



280624 Head Master's Newsletter

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Head Master's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

With under three weeks left to go, we are now on the home stretch heading towards the end of the school year but before then, students have much to look forward to including the AGSB Mock Election, House Sports Day, House Solo Music Competition, two Musical concerts, Activities Week and a number of overseas trips.

As the UK prepares for the upcoming general election, the AGSB Mock Election also takes place on 4th July. Preceding voting day are candidate hustings and Question Time which takes place on the 3rd July. This event will provide students with a unique opportunity to learn about the democratic process in Modern Britain. Many thanks to Mr Croxton (Head of History and Politics) and all members of the History and Politics Society.

It is also exciting to report that for the second year running, AGSB students have been shortlisted for the 2024 Institute for Research in Schools (IRIS) Award for Best Research Project. Many congratulations to Harris A, Nahom G, Shehroz K and Daniel A from Year 12 for this amazing achievement. They will travel to the Francis Crick Institute, London for the awards evening in September.

Many thanks to all Parents and Carers who completed the recent Parent Survey. I will be sending out a full analysis of the results before the end of term, however, two very pleasing highlights were: 96% of Parents and Carers agreed or strongly agreed that their 'Child was happy at AGSB'. 98% of Parents would 'recommend this school to another parent'.

In sport, huge congratulations to the Under 13 cricket XI who were crowned Cheshire Champions after defeating Birkenhead School by nine wickets. Commiserations, however, go to the Under 15 football XI who were narrowly defeated 2-1 in the Trafford Cup final V Aston-on-Mersey school. I wish the Under 14 Cricket XI all the very best as they take on Birkenhead School (again!) in the Cheshire Cup final on Monday. As I write, our senior chess squad are competing in the National final in Nottingham.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr G A Wright, Head Master

AGSB Mock Election 2024

Election fever is permeating throughout the corridors of AGSB. This week we have enjoyed Hustings from the Y12 parliamentary candidates. Next week, we look forward to Question Time on Wednesday, followed by the Mock Election vote on Thursday.



AGSB Grammar Fest



1 - Just a reminder that we have our annual PFA Grammarfest taking place at school TOMORROW (Saturday 29th June) from 4 – 7pm.

We have an incredible afternoon planned including music from our very own AGSB students, food trucks, inflatables, competitions and games on the astro, plus so much more.

So come down and support our event. It would be great to see many of you there – all are welcome – and raise some money for the PFA in the process.

You can beat the queues by purchasing tickets in advance (<https://www.hopp.to/agsb>) or simply pay on the door on the day itself. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

PFA

Library News



The Library have introduced a number of bean bags to enable our students to read their books in a relaxing and comfortable environment.

SEND Support



You can arrange an appointment to discuss a SEND issue, either at our weekly virtual SEND Clinic (Thursdays 1:30pm- 3:00pm) or at another suitable time.

Financial Support at AGSB

You can apply for Free School Meals [here](#).

You can find out more about Pupil Premium support for Y7-Y11 [here](#).

You can find out more about Sixth Form Bursary support [here](#).

Information on discounted and free public transport for students aged 11-18 is available [here](#).

Help with funding UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is available [here](#).

For all Inclusion related queries, please contact acathcart@agsb.co.uk

Ms A Cathcart, Assistant Head (Inclusion)/SENDCo

IRIS Conference

“Our students took part in the Institute for Research in Schools (IRIS) Research Conference in Manchester which saw them present the research they've been doing over the past year. IRIS is a UK charity helping to provide opportunities for young people to experience authentic, cutting-edge research whilst at school. Our research group joined two hundred student researchers from eighteen schools/colleges across the north. The IRIS team was impressed with our students' ability to speak passionately, knowledgeably, and confidently about their research.”

Ms Blaize

Hear from one of our students Sami A.

Over the past few months, a few Year 12 students have been working on their IRIS research projects. They have been researching and designing different things and last Thursday, they were able to show what they produced through all their hard work at the IRIS conference in Manchester. They were given feedback and praise for all their efforts since the start of the year and the skills they learnt and developed along the way.

"I think the best thing about the whole experience, was learning things outside of the school curriculum that we were interested in doing ourselves. The ideas and the research and thought that went into them was something I have never experienced.

The IRIS project has opened my, and other fellow students' minds to research-driven career paths."

