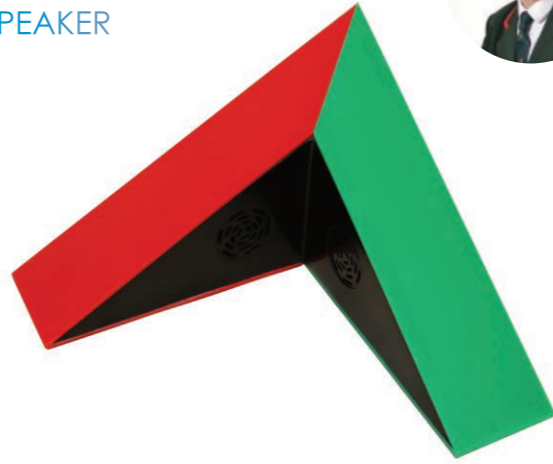
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ELECTROLUMINESCENT
SPEAKER



JOSH HOPE

BLUETOOTH
SPEAKER



SAM JONES

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KHAYLEN PATEL

METRONOME



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY GALLERY

KIERAN TSANG

TOUCH
PIANO



OLIVER JOYCE

BLUETOOTH
SPEAKER



DANYLO SZLACHETKO
BLACKBURN

SCALEXTRIC
LAP COUNTER



WILLIAM ALOUL

TARDIS
SPEAKER



Watching my Year 7 group enter the Technology block with their arms outstretched and their knees pumping away on an imaginary bicycle was slightly surreal to Mr Baker. "We're doing the upcycling project" was my simple, yet poorly explained reply. Sometimes he has to just accept that there is a method in my madness. EDF energy in association with 'The pod' ran an initiative to encourage people to think about their recycling habits along with challenging people to upcycle an old garden tool. The Pod is EDF Energy's award-winning schools programme – and the largest programme of its type.

Students in Year 7 brought an array of old garden equipment and tools and were asked to design a range of ideas that could be used as a result of upcycling. These were presented to Mr Binns and I and we then set about transforming these into new products that would be of use to people. We have had files turned into coat hooks, scrapers turned into pencil holders and mobile phone charging stations. Trowels turned into tea lights, a rake turned into a key ring holder, forks turned into a light and a bird feeder along with a tatty paintbrush turned into a phone holder.

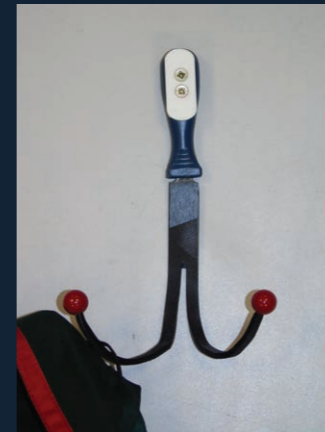
The students have submitted these and I was delighted for Daniel Clamp who won the £300 Amazon voucher for first prize. His trowel into Tea Light inspired the judges because of its originality. There was also a group competition where the class presented their final solution to a panel of judges. Jamie Ross was the winner and the transformation from a garden trowel to an outdoor light was excellent and can be seen with the other transformations. Congratulations to all involved and a special thanks to Garry Binns who supported us all through the competition and helped to get the products looking as good as they do.

More info can be found at <http://jointhepod.org/home>

Alan Williams



"WE HAVE SPENT A MONTH MAKING IT AND IT WAS A LOT OF HARD WORK"
DANIEL CLAMP



'WORDS, WORDS, WORDS'

George Eliot said that "words have wings". Here are few flights of fancy from the past year in English.

Wurdaan Wins the Day

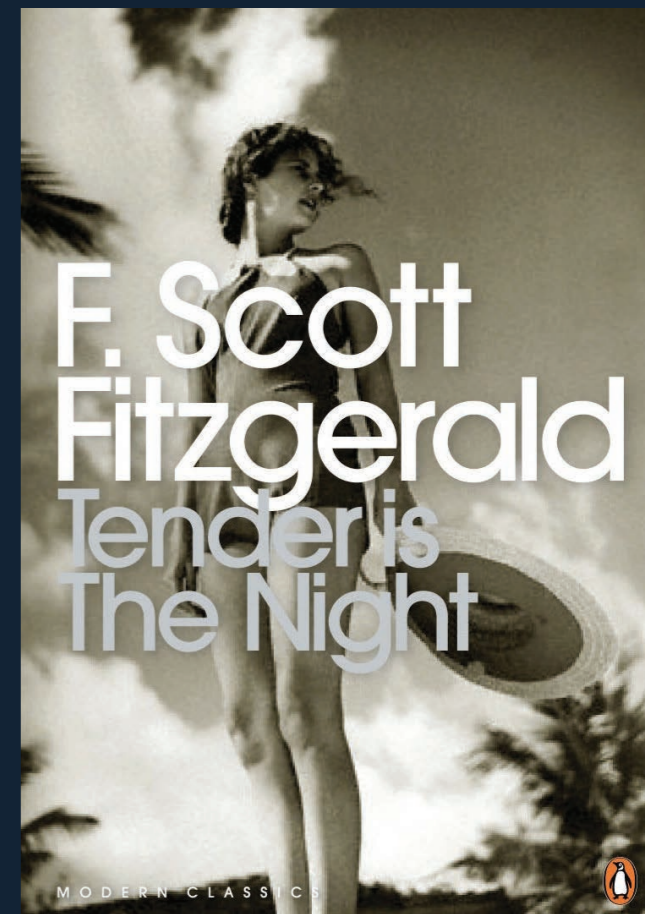
The school entered the national English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare competition for the first time this year - and won it! No one was more pleasantly shocked by this than the winner himself, Wurdaan Kashif in Year 8. The competition involves learning a key speech from a Shakespeare play and performing it in front of a panel of professional drama judges. Four Year 8 boys bravely volunteered to be 'guinea pigs' for the regional rounds and all learnt Macbeth's famous speech; the one where - alone on stage - he considers the possibility of murdering King Duncan: "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly...". The four thespians - Kieran Rosof-Williams, Ethan Anderson, Fazeed Kotta and Wurdaan himself - all did brilliantly well to reach the regional finals at AGGS, where Wurdaan made it through to the national finals at the Gielgud Theatre in London's glittering West End. When the day came, we made our way to Shaftesbury Avenue where Wurdaan gave a bravura performance of the soliloquy and garnered widespread praise from the judges for his authenticity and range. To cut to the chase, dear reader, he won.

Book Talk

Love of books and reading is at the heart of our work in English and that's why the Sixth Form Book Club is such an inspiration. Young readers from a range of local schools meet each half-term to discuss a classic text, offer critical perspectives, and munch through a variety of pastries. Our loyal band of bookish delegates have done themselves proud, not only by reading a range of challenging books but also by placing themselves firmly at the heart of the discussions. The titles under discussion were: Huxley's dystopian vision of the future - Brave New World
Conor McCarthy's modern Western - No Country for Old Men
Sylvia Plath's starkly confessional classic - The Bell Jar
Fitzgerald's stylish study of mental disintegration - Tender is the Night
Virginia Woolf's tragi-comic examination of family dynamics - To the Lighthouse
Truman Capote's seminal true crime thriller - In Cold Blood.
The Book Club is open to all sixth-formers whether you study English or not, and is the perfect way to broaden and enrich your A-level studies. As one of our regulars put it, "I didn't see myself as a reader of classic novels until I joined the book club - it's great to have a book on the go and have a deadline to read it by".



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"LOVE OF BOOKS AND
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IN ENGLISH"

The Foyle Young Poet of the Year competition is renowned for its history and pedigree. A range of budding young poets have submitted pieces this year. Nanda Saravan's stood out for its sophistication. Here is a taste of his work:

To Love

"I try to recall what
You look like
In the spinning darkness
Of seething night.
I see two pools of aquamarine
The sort of blue
That Ahab and his crew
Sailed out over,
Looking in love and anger
For that alabaster leviathan,
Unaware of what lay beyond
Gentle curves of gilded edge,
Light the frame of your face,
Much as they did
That fateful picture of Mr Gray,
As he wasted a life

In pits of pleasure in
Exchange for his argent soul.
A curved, solid line,
Perched upon marble skin,
A smile like Cathy's
As she held her beloved
Her wild beloved
A look like a new born doe
All innocence and deception
A look from the house of Karenin
Where Lady Anna resides
In ethereal opulence
Ready to cast all away
For the right to live
And to love"

Cities of the Word

"When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life" (Dr Johnson)

"Oh Manchester, so much to answer for" (Morrissey)

The beauty of studying the English language is that you don't have to travel far to find its beating heart. In March our A-level Language students visited key sites in Manchester - the beautifully gothic John Ryland's Library - and in London: Dr Johnson's House (eccentric) and the British Library (eclectic). The treasures were too numerous to mention but here is a taste: letters from Henry VIII, a first edition copy of the William Tyndale Bible, sketches by Leonardo Da Vinci, handwritten lyrics of the Beatles, fragments of the Gospel of John, the first page of Fleming's first ever Bond novel, and the early drafts of the "Your Song" ("It's a little bit funny, that feeling inside....").

Language spread before us in all its glory - or as Hamlet would put it; "words, words, words".



