



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

A Grammar School with Academy Status
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Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 2RS

5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of another busy and productive term at AGSB. There has been a great deal to celebrate this term and I would like to congratulate all students on their collective commitment to their studies and to the extra-curricular programme. One of the great privileges of my role is to be able to drop in and sample what our boys are up to day-by-day and I feel fortunate to be able to revel in the sheer range and diversity of life at AGSB; be it football or debating, hockey or Young Enterprise. The majority our students engage in everything that the School has to offer.

This week we welcomed our Old Boys back and I thoroughly enjoyed watching two very engaging games of rugby and football. The Old Boys won both fixtures: in rugby they won 31-17 and in football, 2-1. Both games were extremely competitive, but played in a tremendous spirit, synonymous with sport at AGSB.

On Wednesday evening, the Senior Sports Awards Dinner was held in the Stamford Hall. It was a fantastic evening in which students, staff, Old Altrinchamian's and parents celebrated the achievements of our senior students' sporting endeavours over the past year. There were numerous individual and collective awards and some excellent video footage of AGSB sport over the last year. Many thanks to Mr Soulsby and his team for organising the evening. An enormous thank you must go to Patricia Bowden and her catering team for all the hard work they put into providing us all with such a delicious meal and ensuring that we all enjoyed a truly memorable night.

I would like to finish by thanking our parents for the excellent support that you give to the School in many different ways. It is always good to catch up with you on the touchline or at concerts, productions and parents' evenings and I am grateful for the collective role that parents play in our community.

I wish you all the very best for Easter and I will look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Yours faithfully

Mr G. A. Wright
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Staff news

This term we say farewell to a stalwart of the PE department - Mr Brian O Flynn who retires after 45 years of teaching, 15 of which have been at AGSB. Brian has dedicated a great deal to school football over the years having coached two generations of students. We wish Brian and family a long and happy retirement.

From the Summer Term 2019, Ms A Cathcart will take on the role of Head of Outreach and Miss E Chapman will take on the role of Head of Year 8.

From the Summer Term 2019, Mr G Olney will be joining the AGSB staff as teacher of Maths.

Important notice regarding Xanax

As you may have heard in the media, the UK is seeing an upsurge in the use of a prescription medication known as Xanax. It has come to the attention of the school that Xanax is being accessed by young people in Trafford.

“The drug alprazolam is often called Xanax, after one of the most common brand names. We know that using alprazolam has caused some young people to end up in hospital, particularly when they have mixed it with alcohol.

Alprazolam is an anti-anxiety medicine in the benzodiazepine family and is similar to diazepam (Valium) but it's about 20 times stronger and has a quicker, shorter-acting effect. If you take alprazolam you might very quickly feel relaxed, tired and sleepy. But you are also at risk of serious harm if you take alprazolam.” (www.talktofrank.com)

As a response to these concerns we are currently preparing to deliver a targeted intervention PSHE lesson concerning Xanax and its effects to Y10 and Y11 students.

If you have any further questions, please email Mr Perkins (Head of PSHE) at the school.

Forthcoming dates for April and May 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tue 23-04-19	Y9 Exams
Tue 23-04-19	School Opens after Easter Holidays
Thu 25-04-19	Old Altrinchamians Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 26-04-19	Y12 Exams
Mon 29-04-19	PFA Meeting, School Library 7pm
Mon 06-04-19	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
Thu 09-05-19	Y12 Oxbridge Evening 7pm



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Thu 09-05-19	Y11 Study Leave begins
Wed 15-05-19	Y8 Exams
Wed 15-05-19	Y13 Study Leave begins
Sat 18-05-19	French Connection Clothes Sale – 9am – 6pm
Sun 19-05-19	French Connection Clothes Sale – 10am – 5pm
Wed 22-05-19	Y7 Exams
Fri 24-05-19	School Closes for Summer Half-Term Holidays

Please refer to the AGSB Calendar for term dates and other useful dates which can be found [here](#).

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