



# ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS



APPOINTMENT OF LEARNING  
SUPPORT ASSISTANT



# **Altrincham Grammar School for Boys**

## **Information Pack for Candidates Learning Support Assistant**

**Start Date: Nov/Dec 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.

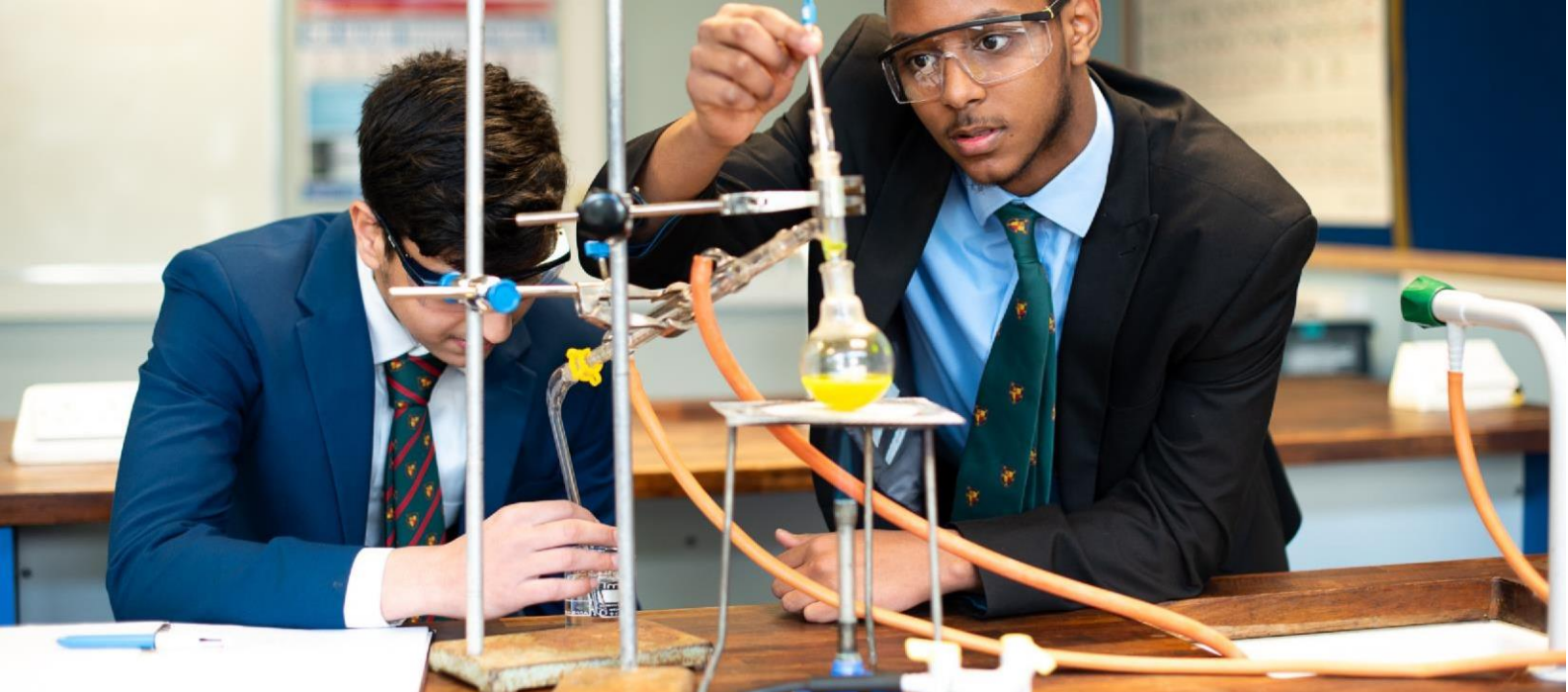
We tailor our curriculum to ensure students are nurtured as well-rounded individuals, excelling in core subjects like Mathematics, English and the Sciences but who are also deeply knowledgeable about the Arts and Humanities.

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 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 ROLE

AGSB requires an enthusiastic and committed Learning Support Assistant to join a well-established and successful team as soon as possible. As a Learning Support Assistant, you will support students across all year groups and empower them to reach their full potential.

Responsibilities include:

- Working closely with the SENDCo to identify student needs, intervene effectively and monitor impact
- Providing SEND support and mentoring to individuals or groups of pupils
- Working closely with teaching staff to support the learning, progress and inclusion of students in lessons
- Providing cover for short-term teaching absence
- Completing administrative tasks

Person specification:

- A basic knowledge of SEND
- The ability to form positive working relationships with staff, students and parents
- High expectations for student outcomes
- Committed to addressing barriers to learning
- Excellent communication and organisation skills
- Sensitivity and discretion
- A team player
- GCSE Maths and English (Grade C or above)
- You may have a degree or be an aspiring teacher
- Running Homework Club once a week after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Applications are invited from individuals with experience of working in a school but those with experience of working in other fields should not be deterred from making an application. Full training will be provided.

The post will be paid initially on the NJC Scale Points 7-11 (£25,584 to £27,269 FTE, actual salary will be commensurate with experience. 35 hours per week over 5 days plus one additional hour each week for homework club, 44.47 weeks per year, term-time plus 5 days.

# APPLICATIONS

## LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

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](mailto:mbrickell@agsb.co.uk)) or call on 0161 928 0858.

A completed TES Application Form and a separate covering letter (addressed to the Head Master and submitted via email to [mbrickell@agsb.co.uk](mailto:mbrickell@agsb.co.uk)) should be returned by **9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

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.

**Interviews will take place in School during week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

## 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. Social media checks will be performed on all shortlisted candidates.

## Equal Opportunities

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

Head Master: Mr G.A Wright MA (Hons) FRSA. Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Marlborough Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2RS.