Lend Me Your Ears

Debating and public speaking is about to get an even greater boost next year as we trial a new inter-form tournament format for the oratorical arts. This year we entered ESU public speaking and debating competitions at all levels - as well as attending Model United Nations events at Cheadle Hulme and MHSG - and students debated topics as diverse as the ethics of whistle-blowing, the censorship of fake news, and the economics of dieting. Whilst these national tournaments are fabulous experiences for the teams involved, we are keen to broaden the opportunities to speak publicly to include all interested students of all ages. Younger students should watch out next year for your chance to stand up and be counted!



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"I SEE TWO POOLS OF
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WURDAAN KASHIF: SHAKESPEAREAN HERO!

It's rare to win a National competition of any kind. It's doubly rare if you've never entered before. And it's extremely rare if you have no experience of the thing you're doing at all. But that is exactly what Year 8 student Wurdaan Kashif has done by winning the English Speaking Union's Performing Shakespeare Competition.

The journey began in January when Wurdaan volunteered to learn a key speech in Macbeth along with three of his colleagues in Year 8 English. The boys were all rookie actors and did really well to learn the famous soliloquy word for word. We filmed the speeches, uploaded them to YouTube and then waited. To our great surprise, ESU contacted us to invite the boys to AGGS for the Regional Finals in February. It's one thing doing it in front of your friends, it's quite another doing it live in front of professional judges and a crowd of students and parents from around the region. Wurdaan impressed the judges with the sincerity of his delivery and his movement - and the next thing we knew, he was in the National Final, in the heart of London's glittering West End.

On Tuesday 21 March, Wurdaan (along with moral support in the shape of Lewis McCulloch) made his way to the Gielgud Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue to perform alongside the pick of the nation's young Shakespearean actors. Shoeless and wide-eyed in the spotlight, Wurdaan gave it everything he had. He brought Macbeth's angst-ridden, murderous plotting to life - and the judges liked what they saw. The young thespian arrived back at Stockport station - tired and blistered - but carrying two impressive trophies, and a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Roberts for her expert coaching, Mrs Chapman for chaperoning the boys on their big day out, and to the ESU judges for spotting and rewarding an untutored talent.

And to all of you reading who harbour a hidden desire to perform: make the most of your opportunities when they arise. See what can happen!

Martin Davies



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BOOKS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Every year the Team recommend a range of books to keep you busy over the six week summer holiday. Each book has a little (Amazon) taster included.

Assassin's Fate; the final conclusion to the Fitz and the Fool trilogy. Prince FitzChivalry Farseer's daughter Bee was violently abducted from Withywoods by Servants of the Four in their search for the Unexpected Son, foretold to wield great power.

Beck; Born from a street liaison between a poor young woman and an African soldier in the 1900s, Beck is soon orphaned and sent to the Catholic Brothers in Canada. Shipped to work on a farm, his escape takes him across the continent in a search for belonging.

Carve the Mark; Cyra is the sister of the brutal tyrant who rules the Shotet people. Cyra's current gift gives her pain and power — something her brother exploits, using her to torture his enemies.

Rail Head; The Great Network is a place of drones and androids, Hive Monks and Station Angels. The place of the thousand gates, where sentient trains criss-cross the galaxy in a heartbeat.

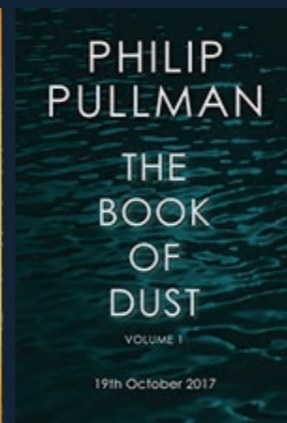
Sputniks; guide to life on Earth. The Blythes are a big, warm, rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word.

Release; It's Saturday, it's summer and, although he doesn't know it yet, everything in Adam Thorn's life is going to fall apart. But maybe, just maybe, he'll find freedom from the release. Time is running out though, because way across town, a ghost has risen from the lake.

The Bone Sparrow; This is a beautiful, vivid and deeply moving story about a refugee boy who has spent his entire life living in a detention centre. This novel reminds us all of the importance of freedom, hope, and the power of a story to speak for anyone who's ever struggled to find a safe home.

The Book of Dust; Philip Pullman returns to the parallel world of Lyra Belacqua and His Dark Materials for a thrilling and epic adventure in which daemons, alethiometers, and the Magisterium all play a part.

Happy Reading
Janet Clarke and the Team



WHY READING IS GOOD FOR THE BRAIN

Studies have shown that picking up a novel has health effects that extend beyond the immediate de-stressing and pleasure it brings.

- 1. Reading fires up your brain**
Effects are enduring. A study at Emory University in the US found that reading a book causes heightened connectivity in the brain and neurological changes that persist even after you've stopped reading.
- 2. Reading can improve your memory**
There's a lot to remember when you read – plot, sub-plots, characters, emotions, your own evaluation of what's going on – and all of this effectively gives your brain a "work-out".
- 3. Reading improves your concentration**
The discipline of focusing for prolonged periods on reading a book is good for your powers of concentration and can have a far-reaching effect on your life.
- 4. Reading lowers stress**
If you're stressed, reading is one of the most effective, enjoyable ways of making yourself feel better. Research has found that reading, for as little as 6 minutes, lowers stress faster than other activities such as walking or listening to music.
- 5. Reading may help with depression**
Several studies have suggested that reading can help with mood disorders such as depression. Reading self-help books, alongside therapeutic support session, lowered depression more effectively than traditional treatments alone.
- 6. Reading can help you sleep**
As part of a calming bedtime routine, reading a non-stressful book under a gentle light is good, but choose your book wisely; anything too exciting may have the reverse effect.
- 7. Reading give you better analytical skills**
Reading is a complex process, involving several parts of the brain as you piece together and visually recreate what's happening. This brain activity will stand you in good stead for becoming more widely analytical.
- 8. Reading makes you more empathic**
Reading fiction will help your powers of social awareness and empathy - being able to see another person's perspective helping to make you a nicer person!
- 9. Reading literally makes you cleverer**
Canada's Keith E. Stanovich, Emeritus Professor at the University of Toronto, is a world leader in the psychology of reading. His research demonstrates time and again that exposure to print is associated with better vocabulary, general knowledge, and verbal skills even after controlling for abstract reasoning abilities."
- 10. Reading slows mental decline**
In general people who read books are more likely to have healthy brains in old age, according to research published in the journal, Neurology.

Reading is subjective and you should never let anyone tell you a book you love is not worth reading. If a book makes you think or feel something, it's working.



IN THE LIBRARY

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WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day 2017, many events were organized by the Library for the enjoyment of all. On 27 February Year 7 pupils were joined by pupils from many primary schools to listen to three authors talking about themselves and their books – followed by the chance to get signed copies! There was a scramble to buy the books on offer – showing that AGSB still, as ever, loves books.

On the actual World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) the day began with a spooky twist – a story from *The Haunting of Chas McGill*, by Robert Westall, was read out in three parts in the first three periods. Also there were opportunities to play games and quizzes throughout the day - the most memorable of which was *Guess the Author*.

Also on, in assemblies throughout the week the chosen theme reflected upon 'Books which saved my life' – for example, when a Sixth Form student broke his leg and read *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone* while in hospital. If these books are good they can completely change your life.

Joshodeep Sarma

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Unfortunately the quiz missed the holiday season, but the festivities were still bountiful on a cold January day. This can most likely be attributed to the excellent hosting delivered to the competitors by Owen Richards, the resident sixth-form student in the Library, who in between questions took the time to talk, and laugh, with those taking part while the rest of the librarians checked each team's answers as quickly as they possibly could. The teams kept their spirits high, no matter how obscure and difficult the questions became, and the librarians soldiered through each marking session.

The teams battled to win the prizes on offer, but in the end only one team was still standing in the form of the 'Dewey Decimal Dudes' a team of Year 10 students.

The event succeeded in bringing teams from most of the year groups together in a fun lunchtime that brought the Christmas spirit despite being held in January.

Matt Curry



On 18th March, Aren McCabe and I were brutally forced to go to school on a Saturday at 8:30 in the morning. We were under the impression that we would be collecting photos for the Jesus Christ Superstar leaflet, and that when the rehearsal wasn't on we were welcome to watch an advert being filmed for Skoda in which Mr. Meakin featured in as a rugby referee.

You can see the advert here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5njKnpzpxks>

The filming crew were very kind and showed us around the equipment used and the operators. Eventually filming paused, and we anticipated the arrival of Sir Bradley Wiggins (sorry, the sob story was a lie) and I was lucky enough to speak to him about his career for a few minutes.



Sir Bradley was the first British man to win The Tour de France back in 2012, by which time he had trained in cycling for 20 years, since he was 12 years old. He admitted that training did not fit in with school life at all, that he "had to work around" school and that he hates all the hills in Europe. He prepares for a race with a standard warm-up routine, but says that there is no way to prepare for the media. His favourite car (other than a Skoda) is an Audi RS6 which the producers were not too pleased to hear about.

Tom Hurrell



AGSB's new History and Politics Society has had a busy year. We started the year by supporting the History and Politics department's re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings which was absolutely brilliant. We also held two meetings of our new reading group with Dr Hepden where we read *The Prince* by Machiavelli in the Autumn term and *Age of Anger* by Pankaj Mishra in the Spring. Both groups were well attended by Year 12 and 13 politics students and also some Year 10 and 11 students.

Our biggest achievement this year was our inaugural lecture programme, to which we invited a diverse and fascinating array of speakers from all over the UK. Each lecture was very well attended by students from across the school, year 7 to sixth form, along with support from lots of members of staff. We enjoyed a number of lively debates and incisive questions from the audience.

