



ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS ADMISSIONS POLICY 2020 SIXTH FORM

1.0 Policy and Numbers

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is a wholly selective Academy Grammar School for boys. A copy of the Sixth Form School prospectus is available to download from the School website or in hard copy upon request.

The Governing Body require that in order to be eligible for consideration for admission to the Sixth Form of the School prospective students must have been assessed as suitable in accordance with the admission criteria.

An Open Evening will be held in November of the determination year, the year immediately before the offer year, details of which will be published in a local newspaper and further information will be on the School website.

All applicants will be asked to complete an online Application Form at: www.agsb.co.uk listing in order of preference the three subjects they wish to study at A level. The closing date for applications is Monday 10th February 2020.

All offers of places will be made by 4th May 2020.

Our published admission number (PAN) for the admission of applicants from other schools for the year commencing September 2020 is a minimum of 4, although the actual number is often higher. Additional external students may be admitted providing their admission does not prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources. Applicants must have a date of birth between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004.

Places will be allocated in accordance with our admission criteria.

2.0 Admission Criteria

For those offered a place in the Sixth Form the requirement for entry is that students **must** have achieved a minimum Attainment 8 score of 60 **and** at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen to study **and** a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

Please note that for the purposes of our entry criteria 2019 the Attainment 8 score is defined as a summation of the grades students achieve in their best 8 GCSEs, including Mathematics and English Language. A student's best Mathematics GCSE and English Language GCSE grade will be included in this measure and both the Mathematics and English Language grades will be double weighted. For example, a score of 8 in English Language will be awarded 16 points towards the minimum target of a 60. The remaining 6 GCSEs are not double weighted and can come from any other GCSE subject studied by the students as part of the AGSB curriculum.

2.1 Applicants from this School

Applicants from this School will be offered a Sixth Form place, **conditional** upon them achieving the required GCSE grades, by the 4th May prior to the September of Sixth Form entry. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if the applicant has not responded by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day. Those students not offered a place by 4th May who then go on to meet the entry requirements in August, may be offered a place, although the choice of subjects at that time will be limited.

2.2 Applicants from other Schools

After all applicants from Altrincham Grammar School for Boys who are likely to be qualified for entry into the Sixth Form have been accommodated, places will be offered to students from other schools. This will be subject to the availability of places on individual courses and combinations of subjects.

The offer of a place may be withdrawn if the applicant has not responded by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day.

Where a place is offered to an external applicant and accepted, the student **must** attend Enrolment Day on Tuesday 1st September 2020 and commence school on the first day of term. Where the student fails to attend on either day the place may be withdrawn and offered to another applicant. A change in subject choices at this stage is not possible.

3.0 Oversubscription

Where the number of applicants who have met the entry criteria exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which applicants to admit:

3.1 Looked After Children and previously Looked After children, regardless of place of residence.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

This category includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

3.2 Where eligible applicants for admission for a particular combination of subjects exceed the number of places available, the places will be allocated to those students in order of merit based on their predicted GCSE grades. These decisions will be prior to 4th May. If two or more students are predicted the same number of GCSE points, the final place(s) will be allocated in order of merit based on their actual GCSE result in August.

3.3 Where the number of applicants qualifying for admission exceeds the number of places available priority shall be given to those applicants residing closer to the School.

3.4 Should places become available for external applicants after the publication of results in August, the same procedure will be adopted but with the decision based on actual rather than predicted GCSE grades.

4. Home Address

The Governing Body are committed to ensuring that the allocation of school places is fair and transparent and takes very seriously any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in the admissions process. We will further investigate any application that appears to be **misleading** or **fraudulent**. Places allocated on the basis of fraudulent or misleading information WILL BE withdrawn and, it is important to note, that a place can be withdrawn even after an applicant has started school.

4.1 The applicant's home address means: the address where the applicant normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis. This must not be a temporary address, an address of a child-minder, grandparent, carer or relative, or any other address used to gain an advantage in the admissions process.

4.2 In order to be considered from a rental property within our priority admission area, families must effectively and definitively demonstrate that they cannot return to a previous home address. A rental agreement of 2 years without a break clause is required.

4.3 Where home arrangements are shared between two addresses, the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used for the purposes of determining priority for admission. You must register both addresses with us at the point of application and proof of residency may be requested.

4.4 Distance will be calculated as a direct straight line from the applicant's permanent place of residence to the School, using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) and Royal Mail Postal Address Information. In the case of an applicant living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be measured in the same way.

5. General

5.1 Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has the highest priority for admission where the number of GCSE points and the distance between two applicant's homes and the School is the same.

5.2 Applications received after Monday 10th February 2020 may only be processed once all on-time internal and external applications have been considered. Decisions on late applications will be made after the publication of GCSE results in August.

5.3 Admission of an applicant outside their normal age group. Considerations will be made on an individual basis taking into account information regarding the applicant's academic, social and emotional development in addition to factors detailed in Sections 2.17, 2.17A and 2.17B of the Schools Admissions Code (2014).

5.4 Applications for entry into Y13 would not normally be considered.

6.0 Appeals

Any applicant refused admission has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against the decision by the Admission Authority under the Terms of the Education Act 1998.

The Admission Authority will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission. Students above the compulsory school age have the right to appeal against any decision to refuse them admission. The student's right of appeal is in addition to their parent's or carer's right of appeal and the student and their parent/carer may appeal separately, or jointly.

The Appeals Panel will be strictly independent of the School. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding to all parties. A second appeal will not be allowed unless there are proven significant and material changes in circumstance.

Appeals will be heard immediately following the confirmation of examination results.

Appeal application forms will become available online at: admissions@agsb.co.uk on GCSE Results Day. Also available in hard copy.

For appellants who fail to attend a scheduled hearing, the appeal will be heard in absentia.

Appellants considering making a complaint regarding administration of an appeal should contact:

The ESFA Complaints
Chief Executive's Office
53-55 Butts Road
Earsldon Park
Coventry
CV1 3BH

Any person or body who considers that arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Schools Adjudicator.

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator

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