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A SEASON TO CELEBRATE

As Head of Sport at AGSB, it is with immense pride that I reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year across our sporting programme. From the first whistle in September to the final events of the summer term, our students have consistently demonstrated excellence, commitment, and sportsmanship across a wide array of disciplines.

This year, AGSB has once again shown why we are one of the leading schools for sport in the region—and beyond. Among many highlights, our U14 Hockey team were crowned State Schools Champions, showcasing skill and determination on the national stage. In Cricket, our Year 9 side emerged as County Champions, the Year 8 team finished as county finalists, and our U15s proudly represented the school in the North of England Finals.

In Tennis, our U14 team earned national recognition, claiming the Schools Sports Magazine National Title—a phenomenal achievement. Table Tennis also delivered outstanding results, with our U13 team finishing 4th in the country at the National Finals. Meanwhile, our U14 Badminton squad impressed on two fronts: national runners-up in the Schools Sports Magazine finals, and 6th nationally in the Badminton England competition, after being crowned North West Champions.

Our Athletics teams (both junior and inter) advanced to the Area A Finals, a testament to the depth of talent and teamwork across the school. The season ended in style with a hugely successful Sports Day, where Tatton House emerged victorious, closely followed by Massey.

These achievements would not be possible without the tireless dedication of our teaching and coaching staff, the unwavering support of parents and carers, and above all, the resilience, discipline, and passion of our students.

At AGSB, we believe sport plays a crucial role in developing character, leadership, and camaraderie—and this year has been a shining example of that ethos in action. Congratulations to all who have represented the school with pride this season. We look forward to building on this success in 2025.

Mr Meakin



ATHLETICS

This has been another fantastic year for AGSB Athletics, with students across all year groups demonstrating talent, determination, and commitment as they represented the school in a series of major competitions. The season has not only produced some superb individual performances, but also a real sense of pride and teamwork throughout the squad.

Our campaign began at the Trafford Schools Athletics Competition, one of the largest and most competitive events in the region, featuring over 16 schools. All four AGSB teams competed with energy and enthusiasm, achieving some excellent results across a range of disciplines.

- The Year 7 team, competing in their first major school competition, gained invaluable experience and showed great promise for the future, finishing in a respectable 8th place.
- The Year 8 and Year 10 teams both performed superbly well, each finishing as runners-up in their respective age groups, a clear reflection of the strength and depth in both sprint and field events.
- The Year 9 team also put together a strong series of results to finish in 3rd place, rounding off a hugely successful day for AGSB.

But the season's highlights didn't stop there. We were incredibly proud to see both our Junior and Inter Boys teams qualify for the prestigious Area A Final of the English Schools Track & Field Cup, placing them among the top teams in the North West.

In the Junior team, a special mention must go to K Chianche, who delivered a truly impressive performance in the 800m, running with tactical awareness and great composure beyond his years. His race was a standout moment in the team's campaign and helped inspire teammates across other events.

The Inter Boys team also had several exceptional athletes who stepped up when it mattered most:

- C Haywood showed power and control in the 300m, finishing with a brilliant time.
- A Blann impressed in the 1500m, displaying stamina, pacing, and a strong sprint finish.
- A Odumade showcased remarkable versatility, performing superbly in both the 200m sprint and the Shot Put, underlining his all-round athletic ability.
- S Ihimoyen was a key figure for the team, delivering in both the 100m sprint and the High Jump, showing his skill and explosive power across very different events.

At the Regional A Finals, both teams carried their momentum forward, producing excellent all-round team scores. The Junior Boys scored 370 points, while the Inter Boys finished with 380, placing them among the strongest schools in the region. These scores reflect consistency and commitment across all disciplines—from sprinting and middle distance to jumping and throwing—demonstrating the well-rounded nature of AGSB's athletics programme.

Behind every performance lies a great deal of hard work at training, as well as the willingness to push personal boundaries. Credit must go to every pupil who trained and competed this year—not just those who won events, but also those who stepped into new disciplines, gave their best for the team, and supported each other throughout the season.