Many thanks to Miss Blaize for coordinating the IRIS project this year and thanks to Miss Crowther and Dr Squire for coming with us to the conference.

Sami A.



Altrincham Grammar Islamic Society



Many congratulations to the Altrincham Grammar School for Boys Islamic Society for raising £8605.65 in a humanitarian appeal focused on Sudan. This is an amazing achievement that demonstrates the generosity and excellent work of our students and the ISOC.

Well Done

Congratulations to Daniel B, Y9 and Isaac R Y9 who play for Sale United Football Club - Devils U14. They have won the U14 Division 1 in the Timperley & District Junior Football League (2023/2024).



Art

The annual GCSE Art Exhibition took place on Thursday afternoon. There were some amazing pieces of art on show.

Well done to all students involved, Mr Monument for the Jazz and to Miss Cooke for putting on a fantastic event.






Sporting Achievements

Sports News



Many congratulations to the Under 13 Cricket XI who have won the Cheshire Cup with a fantastic 9 wicket victory over  Birkenhead School.

There has been some great cricket played over the last two weeks. We recently welcomed King William College from the Isle of Man for a cricket block. AGSB managed to win 2 from 2. Well done to all the U15s and U13s who played.



Commiserations to the U15 football squad who lost 1-2 to Ashton on Mersey School in the final of the Trafford Cup. They have had a great season overall and well done to all involved.



Well done to the following students are off to take part in the U19s National School's Chess Championship at Nottingham University this weekend.

Sai V, Matthew P, Raayaan K, James F (Y12); Hugo W (Y11); Valentine F (Y10); Sithun DS (Y8)

Good luck to everyone!



Congratulations to Charlie R, Y8 for achieving an impressive 116 runs the semi final of the Cheshire Cup.

Dates for your Diary



Remember to keep an eye on our [School Calendar](#) for information on upcoming events.

Forthcoming Key Dates are:

- 28.06.2024: Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Weekend
- 01.07.2024: Sports Day (Field Events)
- 02.07.2024: Sports Day (Track Events)

- 04.07.2024: Summer Music Concert 7pm
- 05.07.2024: Review Day - School Closed for Students
- 08.07.2024 - 12.07.2024: Y10 and Y12 Work Experience/Work Shadowing
- 09.07.2024 - 22.07.2024: Senior Rugby Tour to South Africa
- 11.07.2024 - 16.07.2024: Year 8 & Year 9 Classics Trip to Italy
- 11.07.2024 - 15.07.2024: Year 9 German Trip to Rhineland, Germany
- 11.07.2024 - 15.07.2024: Activities Days
- 15.07.2024: AGSB Jazz Evening @ 7pm
- 16.07.2024: School Closes at 12.20pm for the Summer Holidays

AGSB PFA

'Pre-Loved' Uniform Sale - Dates for your Diary



The AGSB PFA will again this year be holding three separate days to enable Parents and Carers to come into School during the School Summer Holidays to buy Pre-loved School Uniform. These dates are as follows:

Friday, 26th July between 10am and 3pm

Wednesday, 28th August between 10am and 3pm

Friday, 30th August between 10am and 3pm

The sales will be held in the School Sixth Form Centre and cash and cards are acceptable. There will be a large selection of all uniform items. Please enter the School via the Conservatory next to School House, please do not use the main entrance.

Music Events

Year 7 and Year 8 Summer Concert, Thursday, 4th July at 6.30pm



Tickets are still available on ParentPay for the Year 7 and Year 8 Summer Concert, at a price of £2 for adults. Child tickets are completely free of charge.

The performance starts at 6.30pm and will last approximately one hour. The Concert will take place **outside** in the Quad, which is adjacent to the new School Library. Obviously, we can't predict the weather this far in advance, so please dress accordingly on the night.

AGSB Jazz Evening



We would like to invite you to our AGSB Jazz evening , the final Music event of the School year.

Our Jazz Evening is an informal outdoor Concert, where the School Big Band, Jazz combo and intermediate Jazz Band will play. The School Big Band will also feature some returning former students, which will be a great treat for the audience!

This event takes place on Monday, 15th July between 7pm to 9pm.

If you would like to attend, please email Mr Monument on mmonument@agsb.co.uk and seats will be reserved for you free of charge. Please do not reply to this email as I am out of School from Wednesday, 26th June for the rest of the Summer Term on annual leave.

I do hope you are able to join us for a relaxing evening of Jazz.