The first speaker we had was a brilliant talk from Graham Brady, MP for Sale and Altrincham West and Chair of the powerful 1922 Committee of Conservative backbenchers. He spoke to us about the implications of the UK's decision to leave the European Union following the June 2016 referendum on EU membership.

We then had a visit from the UK's first ever woman Bishop, Libby Lane, who gave a fascinating and challenging talk. After this we had Baroness Williams, who talked to us about her life in politics.

A highlight event for many members of the society was a talk by Dr Aaron Winter from the University of East London who performs research all over the world on far right ideology and white supremacy. His talk explored racism and intolerance in the post-Brexit and Trump world and was the school's first joint event hosted by the History and Politics Society, Jewish Society and Islamic Society.

It was great to sit on the panel of this event with the boys who lead those two societies, discussing how we can understand and tackle intolerance together. Miss Cathcart and Dr Hepden are making plans for all three societies to do more together next year, so watch this space.

Dr Winter then went on to run some fun and inspiring workshops in the afternoon with Year 7 and 8 students. Since we have had the first elections for Greater Manchester Mayor this year, we have been running our own mock election here at school and we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Sean Anstee, Leader of Trafford Council and Conservative Mayoral Candidate.

Sean is an intelligent and engaging politician and a local lad. It was really great to meet him and hear about his campaign and plans for Manchester.

Also Andy Burnham, MP for Leigh and Mayoral Candidate for Labour came to visit us. Andy Burnham was a particular highlight for me. He is an experienced politician having held cabinet posts before and despite all this he was very down to earth and really passionate about his vision for Manchester.

After the talk he gave us, he offered myself and two other students some shadowing experience with him which was such a valuable and interesting experience.

It was really great to get up close and personal to so many interesting speakers this year. The History and Politics society has great plans for next year, so please do get involved – I can't wait to hear about what the society does next!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chair of this society and have had many fantastic opportunities which have enriched and enhanced my A Level studies.

I wish the society all the best for the future.

Dominic Law

"WE STARTED THE YEAR BY SUPPORTING THE HISTORY AND POLITICS DEPARTMENT'S REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS"



BERLIN TRIP

This year saw Year 10 historians travel to Berlin in near arctic conditions. It was so cold that Mr Hall even wore his 'Bear Hat'. Douglas Taylor wrote.

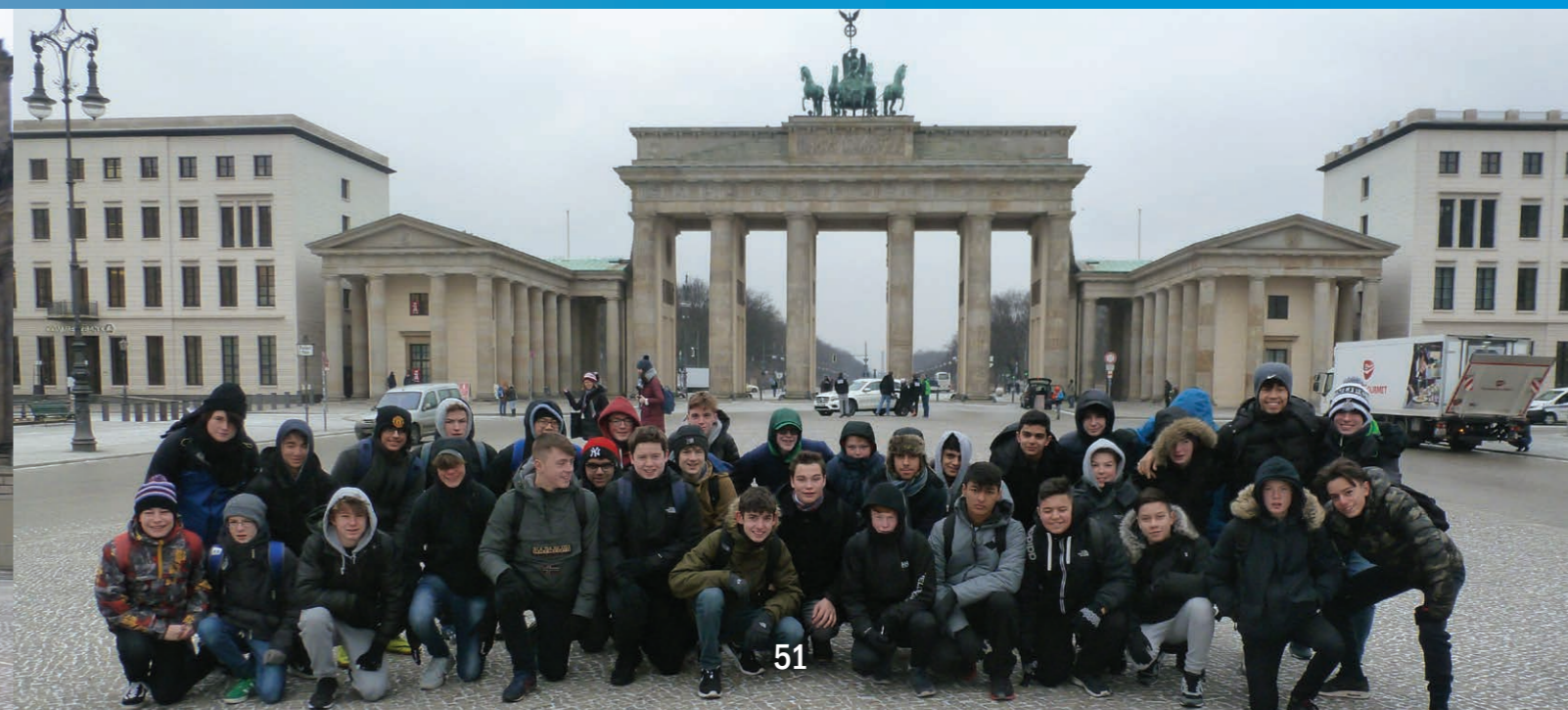
"The Berlin trip was not just an insight into the horrors of Nazi Germany, but an opportunity to have a social experience shared between both our teachers and friends. The relaxed atmosphere gave us a break from the intense times during the GCSE period. The four-day trip seemed to last only a matter of seconds as we were always on the move"

The architecture and magnitude of Berlin gives a real feeling of what life was like before the outbreak of the Second World War. It is really important for students to experience the city rather than read about it from a text book. Jack Fairlie describes his feelings

"Although we visited many interesting, historical points of interest such as the Holocaust memorial and Topography of Terror, the place that struck us the most was Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. When we arrived at the front gates of the camp the chill and eeriness set in, with us imagining the appalling conditions for the prisoners inside. In contrast to the horrors of the Nazi regime, we also had some free time to go around some of the shopping centres in Berlin allowing us time to get a much welcomed hot chocolate, giving us some respite from the gripping cold outside."

"On reflection, the Berlin trip was an extremely useful way to develop relationships between people in the school who you may not necessarily associate with and expand our knowledge of Germany both now and in the past. We thoroughly recommend this trip to any future historians"

Charlie Hindle



VICTORY FOR THE GREENS

This year, for the first time ever in Greater Manchester, the electorate got the chance to vote for a Metropolitan Mayor, someone who would be responsible for a £1 billion budget to manage policing and fire services, building homes and managing public transport. Since Manchester was experimenting with devolved politics, we thought it only right that AGSB should have its own Mayoral election. The History and Politics Department launched the campaign in assemblies and a fantastic number of students, from Year 7 to 13 showed an interest in taking part. Students then formed six political parties, elected a candidate and appointed campaign managers, policy advisors and PR experts.

The six AGSB Mayoral candidates were all sixth formers and they were soon thrown into the crazy world of election campaigning. Each candidate spoke to every year group in assembly in an attempt to rally support and win votes. A highlight of the campaign was a Year 13 hustings during General Studies, organised by Dan Kupusarevic and chaired very effectively by Ali Al-Zubaidi. The Year 13 candidates debated for an hour on all kinds of topics and fielded a wide range of tough questions from the audience. The candidates, who had really done their research, really did a fantastic job, debating with humour, respect and intellectual rigour.

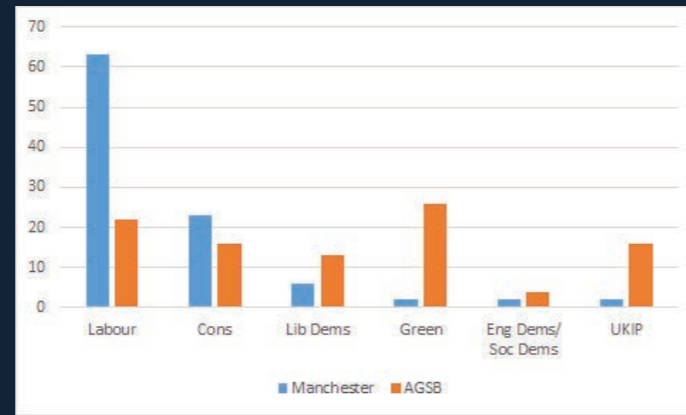
Election day arrived and with the help of our fantastic sixth form squad of volunteers, each student and member of staff was invited to vote in the Coleman Hall Polling Station. The election passed off with great humour and enthusiasm, a great experience for everyone in understanding the democratic process. It made me think how very lucky we are in this country to live in a liberal democracy and we should cherish our free and fair elections, rule of law, protection of minority rights and individual freedoms, especially freedom of speech.

