



## ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS ADMISSIONS POLICY 2026 SIXTH FORM FOR CONSULTATION

### 1. Admission arrangements

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys ("AGSB") is a wholly selective Academy Grammar School for boys. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Sixth Form School Prospectus which is available to download from the School website at <https://www.agsb.co.uk/page/?title=6th+Form&pid=88>.

In order to be considered for admission to the Sixth Form of the School, all applicants (both internal and external) must meet the Admission Criteria (as set out in Section 2). Where the number of external applicants who qualify for admission exceeds the number of external places available the Oversubscription Criteria will be applied (as set out in Section 3).

An Open Evening will be held in November each year (when applicants are in Year 11) details of which will be published in a local newspaper and further information will be on the School website.

All applicants will be asked to complete an online **Sixth Form Application Form** via the Admissions section of our website. A link to this form can be found at: [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk). The closing date for applications is Monday 2 February 2026.

All offers of places will be made by 1 May 2026

Our published admission number (PAN) for the admission of applicants from other schools for the year commencing September 2026 is a minimum of 4, although the actual number is often higher. Additional external students may be admitted providing their admission does not prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources. Applicants must have a date of birth between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010.

Places will be allocated in accordance with our Admission Criteria (section 2) and Oversubscription Criteria (section 3).

### 2. Admission Criteria

For those in receipt of a **conditional offer** of place in the Sixth Form the requirement for entry is that students **must** have achieved a minimum Attainment 8 score of 62 **and** at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen to study **and** a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. Students who wish to study Further Mathematics must have a minimum of a grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics.

Please note that for the purposes of our entry criteria 2026 the Attainment 8 score is defined as a summation of the grades students achieve in their best 8 GCSEs, including Mathematics and English Language. A student's Mathematics GCSE and English Language GCSE grade will be included in this measure and both the Mathematics and English Language grades will be double weighted. For example, a score of 8 in English Language will be awarded 16 points towards the minimum target of a 62. The remaining 6 GCSEs are not double weighted and can come from any other GCSE subject studied by the students as part of the AGBS curriculum, or equivalent subjects at a different school.

In order to secure a conditional offer of a place in the Sixth Form, applicants must show evidence of a positive attitude towards school and towards learning throughout their secondary school education, including commitment to learning and attendance. This applies to internal and external applicants.

## 2.1 Applicants from this School

Applicants from this School (who are likely to meet the Admission Criteria) will be offered a Sixth Form place by 1 May 2026, **conditional** upon them achieving the required GCSE grades. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if the applicant has not responded by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day.

## 2.2 Applicants from other Schools

After all applicants from AGSB (who are likely to meet the Admission Criteria) have been accommodated, conditional offers of places may be made to students from other schools. This will be subject to the availability of places on individual courses and combinations of subjects. Offers of places will be made by 1 May 2026.

Where a conditional offer is made to an external applicant and accepted, the student **must** complete the GCSE Results confirmation process by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day via the online form(s) on our website [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk). They **must** achieve the minimum entry requirements (see Section 2 Admission Criteria) and also complete the registration process by the deadline given and **must** commence school on the first day of term.

The offer of a place may be withdrawn if the applicant has not responded by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day as instructed in the offer letter/email.

Instructions on the GCSE Results confirmation process and registration process will be provided in the conditional offer letter/email from AGSB and will also be available on the School website [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk) prior to GCSE Results Day. Where the student fails to complete the GCSE Results confirmation process and/or the registration processes as instructed or fails to commence school on the first day of term, the place may be withdrawn and offered to another applicant. A change in subject choices at this stage is not possible.

Applicants who made an on-time application (by 2 February 2026) but were not made a conditional offer may be considered for any places that might become available on GCSE Results Day by completing the appropriate form(s) as instructed on the school website by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day. These applications will be subject to the Admissions Policy and our Oversubscription Criteria (see 3).

Late applications can be made by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day via the form(s) as instructed on the School website [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk) (see 5.2). These applications will be subject to the Admissions Policy and our Oversubscription Criteria (see 3).

All applicants are required to confirm UK residency status as requested. Where the applicant is not a UK passport holder, proof of eligibility of post-16 public funding for education in the UK must be provided. Where this is not provided the place will be reviewed and may be withdrawn.

Applications received after 12 noon on GCSE Results Day may not be considered.

## 3. Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of external applicants who are likely to meet (or have met) the Admission Criteria exceeds the number of external places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which external applicants to offer places to (conditional on meeting the Admission Criteria on GCSE Results Day):

### 3.1 Priority Category 1

'Looked After Children' and previously 'Looked After Children' (as defined in Section 6.1). Evidence must be uploaded with the Sixth Form Application Form at the point of application.

### 3.2 Priority Category 2

Students who fall within the Pupil Premium criteria (as set out in Section 6.2).

(i) Up to one quarter of the available external Sixth Form places will be allocated to external students who fall within the Pupil Premium criteria. Written proof of eligibility should be uploaded to the Sixth Form Application Form at the point of application. Where the number of Pupil Premium applicants exceeds the number of places available within this category, places will be offered using ranking as determined by their predicted GCSE grades (or actual GCSE grades if relevant).