As we look ahead to next season, the future of AGSB Athletics looks extremely bright. With such a talented and hard-working group of young athletes, we're excited to see what more they can achieve.

Congratulations to all involved on a brilliant season.

CRICKET - TOUR

Between the 11th and 13th of May, our Year 8 Cricket squad embarked on an exciting and highly successful tour to Birmingham. Both our A team (first team) and B team (development team) had the opportunity to play competitive fixtures against three strong schools, while also enjoying cultural visits, team meals, and plenty of time to bond off the pitch.

Across the three days, the boys delivered a clean sweep of victories:

- Vs Bishop Vesey's Grammar School – *A team won, B team won*
- Vs Bablake School – *A team won, B team won*
- Vs Queen Mary's Grammar School – *A team won, B team won*

Wednesday – Match Day & Team Dinner - The tour kicked off with matches against Bishop Vesey's, where both AGSB teams showcased strong performances to secure victories. Afterwards, we travelled to our hotel to check in and unwind before heading out for a team dinner at a local Indian restaurant—a great opportunity for the boys to refuel and relax after a successful day.

Thursday – Warwick Castle & Bablake Fixture - Thursday began with a visit to the stunning Warwick Castle, where students explored the grounds, watched live shows, and learned about its rich history. After a few hours of cultural enrichment, we headed to Bablake School for our second round of fixtures. Despite the looming threat of rain, both teams played superbly, earning convincing wins. We rounded off the day with a well-deserved visit to a buffet restaurant in Birmingham city centre, where the boys certainly didn't leave hungry!

Friday – Queen Mary's Fixture & Celebration Lunch - On the final day, we checked out of the hotel and travelled to Queen Mary's Grammar School, our toughest opposition on paper. However, the boys rose to the challenge superbly, recording another pair of confident wins to cap off a perfect run of results. We then enjoyed a Celebration Lunch at a local steakhouse, where individual awards were presented to players from both teams for outstanding contributions in batting, bowling, and all-round performance. It was a fitting end to a brilliant tour.

A Huge Thank You - A tour of this nature requires significant planning and care, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Meakin, who not only organised every aspect of the trip but also led it with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a clear passion for developing our young cricketers. His efforts ensured the players had a memorable experience both on and off the field.

Overall, this was a fantastic few days for all involved—full of competitive cricket, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories. The boys were a credit to AGSB throughout, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to develop as individuals and as a team.

D Ashwin



CRICKET-2025

YEAR 7

The Year 7 A team had a fantastic cricket season, winning five out of our six games. The team played with great energy and spirit, showing real improvement with every match.

First, we started off with a wonderful win against Birkenhead School, where everybody showed their maximum potential.

One of the most memorable moments came when we bowled The Grange out for just 16 runs — an incredible team effort, with everyone bowling tightly and the fielders backing them up brilliantly. It was a performance that really showed what the team is capable of when everything clicks.

There was also a brilliant unbeaten 49 from Sharan Pattisapu, who held the innings together and played some excellent shots under pressure. Performances like that helped set the tone for a strong and confident season.

Finally, we put the cherry on the cake by thrashing St Ambrose in our final game, the exact same team that beat us in the first round of the cup. We started off by bowling them out for 40 and we managed to chase it down in 6 overs, losing only two wickets.

Overall, the team worked well together, supported each other, and kept a positive attitude throughout. With five wins and lots of standout moments, it's been a great season — and one to build on in the coming years.

Aarush Kumar

YEAR 8

This season has marked a huge step forward for our team compared to last year. We won 11 out of 13 matches and proudly made it all the way to the Cheshire Cup Final—a fantastic achievement that reflects how far we've come as a group.

There were some standout individual performances along the way. Zach Pamma delivered a brilliant spell against Birkenhead, taking a five-wicket haul (5-fer), and Soham Ganguli impressed with 4 wickets in a key match against Cheadle Hulme School. These moments, among many others, helped drive the team to such a successful season.