As predicted by our own special exit poll service, Sam Bytheway for the Green Party won and was duly elected mayor of AGSB. Although Sam doesn't have £1 billion to spend like our new actual mayor Andy Burnham of the Labour Party he can be proud knowing that he took part in such a great exercise in democracy. Many congratulations to Sam and the other wonderful candidates

and thank you for working so hard to make this election such a great experience. Thank you from me and Mr Croxton to all the students who helped on election day, those who worked on the campaigns and to other students and staff who supported and helped.

Zoe Hepden

The full results and a comparison to the real election is in the image below:



“THEY WERE SOON THROWN INTO THE CRAZY WORLD OF ELECTION”

AGSB MOCK MAYORAL ELECTION



COOKING CLUB

What to say about Cooking Club, the alliteration that strikes fear into even the most hardened of criminals? Personally I'm not much of a cook, I have produced more inedible dishes than I can count, but I suppose that is half of the fun and this 'club' allows me to experiment. Mrs King and Mrs Gordon are brave women to let me anywhere near a stove after I left Food Technology three years ago.

We gather on Tuesdays and prepare to cook a set dish, but we are given options. Our group is made up of a rag-tag bunch that come from all years, predominantly Year 7's and 8's but a few Year 9's and 10's along with yours truly, the lone sixth former.

Week one was lemon drizzle or chocolate cake. I chose the easier of the two in the form of the lemon drizzle and it surprisingly went better than expected, I could actually cut off the burnt bits as if they never existed and the extra sugar that I put on even made it taste remotely pleasant.

Week two was where the fun really began; it was pizza week and there were no limits on the toppings, so naturally I threw everything but the kitchen sink on top of it and by George it was glorious. A mix of cheddar cheese, sweet corn, paprika marinated chicken and tomato sauce base. The cheddar was perhaps not the best decision but it was edible to say the least.

Week three was brownie week, not a wholly difficult recipe but the real sight was to see the amount of chocolaty goodness that we were producing, it was like a factory line churning out the desserts by the kilo. Lunchtime sellers beware; the Year 7's have come to take your customers.

Ben Roberts



PRIMARY STEAM DAY

On Saturday 25th March we held our annual Year 5 Primary STEAM Day. We invited pupils from some of our feeder schools to visit our school and participate in a wide variety of activities, 180 boys and girls took up the challenge. The noise in the Stamford Hall at 9.45 was incredible however all were safely escorted to their chosen activities by some of our Year 12 students. The activities available included: flame tests; chromatography; being a CSI; making pizza; Lego Mindstorms; PLYT-ing fun; an introduction to German; Brain Bus; the Rainforest Roadshow; and Starchaser. The grand finale took place in the Coleman Hall where The University of Manchester Chemistry Department held their Solids, Liquids and Gases Show.

I would like to thank all the Staff and Year 12 students who helped me run the day as without them this event really could not have happened. I would also like to thank the Year 5 students as they were lovely and a credit to their schools.

Karen Crowther

“THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDED: FLAME TESTS, CHROMATOGRAPHY, BEING A CSI, MAKING PIZZA, LEGO MINDSTORMS”





SAUZE D'OULX SKI TRIP

It was 31st March, and having said our goodbyes it was time to leave on the longest coach journey of our lives, twenty-seven hours from school to Sauze d'Oulx, Italy. However anybody on the trip will tell you that this trip was not purely about the niceties of going skiing with school friends but about laughing at each other every time we did something stupid.

Our first case of muppetry started long before we started: Student A, whose identity is protected to avoid further embarrassment, picked up the wrong size of t-shirt at the briefing weeks before the trip. Fortunately this was rectified, however dumb questions cannot be forgotten: thirteen hours into the coach journey Student B was caught asking "Are we on a ferry?" upon arriving in Calais, Student B, yes you were, for two hours, but not once you got off. Other stupid questions included "Do roosters lay chickens?" on many occasions I was lost for words.

On Monday we were able to go to the local karaoke bar, where not so melodic renditions of We Are Young, The Nights and Eye of the Tiger were sung. On Tuesday, we went to the bowling alley (which unlike the previous year had all ten pins), where luck means everything except when you're the person bowling, and on Wednesday and Thursday we were released into the old town of Sauze d'Oulx. We were supposed to buy gifts for family members, but the reality was that most of the cash was spent on food for the return journey. Because no-one could speak Italian we had to improvise, so Student C resorted to using Spanish (the wrong

language) to chat up some Italian girls. Unfortunately it backfired and everyone laughed at him for failing basic interaction with girls. Popular ironies included crashing into "Slow Down" signs and Student D saying "That tree is made of wood." He must be an avid biologist to know that.

We should respect our fallen students for various injuries on the slopes, most have now recovered though. We must also condemn our fallen muppets for blocking two of Mr. Rawson's three credit cards as a result of him having to buy crutches and some splints.

However, the trip could not have been better. Thank you from all pupils on the trip to Mr Rawson and Mr Cummins (group leaders) and the four other teachers keeping us from skiing off a cliff and organising the whole trip. I would wholly recommend going to Canada next year!

Tom Hurrell



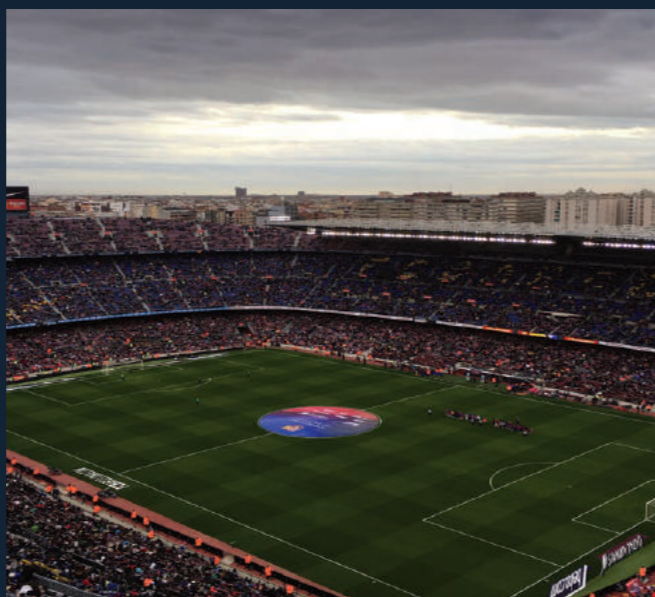
SPANISH EXCHANGE

After an early start, we arrived in Barcelona in the morning where we were met by Rita, the Director of Studies at the school that we exchanged with. We were all pretty nervous as we boarded the coach bound for Sant Andreu; the town where we would be spending the next week. Our exchange partners were in lessons, so we went for a walk around the pretty town and enjoyed some chocolate con churros. We finally met our Spanish exchange partners and they whisked us off to their homes where we were introduced to their families, who were nice people and very friendly.

The week included some lessons in school, for example English (which we were particularly good at), Catalan and drama. The school was noticeably different to our school, the teachers at the school are not as strict but the school day lasts much longer than here. Classes start at 8am and finish at 5pm!

The trip wasn't all about Spanish school though, as we went on lots of trips in and around Barcelona. We visited many famous monuments such as the famous architect Gaudi's 'La Sagrada Familia' and the impressive Parc Guell and finished with some shopping in Las Ramblas. On Saturday, we were lucky enough to go to the Nou Camp to watch Barcelona play Atletico Bilbao (the score was 3-0 to Barcelona). On another day we went to Figueres to see Salvador Dali's museum, which contained some extraordinary paintings! Normally we would meet back up with the other exchanges and their partners in the afternoon to do different activities, such as bowling. Due to being in Spain, all the signs and product information were written in Spanish which helped to expand our vocabulary range. Staying with a Spanish family has personally benefited me, getting a really good mark in my recent Spanish exam! To conclude, I recommend this trip as it is useful to improve your level of Spanish and is overall a very fun trip.

Sam Flowers



GERMAN ANNUAL REVIEW



Back in September, the German department welcomed guests from our partner school, the Friedrich Schiller Gymnasium in Fellach near Stuttgart, as part of the exchange run by Mr Smith. Our German colleagues and pupils enjoyed a taste of the Great British seaside in Blackpool, which included grey skies and frequent downpours as well as rollercoasters and hotdogs. In October, Mr Smith and I travelled with pupils to Stuttgart to be hosted by our German families which, again, was a huge success. One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the Mercedes Benz museum, which featured a Formula One racing car that had won the 2016 Grand Prix.

In February we saw the Goethe Institute deliver a day of informative sessions on the purpose of language learning, and in particular, German. Many modern companies around the world are German such as Mercedes, Haribo and Adidas. Alex Pickering, our guest speaker, arranged a series of activities throughout the day to highlight the importance of continuing with a language and its impact on future employability, especially post Brexit. He said that knowing a language can open so many doors to a career as in the future you might need to travel abroad to a country where they speak a different language.

To help us understand why languages were so important he showed us a series of different videos about all the jobs that require a foreign language and arranged an activity where we had to arrange several different brands and companies into what country they were from. The thing that we all learnt from the activity was that hardly any companies or well known brands are English speaking companies.

The talk about languages really made us think about how important languages are and how important they will be when we start working.

Anish Das



CLASSICS TRIP TO ITALY

It was a trip to bring our classics studies to life, spending six days in the amazing surroundings of Rome and the Bay of Naples. The expected highlights were the Colosseum and Pantheon in Rome and Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius in Naples but with other less well-known sites thrown in too.