Parents' Noticeboard



2 - Don't forget, all lost property will be displayed in the Stamford Hall during the last week of term, so please encourage your son to go along to have a look.



Important Information - Arrangements for the first day of term on Wednesday, 4th September:

Autumn Term:

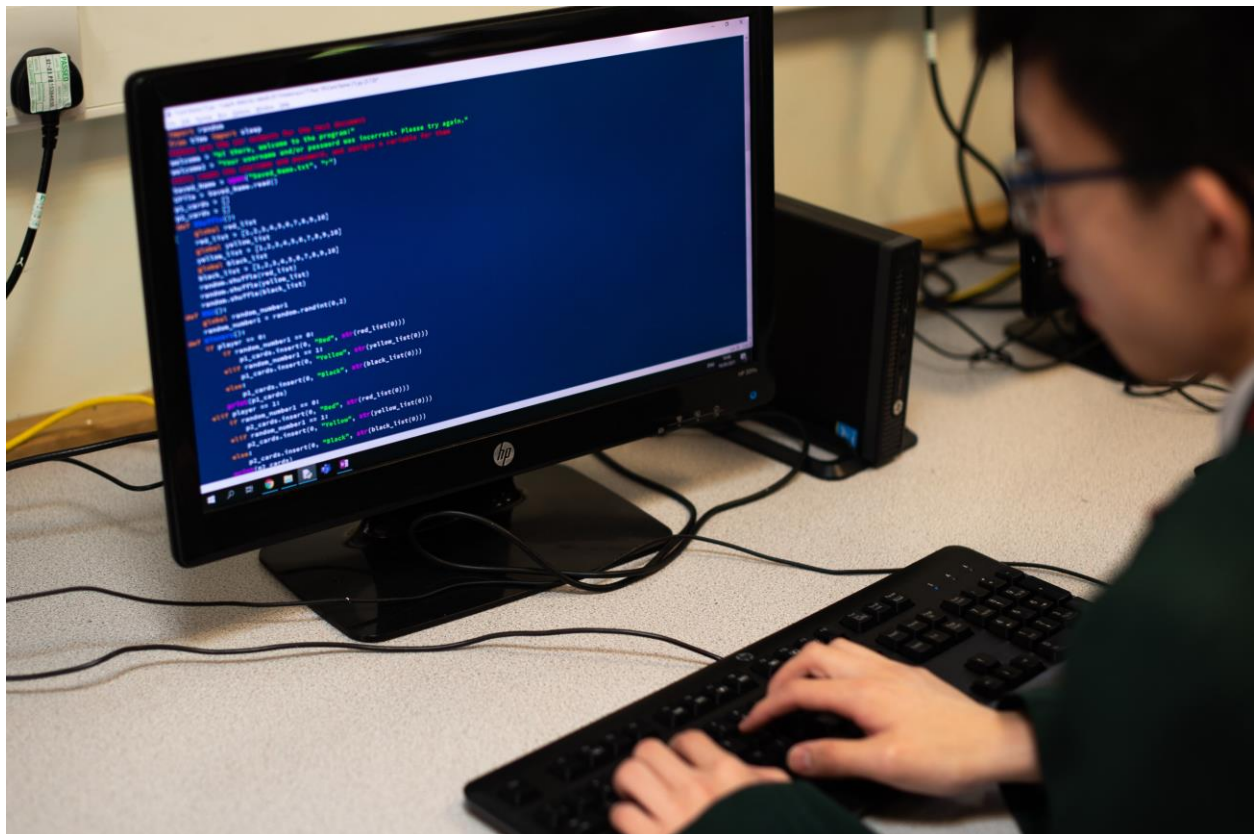
Wednesday, 4th September 2024 – School Re-opens for students in Years 7 and 12 only

- New Year 7 pupils should report to the Coleman Hall at **8.40am**
- Year 12 pupils should report to the Coleman Hall for Assembly at **10am**

Thursday, 5th September 2024 - School Re-opens for ALL students

- Years 7 to 13 inclusive should register in their Form Rooms at **8.40am**

Information for Parents



Don't forget that our website is a constant source of news and information.

[Letters & Information for Parents can be found here.](#)

Reporting an Absence

If you need to report a Pupil Absence, please use the ARBOR App to do so. For Special Leave Requests, please complete the online form on our website which can be found under the Parents section [HERE](#).

Contact Information



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