



# ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS



APPOINTMENT OF  
TEACHER OF ENGLISH



# **Altrincham Grammar School for Boys**

## **Information Pack for Candidates**

### **TEACHER OF ENGLISH** **Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

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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](http://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.

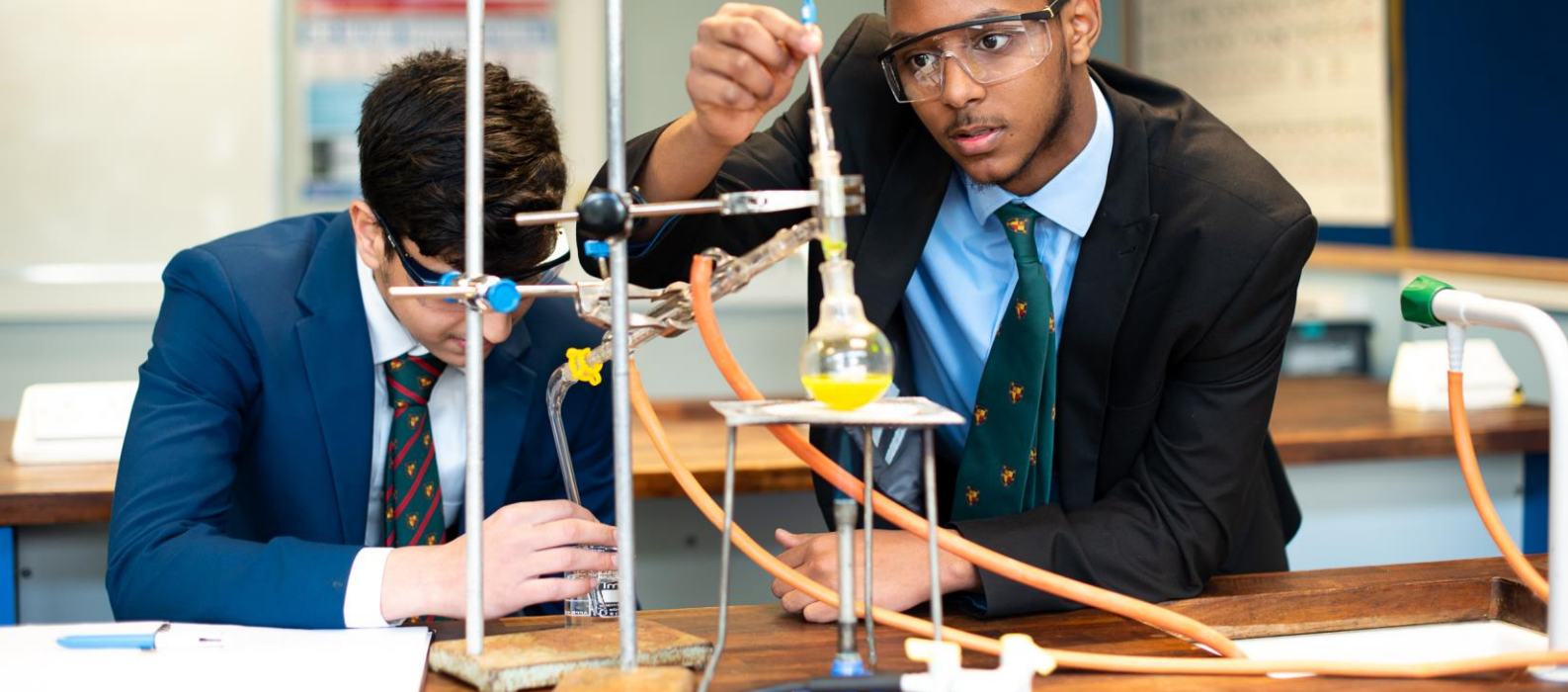
We tailor our curriculum to ensure students are nurtured as well-rounded individuals, excelling in core subjects like Mathematics, English and the Sciences but who are also deeply knowledgeable about the Arts and Humanities.

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 multi-ethnic seven-form entry 11-18 selective Academy School. It caters for boys who have been selected for a 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 2023, there were 1390 boys in the school of whom 400 are in the Sixth Form. The School is very popular with parents and in the current year received over 1,600 applications for 202 places.