Early on Wednesday morning 30 tired boys (plus 3 very tired teachers!) departed from Manchester Airport bound for Rome. The first day was taken up by a fantastic trip to the Colosseum where everyone had a wonderful time. The next days were also early starts but worth it to visit stunning archaeological sites such as the Forum and the Pantheon. These sites were spectacular ruins with so much detail and history. The column of Hadrian showed everyone the battles of the Emperor Hadrian's rule which links in with the Latin syllabus in Year 8. Finally, we visited the picturesque Villa D'Este and Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli. After an unforgettable time in Rome we travelled down to the coastal town of Sorrento.

Even after experiencing the wonders of Rome, Sorrento was breath-taking with a great landscape and the most memorable sunsets. We were served brilliant fish and Italian delicacies, with most of us savouring every mouthful. Our first day in Sorrento included a climb to the top of the looming figure of Mount Vesuvius. After a souvenir stop at the summit of the volcano we started to descend, still in awe of the great view of the Italian countryside and the treacherous crater. Then came the town of Herculaneum, where you could still see the charred wood that made up the houses and the skeletons of the unfortunate villagers who died during the eruption.

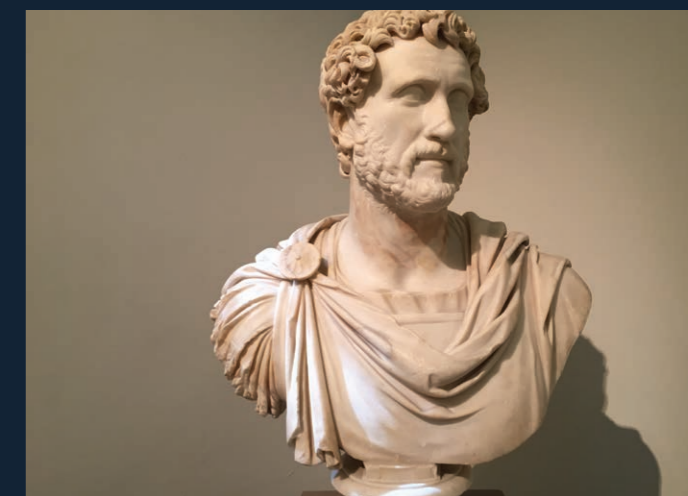
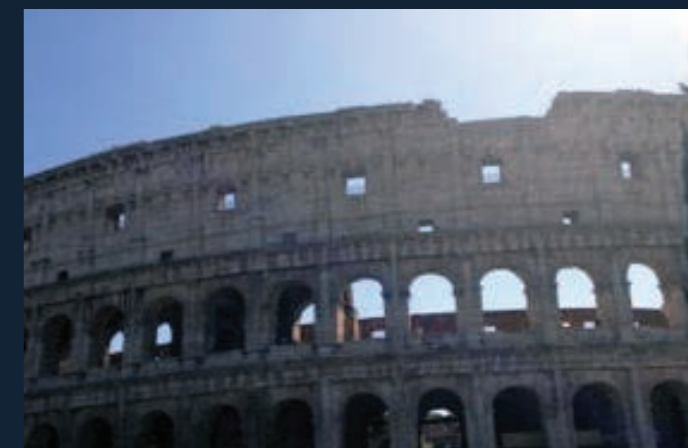
The next day, we walked through the vast streets of Pompeii where we saw brilliantly preserved mosaics. Unluckily, the boat trip to the underwater city of Baia was cancelled due to weather, but that did not stop us from setting off in a boat and admiring the coastline of modern day Baia. Baia held lots of secrets like the villa of Julius Caesar and the rich islands off the mainland.

Overall the trip was an amazing experience. Lifelong memories were made in the centre of Rome and on the coastlines of Sorrento. But as on every trip, there were a few silly moments. Mr Flanagan managed to get hold of a hat that was awarded to the person that was most stupid on each day. Examples of this were walking into lampposts and glass doors, leaving keys

in rooms and in one case having to climb out a bedroom window only to find that the key was in the pocket all the time! Blockhead of the week was awarded the massive bobble hat to take home.

Many thanks to Mr Ellis, Mr Flanagan and Dr Squire for organising the event and planning it out so well!

Isaac Cooper



“IT WAS A TRIP TO BRING OUR CLASSICS STUDIES TO LIFE, SPENDING SIX DAYS IN THE AMAZING SURROUNDINGS OF ROME”



My experience and achievements in the maths challenges (and Olympiads) organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust started with the Junior maths challenge in Year 7, at my former school Urmston Grammar, gaining a modest bronze certificate for my efforts. The following year I upgraded to a respectable silver; but it was not until Year 9 that I would qualify for the follow on round, which ignited a real passion for the subject within me.

Maths had always been my favourite subject but I never took it beyond the classroom or the school curriculum. In Year 9 I qualified for the Grey Kangaroo paper, sat by bright Year 9 students across Europe and Australia – as implied by the name, and was also invited for a maths masterclass at the University of Liverpool. It was there that I had the great privilege of meeting the legend that is Matt Parker (seriously, check out his YouTube channel: standupmaths) who truly inspired me to take maths beyond the rudimentary things taught at school. What I enjoy the most about these challenges is that the average student in lower school possesses the mathematical knowledge required to answer many of these questions. What the questions encourage, however, is ingenuity and out-of-the-box thinking.

Year 10 was somewhat disappointing as I only managed a silver certificate in the Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC). In Year 11, I had the opportunity of attempting the Senior Maths Challenge (SMC) for which I got yet another silver certificate. However, I also did the IMC the same academic year and I qualified easily for the Pink Kangaroo paper (a slightly more advanced version of the Grey Kangaroo) receiving a certificate of merit. In Year 12 I moved to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys and my breakthrough came in November of the same year, when I sat (and smashed) the SMC with a whopping score of 113 (the maximum was 125) and hence qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad round 1 paper (BMO1). This is a 3 and a half hour exam consisting of 6 devilish questions normally sat by about 1000 high performers in the SMC in December every year which, unlike the other challenges, is not multiple choice. About 100 or so high performers in this paper are invited to sit another with 4 even more diabolical questions (BMO2). A handful of people who do well in this round are then invited to a training camp in Cambridge where a team of 9 (including 3 reserves) are selected to represent the UK in the prestigious International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) which



is held in various countries every year. Unfortunately, despite my efforts and preparations, I did not qualify for BMO2, however I still have one more shot.

Aside from Number Theory, Algebra, Geometry and Combinatorics; a fun topic that creeps up once in a while on these papers (especially the less advanced ones) is Mathematical Logic. So here's an interesting problem to try:

Not all characters in the Woodentops series tell the truth. When Mr Plod asked them, "How many people are there in the Woodentops family?", four of them replied as follows:

Jenny: "An even number." Willie: "An odd number." Sam: "A prime number."

Mrs Scrubitt: "A number which is the product of two integers greater than one."

How many of these four were telling the truth?

(IMC 2014 Q11)

Israel Shitta



"MY BREAKTHROUGH CAME IN THE SAME YEAR-
WHEN I SAT (AND SMASHED) THE SMC WITH A
WHOOPIING SCORE OF 113"



INTERMEDIATE CROSS COUNTRY

This year, the intermediate cross-country had highs and lows. The season began with a very strong performance in the first round of the English schools with the win in the regional Manchester competition. Nik Henshaw came a very good 9th place and Ted Williams finished 12th. In the North-West competition though as we narrowly missed out on the next stage of qualification in fourth place. However, the team came back strongly in the last race at Sale Harriers before Christmas with every AGSB runner placed in the top 20 that raced for us. Five of the ten people selected for the Trafford team from that race were from AGSB: Ted Williams, Leo Swarbrick, Nik Henshaw, Harry Briscoe and Luke Chesters.

Ben Harrison and Leo Swarbrick

U13'S TABLE TENNIS

This year the table tennis has been very successful. In the Zonal finals we played really well and we finished second which meant we could go through to the regional finals. In the Trafford finals we were excellent winning every match. In the regional finals, we played some very difficult matches in this final and we finished 4th. Finally, in the Greater Manchester Finals, we played very well and we got to the semi-finals and we played Bury. This was a really close match with even matches won and even games won, so it went to points. Bury had 107 points and we found out we got 108 points and advanced to the finals. We then lost to the only team we lost to in the group stage. So overall I think it has been a successful season for the table tennis team.

Nicolas Harney

U13'S HOCKEY

During the season, the U13 hockey team has had tremendous success in becoming Cheshire champions for the first time, beating a strong King's Chester side in the final.

We also reached the north finals in which we unfortunately lost. The team was James Legg, Theo Tyson, Alex Erlam, Ethan Hodkinson-Bentley from year 8 and a big congratulation to the year 7's that made the team a year early, they were Harvey Walker, Ted Graves, Archie Stewart, Bertie Hawkins and Alex Moss.

I would like to thank our coach Duncan Rudge for all the effort he put into our training session and dedication he showed to our team and Mr Soulsby for arranging all the fixtures and tournaments we participated in.

James Legg

U 14'S BASKETBALL

Over the course of the year our team has become much stronger, and we have produced results to match this. After a shaky start against BTH College, the team has grown to be much more in sync. The following games were won easily, before tough games against Altrincham College of Arts and Wellington School, which were won and drawn. Notable improvements from players such as Nugith Jayarawana and Tom Wallis were clear signs of our strength as a team.

