



# Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

*A Grammar School with Academy Status*  
Head Master: Mr G. A. Wright MA (Hons) FRSA  
Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 2RS

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been delightful to welcome back the boys into School over the past two days. After a number of months of standing virtually empty, the School has come alive once more. AGSB is here to be full of pupils, and to get our purpose restarted is wonderful.

In assemblies this week, I have been asking the boys not to look back but to look forward; to re-establish routines, to consolidate their learning from last term and to look forward with confidence. At the same time, however, it is also vital that we acknowledge that the Coronavirus has marked everyone's lives in some way and we should not forget that.

At the beginning of the week we undertook two successful days of staff inset. A good deal of training was taken up with the practicalities of the re-opening, but I am very pleased that part was also dedicated to more thoughtful, reflective and challenging issues that face schools. On Wednesday, we welcomed 'Kids of Colour' who offer training sessions for those working with young people. Their aim is to develop peoples' understanding of race and racism so they can better support young people of colour through society, challenge the racism that exists within institutions and create inclusive spaces within their practice. The session explored key themes across racism, equality, diversity and inclusion and it was a great start in our journey to become an anti-racist School.

I concluded my assemblies by reminding the boys of the AGSB core values. More than ever, our community will need to foster the values of: A Love of Learning underpinned by the 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Each of us – boys and staff – has had a different 'lockdown experience'. Some have come through relatively unscathed, others faced struggles and losses. But we are all moving forward – carefully but optimistically – together. And that is a cause for celebration.

I wish you and your families well for the weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr G. A. Wright  
Head Master



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## Kids of Colour



A huge thanks to Kids of Colour for a fantastic staff INSET session which explored key themes across racism, equality, diversity and inclusion. This is a great start in our journey to become an anti-racist school.



## Welcome Back!



A warm welcome to our new Year 7 students this week, all looking extremely smart!

Great to welcome back our students into school this week. They have been learning about the new systems and processes we have introduced across the School.





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## Congratulations!

Big congratulations go to Charlie W (Y12) who has become an England Under 18 Academy Player.

## Noticeboard for Parents



Be sure to follow the Head Master on Twitter for the latest and most up-to-date information - @agsb\_official.



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If you are a parent looking for advice and support with your child's mental health and wellbeing, Trafford Sunrise Parent Workshops are available to help. They are running online sessions throughout September which aims to

support your child with anxiety, managing change and other health and wellbeing topics. There are two age group workshops covering ages 5 to 12 and 10 to 16-year olds. September dates are below:

### 5-12 year old Parent Workshops:

**Anxiety – Tuesday, 15 September 5pm-6.30pm)**

**Managing Change – Tuesday, 29 September 10am-11.30am)**

### 10-16 year old Parent Workshops:

**Managing Change – Tuesday, 8 September (10am-11.30am)**

**Communicating with your teenager – Monday, 21 September (10am-11.30am) (See attached [Poster](#))**

Participants must register in advance. Please email [sunrise@justpsychology.co.uk](mailto:sunrise@justpsychology.co.uk) to sign up.

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