On behalf of the entire squad, I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Smyth. His dedication has been instrumental in our success. From giving up his lunchtimes to help us with fielding practice, to travelling with us to fixtures, he's gone above and beyond for the team. Mr Smyth is a huge part of the reason we've improved so much and won so many games this year. We are all incredibly grateful for his time, coaching, and encouragement.

Here's to an even better season next year!

Y Polisetty



YEAR 9

The AGSB U14 Cricket Team enjoyed a truly outstanding season, capped off in style with a commanding victory in the Cheshire Cup Final, defeating Wirral Grammar School by 161 runs. It was a dominant display and the perfect reward for a team that has shown exceptional talent, teamwork, and determination throughout the campaign.

The road to the final was equally impressive. The team opened their cup run with a 121-run win over Tytherington, followed by a convincing 51-run victory against St Ambrose. In the semi-final, they maintained their momentum with another 51-run win, this time over King's Macclesfield—a strong side in their own right.

In the final, AGSB's performance was nothing short of clinical, with contributions from across the squad. The batting and bowling units worked in perfect harmony, reflecting the effort and cohesion the team has developed over the season.

Key individual performances have stood out, most notably K Rangaraju, whose consistency and quality with the bat set the platform for many of the team's successes, and J O'Brien, who bowled with great control and effectiveness throughout the season. Both players have been instrumental in the team's success and set a high standard for those around them.

A Dash

YEAR 10

The cricket season started with a home fixture against Birkenhead School where thanks to Rohan Pattisapu's excellent 58 not out we came away with a victory comfortably chasing down 128. Off the back of that strong performance, we travelled up to the beautiful Sedbergh School for the quarter final of the Northern bracket of the English Schools' National Cup. Krishav's incredible knock of 145 not out helped us to a total of 270 that we defended in a tense finish by 17 runs.

We then eased past Stockport Grammar in the first round of the Cheshire Cup with notable performances from Charlie Rourke (83 not out) and Joe O'Brien with figures of 5-9.

Our attention then quickly turned to the long trip to a cold and overcast Newcastle to play Dame Allan's School in the next round of the National Cup. We took the win by 9 wickets in less time than it took us to get there!

There were further good performances in friendlies against King's Chester and Stockport Grammar, where it was great to see other members of the squad step up and demonstrate the depth and quality our Year 10 squad has.

Although the result against Trent College in the Northern Final of the National Cup did not go our way, we were proud to represent AGSB in the furthest run the school has had in this competition.

This concluded a fantastic season and I am very proud of our resilience as well as the individual and team performances we showed throughout. Huge thanks to: Mr Cammack, Mr Meakin and Mr Birtwell for their continued support and commitment.

E Manley



AGSB GOLF DAY

On Friday 27th June, AGSB hosted its eagerly anticipated Annual Golf Day at the Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club, bringing together a fantastic mix of over 80 competitors. The event featured pupils, parents, Old Alts (alumni), and friends of the school, making it a true celebration of the AGSB community.

The weather was kind, the course was in excellent condition, and the spirit of friendly competition was present from the first tee to the final putt. Players enjoyed a great day of golf, camaraderie, and connection across generations.

The standard of play was excellent, and we are pleased to congratulate the following prize winners:

- Pupil Prize – *J Hickson*
- Old Alts Trophy Winner – *G Dellaman*
- Guest Prize – *R Bloomfield*
- Lowest Gross Score – *S Meakin*

The day was a great success, huge thank you goes to all who played, supported, and helped organise the event. Special appreciation to Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club for being such welcoming hosts once again.

We look forward to building on this success and welcoming even more players to next year's event!



SPORTS DAY

This year's AGSB Sports Day was a brilliant celebration of athleticism, effort, and house spirit. Held over two days—Monday 30th June for field events and Tuesday 1st July for track—it saw over 180 pupils from Years 7–10 take part across a full range of events.

The field events (Discus, Javelin, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump, and Triple Jump) saw excellent performances throughout, with many pupils stepping up for their houses and recording personal bests, K Chiache broke the Yr8 triple jump record with an impressive 11.07m, and D Wells broke the Yr9 long jump record with 5.86m. Day two's track programme brought excitement and energy, with fiercely contested races across the 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, 1500m, and the always thrilling relay events.