We went on to win the Trafford semi-final against Urmston Grammar and are in the final! On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Rawson for giving up his time to coach us.

Theo Donachie

This year's AGSB basketball season started off excellently, despite the loss of many of last season's key players, as they moved to Sixth Form and college. In our first game, team captain Tom O'Keefe scored 27 points. This was a great performance. During the next few matches there were standout performances from several players, such as Matt Smith with 11 points against Ambrose and Max Biddlecombe's outstanding defence, with 5 blocks in one game, lead to victories in every game by at least 20 points, until the team was eliminated in the semi-finals.

With the loss of many older players, some new talent emerged in Tom Allen and Elliot Bluer, who both became solid members of the squad. Allen, an athletic rebounder, and Bluer, a long-range shooter, both immediately enhanced the team and contributed hugely to the success we had, playing alongside established players, Harrison Job and Ben Haselden.

Oliver Forrest



U14'S CRICKET TEAM

With the cricket season upon us, I have very high hopes because our team captain Shashwat expects the team to win all their league games, win the Cheshire Cup as well as reaching national finals. The team has seen a great start to the season. So we have not let him down so far As any good cricket captain knows it takes a team to win a game and Shashwat is no different. He speaks highly of the whole team but there are a few individuals that he believes could be catalysts that will launch the team to the next level. However, there are other teams which he knows will give the team a great match. The confidence of the captain was summed up perfectly when he said the team is, 'Ready to take on any challenge and, of course, have fun.'

Matty Curry

U12'S CRICKET TEAM

The U12 cricket team has got off to a good start to the 2017 season. With a great performance from the team against St Ambrose School where Altrincham posted a total of 130, St Ambrose batted second and scored only 28 runs before being bowled out. In the second match Altrincham played Wilmslow High School where we elected to bowl first and restricted them to 113. We were unable to chase the runs down and suffered a loss. Recently cricket training has started on Mondays for boys of all abilities and we have had a lot of people coming. Training on Mondays is great fun and is a chance to improve your skills in all parts of the game. This year we have had so many lads who have never touched a cricket ball before and enjoyed themselves.

Harvey Walker

CRICKET

YEAR 8

This year has been a learning curve for the Year 8 Football Team. Our managers were Mr Burt, Mr Davenport and the PE Teacher Mr Cammack. This season, many of our matches have been 11 a side instead of 9 a side as we have played previously. The Year 8 Team have had to adapt to the new formations and tactics. It was challenging at the start of the year but towards the end of the season our performances improved. We changed the formation and managed to secure a win at Manchester Grammar School.

This year we struggled to progress in the cups and were knocked out by good teams. Looking forward to next season, we will be improving our team spirit in training and prepare for each match better.

Thank you to Mr Cammack, Mr Burt and Mr Davenport for supporting the Year 8 Team throughout the year.

Angus Bailey

YEAR 9

Once again, it has been an extremely successful year for the Year 9 football team. After a slow start to the season through an injury crisis, our team got back in time for the tour of Barcelona. Although the results were not what we wanted, it was an all-round great experience and not one of us will forget it in a hurry. When we returned we had a good spell of fixtures and for the third time reached the semi-final of the Trafford cup.

Thanks to Mr Hall for giving us so much of his time and to Mr O'Flynn, Mr Heathcote and Mr Cammack for their work in training and for the unforgettable week in Barcelona.

Alex Toal



YEAR 10

This season has been filled with several tense, exciting and also unfortunate experiences. The positive achievements have included being undefeated during all our Saturday morning fixtures, including many close games, which every player thoroughly enjoyed. We are also still in the Trafford Cup. We aim to win the competition for the fourth consecutive year.

During this season, we were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to compete in the English Schools Cup - the first time for a team below senior level in our school. We shared moments of joy, such as beating Wellington High School 2-0 in extra time and equalising in the dying minutes against Calderstone School and eventually winning on penalties. However, we were knocked out by St. Francis Xavier School in Liverpool. We have learnt from this to take the rough with the smooth.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the staff who have given us these opportunities such as Mr O' Flynn and Mr Heathcote and we will continue to enjoy our football.

Niall Butchart

1ST XI

This record breaking team has had the most successful footballing season that the school has ever experienced.

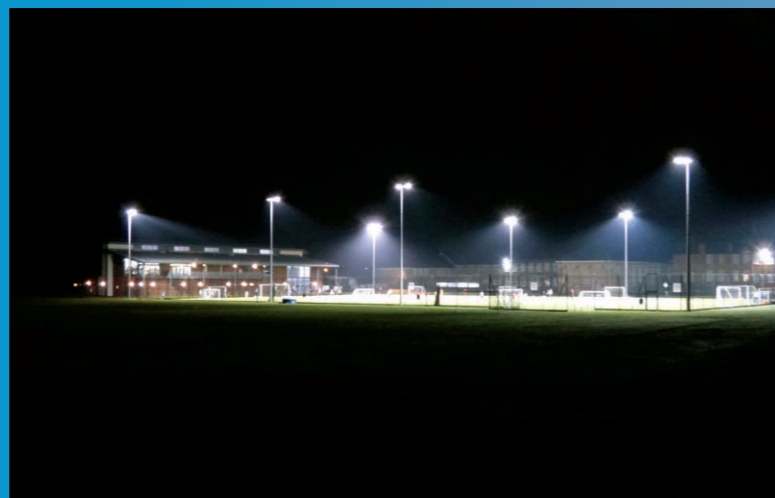
We have played extremely well whilst progressing through the Greater Manchester Cup to the final, and beating some of the best teams in the country on our way to reaching the English Schools Cup Final for the first time in the schools history. The astonishing record of the team throughout the season is due to the desire and determination of the whole group in every game so far.

We hope to add the Manchester Cup title to the collection before the season is over.

Tom Kelly



RUGBY



YEAR 7

I think over the course of the season, we have all improved our ability to play rugby massively. Our team initially was made up of mixed skill levels and we began the season with many people who had never played rugby before. Over the year, we have become much better, under the brilliant coaching of Mr Soulsby.

We have competed in one Rugby Sevens Tournament, in which we unfortunately lost. Nevertheless, it was a great day out for the boys selected. During the day, we played some brilliant, flowing rugby. I think I speak for the whole team on this one, we all cannot wait for the next season when we are in Year 8, and I am excited to see how much we will progress in the coming years.

Bruce Bailey

YEAR 8

This year we have won most of the matches we played with hard fought determination from every player, especially in the most difficult matches against some very strong sides. When it came to the sevens competitions, our first two competitions, we came home without silverware due to some very strong sides such as Kirkham and Wirral. However, in the final competition of the year, we won the vase which we were all very pleased about. We came across some very good sides but nevertheless, we played to our strengths and managed to win the final. I would like to thank Mr Meakin for his coaching on Thursday nights and the support he gave us when the weather was atrocious but we still carried on. Also thanks to Mr Rawson and Mr Cammack who helped and supported our team in the sevens competitions.

James Legg

YEAR 9

This year, the rugby team has increased in size since last year and I hope it will keep growing. Our team has improved and I believe this happened because of our management under Mr Smith as he inspires us before a match and constantly encourages us to keep improving. We had a rough start as we lost three or two games on the bounce to Cheadle and other teams.

I believe our rugby tour has also been a great improvement for the relationships within our team. At the end of the tour, our man of the tour was Martin Lally with some brilliant performances. Later on, in the year we had the seven's tournament which we did not do so well in because we had a lot of injuries. I believe next year if we are luckier with injuries and not have so many then we can improve greatly yet again this is due to our coaching by Mr Smith and the drills he sets up in training constantly improving our knowledge of rugby and how to play it better. Our route to the final though was quite rocky as we had just managed to scrape a win in the semi-final and we were beaten by Lymm to go to the main cup competition. We were winning until 5 minutes to go where we had conceded a try in the last minutes. We were quite disheartened to draw in the final as any team would be we reminded ourselves of the journey how we got there and I believe it was a great achievement for us and our coach.

Ben Hiett

YEAR 10

The under 15's 2016/17 season has been a very successful one. We have been lucky with very few injuries and barely any cancelled matches. A particular standout game was our victory over Calday Grange Grammar School early in on the season.

The team had a very successful NatWest Cup run this year where we reached the third round of the cup competition. Emphatic victories over Lymm and Kirkham Grammar in the first and second round were followed by a very narrow defeat to Lancaster Grammar in the third round.

Perhaps the highlight of the season for us was the three sevens tournaments we played in. Firstly we won the plate competition at Kirkham followed by the bowl at Audenshaw. Lastly, we also won the plate at Lymm after tight victories over Wilmslow and Wirral in the semi-final and final respectively.

I would like to congratulate all the lads who have represented the school in rugby this year and also thank Mr Rawson for his excellent coaching over the past two years. As a team we have had a great experience of junior rugby at AGSB and we look forward to moving on to senior rugby next year.

Leo Swarbrick

SIXTH FORM FUNDRAISING



On 3rd May the Sixth Form Charity Celebration Assembly was held by Mrs Williamson to celebrate the efforts of the Sixth Form in their charitable work. This year there has been amazing support from the Sixth form for events both financially and with good planning of events.

The Students of Year 13 were responsible for a variety of fund raising events one of which was named 'Educaid'. Educaid is an organisation that runs an educational network comprising of free schools, teacher training, and tertiary programmes in Sierra Leone. They provide distinctive, personalised, top-quality, holistic education and support to vulnerable young Sierra Leoneans. The students were given the option of making a £3 charity donation when they paid for their UCAS application. This has successfully raised £414.