(ii) If an external applicant(s) who falls within the Pupil Premium Criteria would otherwise be eligible for a place within Priority Category 3, then additional applicant(s) will be offered places within Priority Category 2 following the criteria in (i) above.

### 3.3 Priority Category 3

All other external applicants.

Where eligible applicants for admission for a particular combination of subjects exceed the number of places available, the places will be allocated to those students in order of merit based on their predicted GCSE grades. If two or more students are predicted the same number of GCSE points, the final place(s) will be allocated in order of merit based on their actual GCSE result in August.

3.4 Where the number of applicants qualifying for admission exceeds the number of places available in any category priority shall be given to those applicants residing closer to the School.

3.5 Should places become available for external applicants after the publication of results on GCSE Results Day, the same procedure will be adopted but with the decision based on actual rather than predicted GCSE grades.

## 4. Home Address

The Governing Body are committed to ensuring that the allocation of school places is fair and transparent and takes very seriously any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in the admissions process. We will further investigate any application that appears to be **misleading** or **fraudulent**. External places allocated on the basis of fraudulent or misleading information WILL BE withdrawn and, it is important to note, that a place can be withdrawn even after an applicant has started in Sixth Form at the school.

AGSB will apply the following considerations to external applicants.

4.1 The applicant's home address means: the address where the applicant normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis. This must not be a temporary address, an address of a child-minder, grandparent, carer or relative, or any other address used to gain an advantage in the admissions process.

4.2 If living in a rental property, the applicant's parent/carer must provide a current rental agreement and proof of residence upon request, where this becomes relevant at appeal or otherwise. If the family has moved from an owned property into rented accommodation, proof of disposal of the previously owned property (i.e. proof that the property has been sold) may be requested at appeal or otherwise. Where the previous property was a rental property, evidence showing termination of the previous rental agreement will be required.

4.3 In the case of parents who are separated, the application will be considered from the address where the applicant lives most of the time, even though the applicant may regularly spend some time at another address. However, the address used in the application cannot be that of a child-carer, grandparent or any other relative. Where it is claimed

that the applicant's residency is shared equally between two addresses parents may decide which address will be used for the purpose of the application.

**4.4** The distance from home to school will be calculated in a direct straight line from the applicant's permanent place of residence, using the seed point listed for the property, to the school. The seed point of each property is defined by co-ordinates, held in Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) and is available, on request, from Trafford's School Admissions Team. For applicants resident outside Trafford, the seed point data will be provided by the Home Authority. In cases where this data is not available, Royal Mail postal address Information may be used. In the case of a child living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be obtained in the same way. The co-ordinates that will be used for the School are 376730, 386682.

## **5. General**

**5.1** Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has the highest priority for admission where the number of GCSE points and the distance between two applicants' homes and the School is the same.

**5.2** Applications received after Monday 2 February 2026 may only be processed once all on-time internal and external applications have been considered. Decisions on late applications will be made after the publication of GCSE results in August.

**5.3** Admission of an applicant outside their normal age group. Considerations will be made on an individual basis taking into account information regarding the applicant's academic, social and emotional development in addition to factors detailed in Sections 2.18, 2.19 and 2.20 of the Schools Admissions Code (2021).

**5.4** Applications for entry into Y13 would not normally be considered.

## **6. Definitions**

### **6.1 A 'Looked After' or Previously 'Looked After' Child**

A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously 'looked after children' are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's guardian (or special guardians).

This category includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

### **6.2 Pupil Premium**

'Pupil Premium' is funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. Schools receive funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

Schools also receive funding for Service Premium children who have a parent serving in the regular armed forces either currently or within the last 3 years; and children who are in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and the War Pensions Scheme because their parent(s) died on active service with the UK armed forces.

## **7. Appeals**

Any applicant refused admission has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against the decision by the Admission Authority under the Terms of the Education Act 1998.

The Admission Authority will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission. Students above the compulsory school age have the right to appeal against any decision to refuse them admission. The student's right of appeal is in addition to their parent's or carer's right of appeal and the student and their parent/carer may appeal separately, or jointly.

The Appeals Panel will be strictly independent of the School. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding to all parties. A second appeal will not be allowed unless there are proven significant and material changes in circumstance.

Appeals will be heard as soon as possible following the confirmation of examination results.

Appeal application forms will become available online at: [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk) on GCSE Results Day.

For appellants who fail to attend a scheduled hearing, the appeal will be heard in absentia.

Please submit any questions relating to the appeal process to Trafford Governance Services at [school.appeals@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:school.appeals@trafford.gov.uk).

Appellants considering making a complaint regarding administration of an appeal should contact:

EFSA Complaints  
Chief Executive's Office  
Cheylesmore House  
5 Quinton Road  
Coventry  
CV1 2WT

Any person or body who considers that arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Schools Adjudicator.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator)

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