The academic results are outstanding and they place the School in the top 20 maintained schools in the country. Our GCSE results are strong in respect of 9/8 grades and our 'A' level results in respect of A\*/A/B grades. The 2022 Ofsted Report graded the School as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

We have the highest expectations of our students, not only in their academic performance, but in their commitment to extra-curricular activities be it in sport, drama, music or wider community service.

We are a school that values diversity and individual contribution; supporting and encouraging both students and staff to pursue their interests and achieve their ambitions.

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 moved from six to seven-form entry. In December 2020, work was completed on a state of the art £2.8 million teaching complex which is located in 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, and close to the surrounding parishes of Hale, Altrincham and Timperley. The surrounding area is a desirable place to live and work. The School prides itself on its excellent relationship with the local community and parents. These are important factors that have contributed to the School's success and enable pupils to reach their full potential both academically and personally.

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 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

We take a genre-based approach to English, seeking to give students a taste of an exciting range of prose, poetry, plays, and non-fiction texts across a wide range of contexts. In Year 7, students are taught in mixed ability form groups, covering topics such as autobiography, heroes and villains, and dystopian worlds. From Year 8 onwards, students are grouped according to ability and cover themes such as the Gothic, war literature, opinion pieces, and crime writing. Year 9 is designed to mirror the GCSE course and includes programmes on protest, tragedy, and Victorian texts.

At GCSE, we follow the AQA courses in Language and Literature, and read texts such as *Macbeth*, *An Inspector Calls*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, as well as poetry on the theme of power and conflict.

At A Level, we offer AQA (B) English Literature and focus on the themes of Tragedy and Social and Political Protest. We also offer Pearson/Edexcel A Level English Language where students cover topics such as identity, language change, and child language, as well as producing a portfolio of creative writing.

The Department comprises 8 teachers who occupy a new and beautiful suite of classrooms.

### **Examination Results**

Examination results at GCSE and A-level are significantly higher than national averages. At GCSE, the proportion of students achieving grades 9-6 is consistently over 85%. More information about examination results can be found on the School website.





## THE ROLE

*"The powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse",* Walt Whitman

At AGSB, we believe English provides the skills that are the cornerstone of a good all-round education and a successful, fulfilling life: clarity, communication and creativity. At the heart of our work is a passionate belief in the power of language, the adventure of literature, and the joy of self-expression.

Students are invited to read widely across all genres and respond with enthusiasm and insight. Whether it is Shakespeare or the Sunday Times, Dickens or the Daily Mail, Fitzgerald or Facebook, students are encouraged to be active and inquisitive readers with the ability to follow arguments, make connections and develop personal responses.

Writing is presented not just as a necessary life skill but as an art to be nurtured and honed. Students write poems, drama scripts, short stories, journalism and essays throughout the course and are taught to emulate the craft of great writers, as well as to develop an accurate and distinctive personal style.

More than anything else, students are urged to see their English lessons as a voyage of discovery – a chance to think critically, explore new ideas, appreciate beautiful writing and find an authentic voice of their own.

Joining the English Department at AGSB will provide you with the rare opportunity to work with students who are hard-working and hungry to learn. This post will suit an English teacher who enjoys stretching able students, setting their aspirations high, and planning creative, enriching, learning experiences. If that sounds like your idea of a fulfilling place to work, we look forward to hearing from you.

Applications are welcomed from both experienced teachers and newly qualified teachers.

# APPLICATIONS

## TEACHER OF ENGLISH

One of the leading Boys' Grammar Schools requires an enthusiastic and committed full-time Teacher of English to join an outstanding Faculty from the 1st September 2024.

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

To arrange a visit or for an informal chat about working at the School please contact the Head Master's PA: Mrs M Brickell (mbrickell@agsb.co.uk) or call on 0161 928 0858.

Applicants are requested to submit a completed Application Form via the TES website which should include a separate formal letter of application addressed to the Head Master.

Closing date for applications is 9am on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Interviews will take place in School week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Further background information is available on our website – <https://www.agsb.co.uk/>.

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

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to go through child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

### Equal Opportunities

We are an equal opportunity employer. We are also a multi-ethnic school and we welcome applications from ethnic minority candidates who are under-represented in our staff population compared to our pupil population.

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