The atmosphere was superb, and the level of participation and support from all pupils truly reflected the strength of sport at AGSB. House managers were especially proud of those who tried new events or stepped in for injured teammates—showing great resilience and house loyalty.

After two action-packed days, the final house standings were:

- 🏆 1st – Tatton
- 🏆 2nd – Massey
- 🏆 3rd – Bradbury
- 🏆 4th – Stamford



Congratulations to Tatton House, crowned 2025 Sports Day Champions, and well done to every athlete who competed with pride. A huge thank you to the PE staff and helpers for running the event so smoothly—another proud moment for AGSB sport!

JUNIOR SPORTS AWARDS

On a fantastic evening at AGSB, we proudly hosted our Junior Sports Awards Evening, celebrating the achievements, dedication, and progress of pupils in Years 7 to 10. Joined by proud parents, staff, and coaches, the evening was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on another outstanding year of sport at the school.

A total of 56 trophies were presented across all year groups and sports, recognising both the Most Improved and Most Outstanding Performers from every team. Whether on the cricket pitch, rugby field, basketball court, or athletics track, these pupils have shown exceptional effort, development, and impact throughout the season.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of half colours to over 30 Year 10 pupils who have shown unwavering commitment to AGSB sport during their time at the school. Their consistent involvement and contribution across multiple sports is a true credit to them and an example to younger pupils.

In an exceptional moment, we were delighted to award Full Colours to J Booth for his outstanding contribution to Senior Hockey throughout the season. It is very rare for a Year 10 pupil to receive Full Colours, making this a truly remarkable achievement that reflects his maturity, skill, and commitment well beyond his years.

The evening concluded with the announcement of our **three major honours**:

- **Team of the Year** – *U15 National Knockout Cricket Squad*, who had a brilliant season, reaching the *National Quarter-Finals*.
- **The Marlborough Trophy** – *O LeRoux*, for his outstanding **contribution to school sport** and his leadership across multiple teams.
- **Victor Ludorum (Best Sportsman)** – *J Booth*, for his exceptional performances, particularly in hockey, and his all-round sporting excellence.

The Junior Sports Awards Evening not only celebrated individual brilliance but also showcased the strength of AGSB's sporting community—from the dedication of our pupils to the support of families and the tireless efforts of our teaching and coaching staff.

Congratulations to all the award winners, and to every pupil who represented the school this year. The future of AGSB sport is in very safe hands.



TENNIS NATIONAL FINALS

It has been a truly exceptional season for our **U14 Tennis team**, who were crowned **National Champions** in the prestigious **Schools Sport Magazine Competition**—a remarkable achievement that reflects the hard work, talent, and team spirit shown throughout the campaign.

The journey to the finals was far from easy, with the team navigating a tough qualification route. Along the way, they recorded impressive victories against some of the strongest tennis schools in the country, including **The Grange, Shrewsbury School, Manchester Grammar School, and RGS Newcastle**. Each tie showcased the squad's consistency and depth, with every player contributing crucial wins at key moments.

Having qualified for the **National Finals**, the team faced **Aylesbury Grammar School** in a tense semi-final. Holding their nerve, the AGSB players produced a composed and dominant display to book their place in the final. There, they met a strong **Hitchin School** side—but our players rose to the occasion once again, combining tactical play with mental resilience to secure the **national title**.

The winning squad—**G Okeke (1), V Urs (2), T Kwong (3), and V Kshirsagar (4)**—performed brilliantly throughout the tournament, both in singles and doubles, showing a maturity well beyond their years. Their teamwork, attitude, and composure under pressure were a credit to the school.