In addition to the fund raising the AGSB Islamic Society raised awareness for a charity project known as 'Build Africa'. The funds were raised to support children's education in African countries such as Uganda. An Asian Food Stall event was held to raise money and a stunning total of £2,750 was raised. The money raised was used to build two entire libraries within two schools in Uganda and go towards building a third library as well.

A major focus for the charity fund raising were the 'Chad's Challenges' events. This year there has been an amazing effort for Chad's Challenge events and the objective of "making people

smile, having fun and raising a load of money" was achieved! The events consisted of the 'February Casino Night' which was the first event project managed by a Year 12 student alongside Will Hughes (last year £550 was sent to the Christie as a result of the event). As well as this, the 'Ladies Night' raised £2836 in two hours which was the most successful event in Chad's Challenge history. The 'Presidential Bake Off and Tea Party' raised £750 for the Willow foundation with the Democrat team leading the field with a 55% split of the money raised.

Overall over £7,000 was raised this year by the Sixth Form just from this group of events. Although we have amazing support from the Sixth form for events financially they are also generous with their time – without which we can do nothing! In addition there are many more events such as World Challenge, sponsored runs, swims, The National Citizen Service, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, AGSB Volunteers, Young Enterprise and many other challenges that have been taken on.

Sifat Syum

SPECIAL MENTIONS: YEAR 13

Oliver Reeves

The first student to Project Manage 3 Chad's Challenges. He was nominated and granted the "Diana Award".

Aarambh Sinha

The IT genius and designer and also the main photographer!

Dan Kupurseravic

A Deputy PM at events and then took on the Big Fat Quiz of the year.

Joe Witchalls

Deputy PM and runner up with his Republican Wall in the Tea Party!

Sam Bytheway

Design and production of the footballs scarves.

Year 13

Bake off Bakers

Mo Saeed and his team

Build Africa

YEAR 12

Will Crawford, Tej Pradhan and Billy Horton are taking over the Chad's Challenges Project management roles and are looking forward to the "Bake off" and "Tea Party" planned for June.

YEAR 11

Saroush Heydari and his team ran our first ever "Junior Chad's Challenges" managed event supported by Bill Horton in Year 12 and mobilised Year 13 footballers and Staff at a highly entertaining 5-a-side match, entertaining the School and raising an amazing £375 for St Anne's Hospice.

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 Mohammad Bilal Ahmad
 Anthony Alderson
 Azam Zahir Ali
 Zain Ali
 Jordan Amir-Hekmat
 Matthew Anderson
 Michael Armistead
 Jonathan Armstrong, Talha Aslam
 Adam Lewis Atkin
 Peter Benson
 Freddie Besbrode
 Justin Betts
 Alexander Edward Blair
 Henry Bodden-Glennon, Balint Borbas
 Benjamin Lawrence Bradbury
 Michael Burgess
 Joe Christian Burnett
 Martin Thomas Burrows
 Joseph Busby
 James Calcutt
 Oliver Carter
 Kin Fung Chan
 Amaan Khalid Chohan
 Zahir Aaron Aaman Choudhury
 Nathan Christopherson
 Samuel Kwok Ho Chu
 Joseph Collins
 Adam Stanfield Cooper
 Scott Alexander Craig
 Lars Cretier
 Benjamin Cupples
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 Devajit Das
 James Davey
 Lyle Davis
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 Elliot Duff
 Henry Anthony Dwobeng
 Jonathan Alexander Eagle
 Benjamin Jon Eggelton
 Hamza El-Omar
 Alexander Farr
 Robert Farrell

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Course:

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 Physical Geography
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 Mechanical Engineering with German
 Engineering (4 years)
 Civil Engineering

 Geology with Palaeobiology
 Law
 Music Production
 Aerospace Engineering
 Dentistry

 Geology
 Economics
 Computer Science
 Politics
 Film
 Architecture
 Mechanical Engineering (4 years)
 Aerospace Engineering
 Economics and Finance
 Sport and Exercise Sciences
 Medicine
 Business Economics
 Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 Management and Information Technology
 International Business Administration
 Geography

 Chemical Engineering
 Medicine (6 years)
 Geology (with Study Abroad)

 Economics
 Social Policy
 Mechanical Engineering
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 Computer Science (3 years)
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 Alexander Fleetwood
 Daniel Flynn
 Callum Franks
 Tom Fullerton
 Euan Gilchrist
 Aidan Goncalves
 Sam Bobby Goodall
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 Medicine (stage 1 entry)
 Philosophy
 Mechanical Engineering
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 Biomedical Science
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 Leslie Won Kin Liu
 Oliver Loveland
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 Shiv Mistry
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 Carl Morrison
 Michael James Mulvey
 Azeen Nasir
 Daniel Andrew Nicholls
 Tobias James Nicholls
 Rory Nugent
 Kelvin Bosire Nyakundi
 Luc Nyunt
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 Natural Sciences
 Economics
 Geography

 Product Design
 Geological Sciences
 Accounting and Finance
 Geology
 Aerospace Engineering
 Medicine
 Mathematics
 Chemistry with Study in Australasia
 Computer Science
 Professional Dance and Musical Theatre
 Economics with Management
 Entrepreneurial Business Management
 Natural Sciences (with Year Abroad)
 Engineering
 Geography
 Accounting and Finance
 Business Economics (Industry)
 Engineering
 Law
 Biochemistry (4-year sandwich)
 Chemical Engineering
 Mathematics with Statistics
 Mathematics with Management
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 Geology
 Medicine (stage 1 entry)
 Economics
 Computer Science
 Medicine
 General Engineering
 Spanish

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 Geography

 Management Studies
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PLAYER SELECT



Mr A Williams Luke Kwan Mark Graham James Legg Anish Das
 Shafae Ali George Thornicroft James Lynott George Allan Chandraj Java
 George Hughes Theo Tyson Sriram Subramanian Matty Curry Ben Harrison
 Edward Layfield Sifat Symum Tom Hurrell Charlie Hindle Isaac Cooper
 Ben Lockyer Josho Sarma James Foy Kyle Panchal-Taylor Aren McCabe

Computer games have changed so much over the years, but it is not hard to forget that the original games were made up of little squares. We have decided to take you back in time where space invaders and Pac Man were the ultimate thrill. You couldn't play these at home, oh no you needed your 5p in hand and a trip to the local leisure centre or chippy in order to play these games. If you don't know what all the fuss was about have a look at www.free80sarcade.com and see what life in the 80's was like. Using the inspiration we have created our own player characters how many of the committee can you spot? To make it easier we have included some clues along with our original images, which may or may not help.

Alan Williams

- 1 "I am not the son of harri"
- 2 "I am one of the new members a new foy not a new boy"
- 3 "I am always hungry just like PacMan"
- 4 "The only remaining character from the original game"
- 5 "Greek Trident Mum"
- 6 "I am the oldest character in the game"
- 7 "I like to Legg it because I have the speed equivalent to Sonic"
- 8 "Why always me? #injured"
- 9 "I may be little but I have a big byte"
- 10 "I operate using Java Script"
- 11 "I am not a weight because people call me their G"
- 12 "I beat the storm that was coming"
- 13 "I am one of the shortest so no one believes I am in year 10"
- 14 "Proof that movies and games are a perfect Match"
- 15 "My ivories are nowhere to be seen in my picture"
- 16 "Year 7 who loves all things gaming"
- 17 "You will always find me in an Ali"
- 18 "Dis one or Das one? I am the best"
- 19 "Mine is based on Boxers Mike or Fury"
- 20 "There is only one character to Chughes here"
- 21 "I am an NPC with cool glasses"
- 22 "You don't need a submarine for my character"
- 23 "I look like lurch from The Addams Family"
- 24 "I'm the biggest computer nerd out of the group"
- 25 "If rugby was a video game I would be a very helpful NPC!"



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CHOOSE LOVE



This is the place

In the North-West of England. It's ace, it's the best. And the songs that we sing from the stands, from our bands. Set the whole planet shaking. Our inventions are legends! There's nowt we can't make, and so we make brilliant music. We make brilliant bands. We make goals that make souls leap from seats in the stands. And we make things from steel. And we make things from cotton. And we make people laugh, take the mick summat rotten. And we make you at home. And we make you feel welcome and we make summat happen, we can't seem to help it. And if you're looking for history, then yes we've a wealth. But the Manchester way is to make it yourself. And make us a record, a new number one. And make us a brew while you're up, love, go on. And make us feel proud that you're winning the league. And make us sing louder and make us believe it, that this is the place that has helped shape the world. And this is the place where a Manchester girl named Emmeline Pankhurst from the streets of Moss Side led a suffragette city with sisterhood pride. And this is the place with appliance of science, we're on it, atomic, we struck with defiance, and in the face of a challenge, we always stand tall, Mancunians in union, delivered it all. Such as housing and libraries and health, education and unions and co-ops and first railway stations. So we're sorry, bear with us, we invented commuters. But we hope you forgive us, we invented computers. And this is the place Henry Royce strolled with Rolls, and we've rocked and we've rolled with our own northern soul. And so this is the place to do business then dance, where go-getters and goal-setters know they've a chance. And this is the place where we first played as kids. And me mam, lived and died here, she loved it, she did. And this is the place where our folks came to work, where they struggled in puddles, they hurt in the dirt and they built us a city, they built us these towns and they coughed on the cobbles to the deafening sound to the steaming machines and the screaming of slaves, they were scheming for greatness, they dreamed to their graves. And they left us a spirit. They left us a vibe. That Mancunian way to survive and to thrive and to work and to build, to connect, and create and Greater Manchester's greatness is keeping it great. And so this is the place now with kids of our own. Some are born here, some drawn here, but they all call it home. And they've covered the cobbles, but they'll never defeat, all the dreamers and schemers who still teem through these streets. Because this is a place that has been through some hard times: oppressions, recessions, depressions, and dark times. But we keep fighting back with Greater Manchester spirit. Northern grit, Northern wit, and Greater Manchester's lyrics. And these hard times again, in these streets of our city, but we won't take defeat and we don't want your pity. Because this is a place where we stand strong together, with a smile on our face, Mancunians forever. Because this is the place in our hearts, in our homes, because this is the place that's a part of our bones. Because Manchester gives us such strength from the fact. That this is the place, we should give something back.

