



ALTRINCHAM GRAMMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS



APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME
TEACHER OF BIOLOGY (MATERNITY COVER)



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Information Pack for Candidates

TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER OF BIOLOGY (MATERNITY COVER - 0.74 FTE)

Start Date: 8th January 2024

Until: 31st August 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 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" in all areas by Ofsted (2022) 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.

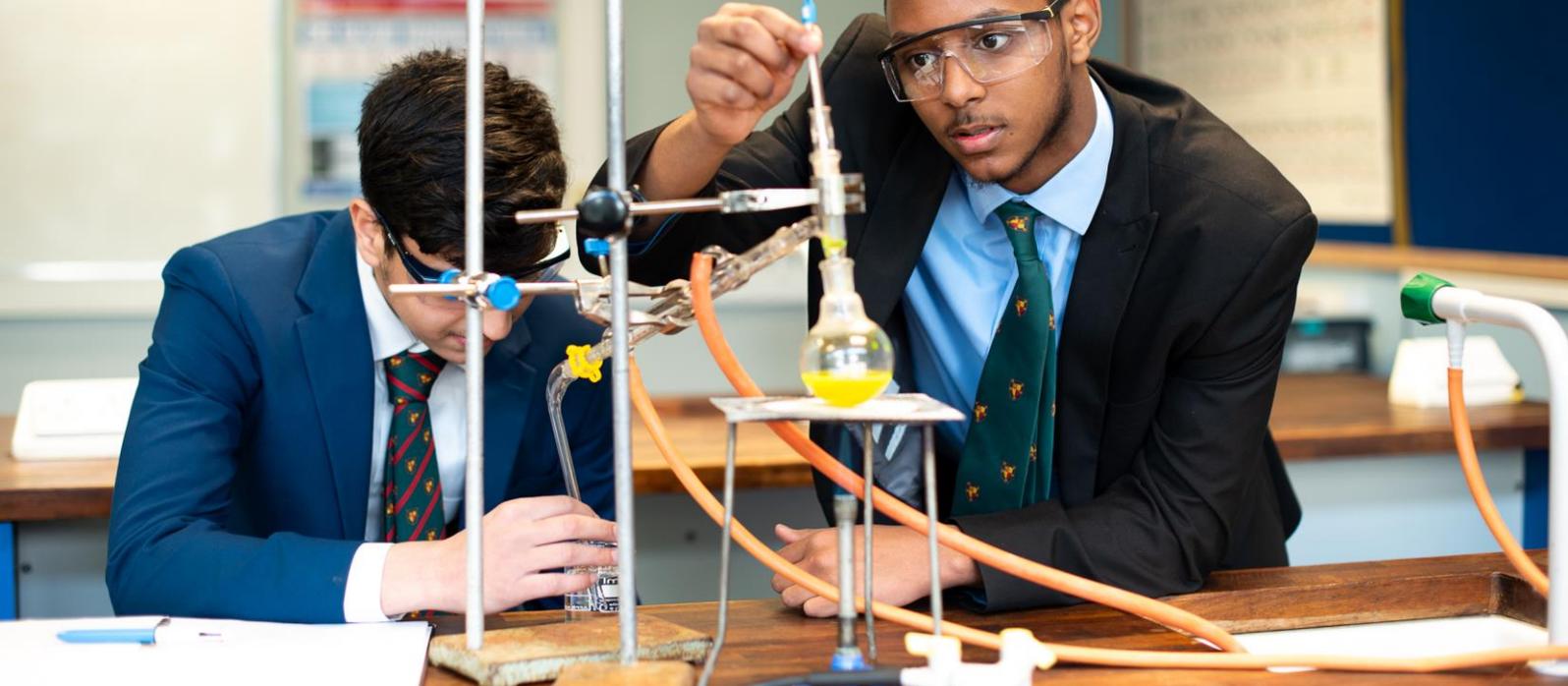
We tailor our curriculum to ensure students are nurtured as well-rounded individuals, excelling in core subjects like Mathematics, English and the Sciences but who are also deeply knowledgeable about the Arts and Humanities.

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 1352 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 BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The AGSB Biology Department is part of a large and successful Science faculty. Results have been excellent for many years and staff changes are infrequent. At present the Biology Department consists of six teachers and two technicians housed in four dedicated laboratories with a bright, modern preparation area and a separate communal office.

Biology specialists teach only Biology from Year 9 to Year 13 but are also involved in the delivery of the Key Stage 3 curriculum, teaching a combined science course to Years 7 and 8.

In Year 9, students are taught in form groups using an in-house scheme of work for the first half term and then follow the GCSE curriculum from then on.

At GCSE there are currently six mixed ability separate Biology groups and two dual award groups in both Years 10 and 11. Students follow either the AQA Biology specification or AQA Trilogy.

At A-Level, the Department has a strong history of attracting students to study at this level and has been successful in maintaining a consistent number of students. We currently have four groups in Year 12 and three groups in Year 13. Students study the AQA Biology specification.

The successful candidate will join an outstanding Department and teach throughout the age range to able and responsive pupils. They will be dedicated to the enjoyment of Biology and will be excited by innovations in teaching and learning methods. Examination results are excellent at all levels with a significant percentage continuing to degree level at Russell Group Universities including Oxford and Cambridge.



THE ROLE

We are keen to appoint an outstanding temporary part-time teacher of Biology (Maternity Cover - 0.74 of a timetable) to join the Department from the 8th January 2024 until the 31st August 2024.

Our School provides a supportive environment in which to work and teachers are encouraged to share their practice as an important contribution to their own and others' professional development.

The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic teacher and be able to deliver all aspects of Biology to pupils across Years 7 to 13.

The Biology Department prides itself on outstanding academic results in GCSE and A-Level examinations.

APPLICATIONS

TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER OF BIOLOGY (Maternity Cover – 0.74 FTE of a timetable)

One of the leading Boys' Grammar Schools requires an enthusiastic and committed part-time Teacher of Biology to join an outstanding Faculty from the 8th January 2024 until the end of the Summer Term 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 and submitted to mbrickell@agsb.co.uk.

Closing date for applications is 8.30am on Wednesday, 15th November 2023. Interviews will take place in School week commencing **20th November 2023.**

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, social media checks (in line with KCSIE 2023) and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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 under-represented in our staff population compared to our pupil population.

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