



ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS



APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME TEACHER OF
CHEMISTRY (MATERNITY COVER)



Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

Information Pack for Candidates
Full-time Teacher of Chemistry

(Maternity Cover)

**Start Date: 2nd September 2019
To 31st May 2020**

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This document is a prospectus designed specifically for you as a candidate, the aim being to summarise the relevant information you require to reach your decision on whether to apply for a position at our School. We hope you find this useful. Please access the School website www.agsb.co.uk for further information.



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD MASTER

I am delighted to welcome you to the recruitment area for Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, one of the top performing boys schools in the country.

Founded in 1912, the school is rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted and secures some of the best examination results at GCSE and A level in the country. Almost all students progress to university with many attending the best Russell Group universities including Oxford, Cambridge and many others.

We tailor our curriculum to ensure students are nurtured as well-rounded individuals, excelling in core subjects like Mathematics, English and the Sciences but who are also deeply knowledgeable about the Arts and Humanities.

Knowledge, however, is only one component of success. At this school we aim to equip our students with the range of skills to succeed in a rapidly changing world. All students are offered a wide ranging programme of extra-curricular activities and enrichment that hone essential character traits such as leadership, resilience, moral purpose, integrity and honesty.

AGSB is a great place to work and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

G.A. Wright
Head Master



THE SCHOOL

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is a six-form entry 11-18 selective Academy School. It caters for boys who have been selected for grammar school education from a wide area of South Manchester and North Cheshire. Pupils travel to the School from Wilmslow, Knutsford, Lymm, Warrington, Sale, Urmston, Old Trafford and Cheadle Hulme.

The number of boys in the School has been rising steadily in recent years as its popularity has increased. In September 2018 there were 1263 boys in the school of whom 350 are in the Sixth Form. The School is very popular with parents and in the current year received 1,200 applications for 173 places.

The academic results are outstanding and they place the School in the top 50 maintained schools. Our GCSE results are strong in respect of 9/8 grades and our 'A' level results in respect of A*/A/B grades. The 2007 Ofsted Report graded the School as 'outstanding'.

An investment of £4M in improved sports facilities has been completed and all School employees benefit from free use of the facilities.

There are exciting times ahead at AGSB. In September 2020, the school will move from six to seven-form entry. In July 2019, building will begin on a new £2.8 million teaching complex within the heart of the school.



THE LOCATION

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is situated a mile from Altrincham town centre within the Parish of Bowdon, which, with the surrounding parishes of Hale, Altrincham & Timperley, is home to many executives and professionals employed by the multi-national companies based in Manchester and also the BBC in Salford Quays.

Ten miles from Manchester city centre and thirty miles from Liverpool and Chester, the area is served by an excellent motorway network and the Manchester Metrolink rail. Manchester International Airport is sited in the east of the School's catchment area, five miles from Altrincham town centre. Wythenshawe Teaching Hospital, a pioneer in advanced surgery, is sited just outside the catchment area to the north. The School has strong connections with Manchester University and Manchester Metropolitan University both through teacher training links and through links with academic departments.

Manchester is a cosmopolitan centre of international commerce, arts, music, theatre, opera, ballet, sports, museums and events. The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester is the home of the Hallé Orchestra, there are numerous venues for major rock concerts, and the city centre theatres regularly host major West End productions. Old Trafford, home of Manchester United Football Club and Lancashire Cricket Club, is within easy reach of Altrincham.



THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

The AGSB Chemistry Department is part of a large and successful Science faculty. At present the Department consists of 7 staff who are accommodated in four dedicated laboratories and a large central prep room facility shared by the Chemistry staff.

In Year 9 students are taught by specialists to an in-house scheme of work which aims to introduce the students to various practical skills before starting GCSE after the Christmas holidays.

At GCSE there are 18 groups (9 in each of Year 10 and Year 11). The majority of these follow the AQA Chemistry syllabus where practical work is used as a driving force for the teaching and understanding of the subject. Two of the groups are following the AQA Trilogy Science syllabus. The students are taught by subject specialists at GCSE.

Chemistry remains the second most opted for subject at A level with over 160 students following the AQA Chemistry A level. Whilst many are interested in studying medical and other associated degrees, we are seeing an increasing number looking at engineering and the study of Chemistry for its own merits.

The successful candidate will join an outstanding Department and will be given the opportunity to teach across the age range to able and responsive pupils. It is likely that A Level teaching will be available to the right candidate.

THE POST

One of the leading Boys' Grammar schools requires an enthusiastic and committed Teacher of Chemistry to join an outstanding Faculty from the **2nd September 2019 to the 31st May 2020**. The post would be ideally suited to a teacher who wishes to broaden his/her experience within an academic school but newly qualified teachers are also encouraged to apply. The successful candidate would be teaching around 40 periods of Chemistry a fortnight at KS3, KS4 and KS5 level.

The successful applicant will be remunerated at a level representing their qualifications, skills and experience.

To obtain an application pack, including the application form, to arrange a visit or for an informal chat about working at the school please contact Diane Jamieson or Katie McWilliams at permanent@visionforeducation.co.uk or call on 0191 267 6555 or 07713 323792.

A completed application form and a covering letter (addressed to the Head Master) should be returned by **Wednesday, 19th June 2019** to permanent@visionforeducation.co.uk. Interviews will take place week beginning 24th June 2019.

Further background information is available on our website and to download an Application Form, please follow the link - <https://www.agsb.co.uk/vacancies>

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted with details of the interview process. If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

Safer Recruitment

AGSB is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. We are committed to protecting our students and staff and therefore have a rigorous recruitment process which includes assessing candidates' suitability to work with children. All staff will be required to hold an enhanced DBS Disclosure.

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