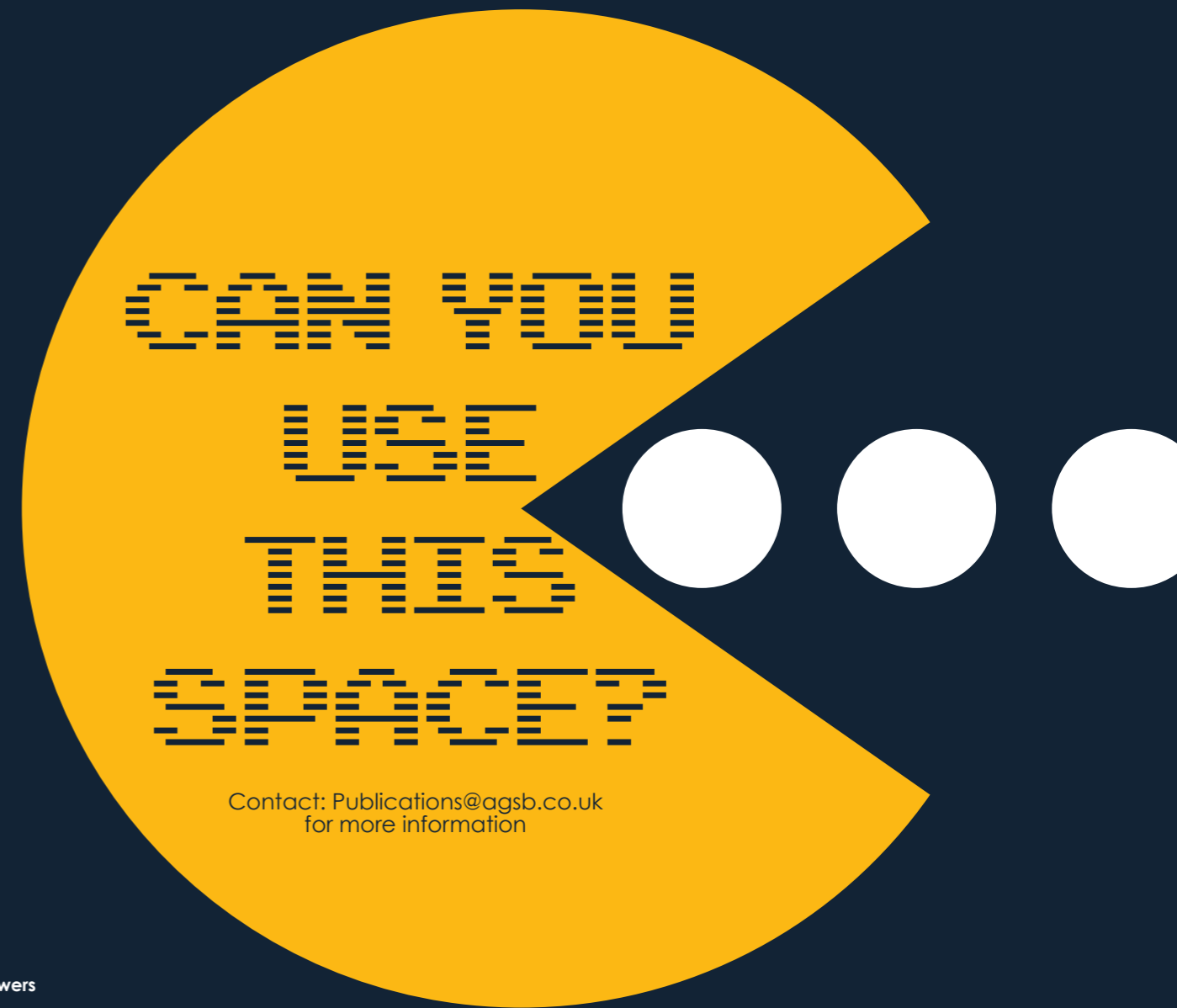
Always remember. Never forget. Forever Manchester.

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Everybody at Altrincham Grammar School For Boys remembers those who lost their lives in the Manchester Terror Attack.



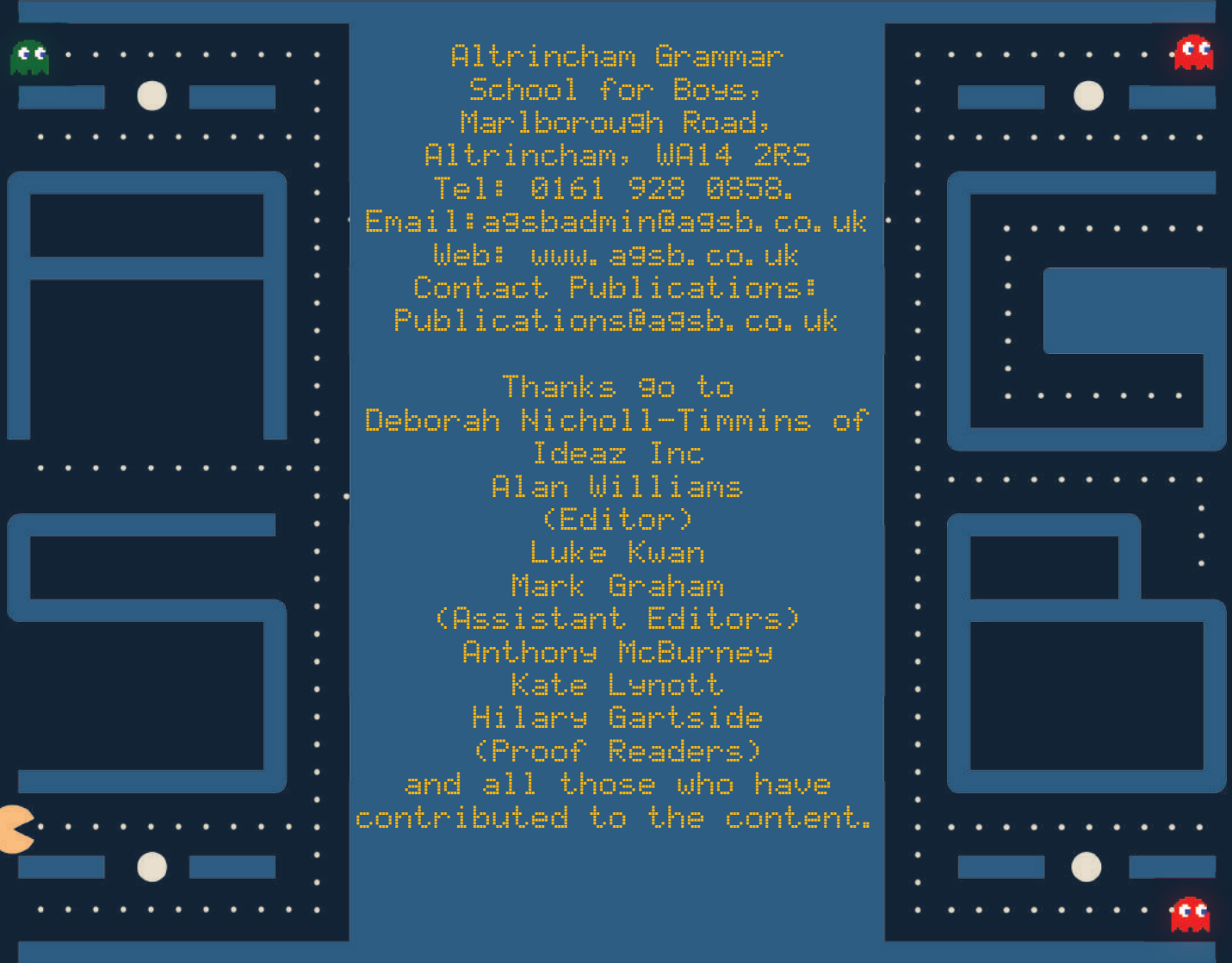
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SPACE?

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Quiz Answers

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| 2 James Foy | 11 Josho Sarma | 20 George Hughes |
| 3 Charlie Hindle | 12 Ed Layfield | 21 Ben Lockyer |
| 4 Luke Kwan | 13 Aren McCabe | 22 Sriram Subramanian |
| 5 Sifat Symum | 14 Matt Curry | 23 Tom Hurrell |
| 6 Mr Williams | 15 George Allan | 24 Mark Graham |
| 7 James Legg | 16 George Thornicroft | 25 James Lynott |
| 8 Kyle Panchal Taylor | 17 Shafae Ali | |
| 9 Isaac Cooper | 18 Anish Das | |

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