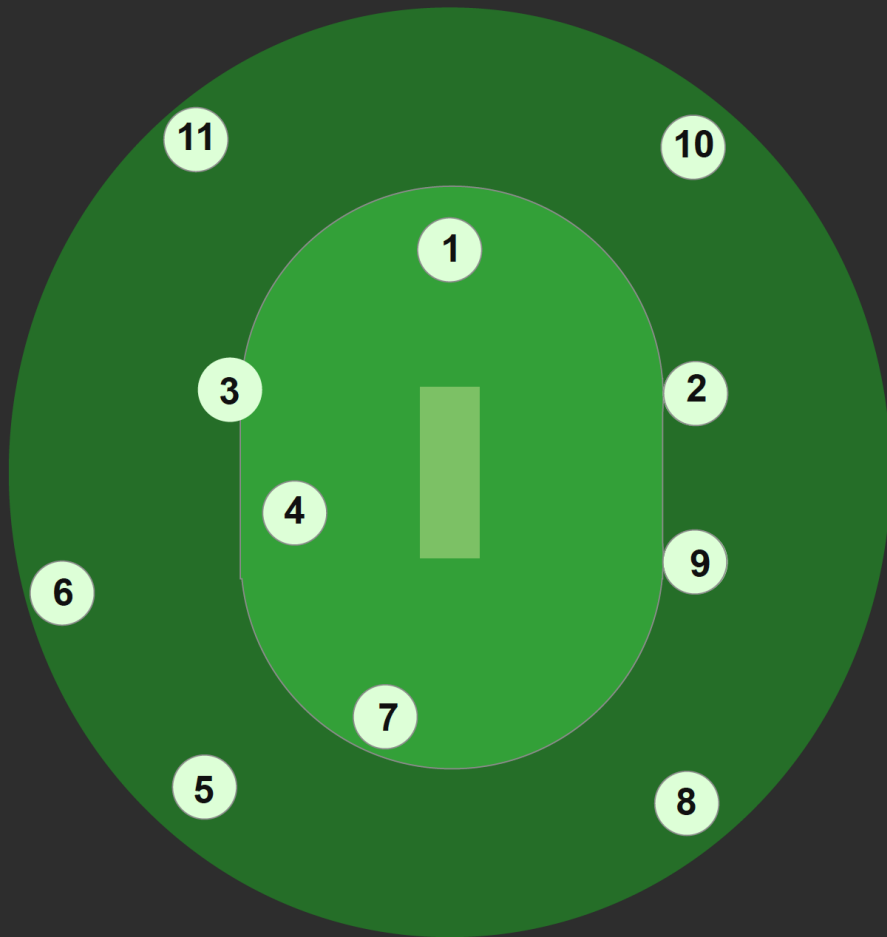
Congratulations to the team on an **outstanding national victory** and thank you to all staff and parents who supported them along the way. The future of AGSB tennis is looking very bright indeed!



CRICKET TEAM OF THE YEAR



AGSB Cricket Players of the Season 2024-25



Y Polisetty

U13



J O'Brien

U14



Z Thompson

1st XI



K Rangaraju

U14



A Kumar

U12



A Jayagovarthanan

U12



S Sheth

U13



I Maharajan

U14



E Manley

U15



S Ganguli

U13



A Vaishampayan

U12



A Dash

U14



A Stephens

U12

WHATS COMING UP!

As we draw the curtain on another exceptional year of sport at AGSB, we're already looking ahead with great excitement to what promises to be a thrilling 2025–26 season.

We're delighted to be entering the Schools Sport Magazine Rugby Competitions at both U14 and U16 levels for the first time—an exciting opportunity to test ourselves against some of the best rugby schools in the country.

On the cricket front, our U14 team has earned a well-deserved place in the National Knockout Competition, following their outstanding county cup success this season.

Looking ahead, we have a fantastic calendar of tours lined up:

- Year 9 Rugby Tour to Holland – October 2025
- Year 9 Football Tour to Barcelona – February 2026
- Year 8 Cricket Tour to Birmingham – June 2026
- And the hugely anticipated U16 Cricket Tour to Sri Lanka in July 2026

We're also excited to announce the upcoming launch of our next Long-Haul Tour, which will see Rugby and Hockey squads travelling further afield for what will no doubt be an unforgettable sporting experience.

Thank you to all pupils, staff, and families for your continued support of AGSB sport. Here's to another year of challenge, growth, and success—bring on 2025/26!