

# Why choose Altrincham College Sixth Form?

### How we compare to other centres

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We are a smaller centre than some of our competitors, which enables us to offer many advantages:

Smaller class sizes, allowing for a more personalised, impactful teaching experience

The Sixth Form team know all of the students and can support their educational and personal needs

Students feel part of a united and supportive community

We offer a wide variety of subjects, despite our size.



We are inclusive and ensure that our entry requirements are fair and achievable for a wider ability range.



Whereas some centres will only offer places to students who achieve grades 8s and 9s in order to secure impressive results, we offer both Academic and Vocational education pathways to ensure that we can accommodate the needs of students who achieve Grades 9-4.



Over the past 3 years of results, where we have maintained our drive for inclusivity and fairness, 50% of students have **exceeded** their aspirational target grades and 79% of students achieved an average grade of A\*-C.



Additionally, the many students that do join us with GCSE grades 8s and 9s, who work hard, adhere to our high expectations and embrace the support and opportunities available, leave us with top grades (A\*s, As, Bs)

#### **Top Performing Students 2022**

STUDENT	RESULTS
1	A*, A, Distinction*
2	Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
3	A*, A, Distinction
4	A, A, A
5	A*, A, B

### **Enrichment & opportunities**

We offer the same (if not more) opportunities to students as other centres:

An extensive Enrichment Programme including The Duke of Edinburgh Award, the EPQ (Extended Project qualification), Core Maths, LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts), Young Enterprise, Charity Fundraising etc.

Leadership opportunities (Head Students, Student Leaders, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Literacy Mentors)

Tour Aspire6 group for high-achieving, aspirational students (see Aspire6 section below)

★ Student Voice and Student Council

**Personal tutor** 

★ School Counsellor

🛨 Trips and outings e.g London: House of Parliament, University of Liverpool, and UA92

Fantastic, extensive post 18 information, guidance and advice.

🜟 A full-time Learning Resource Manager and UCAS Advisor

A PSRHE curriculum that is age-appropriate and includes Citizenship, British Values, Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural content

## **Aspire6**

This elite group aims to encourage and support High Prior Attaining and aspirational students in continuing their academic success at Altrincham College Sixth Form and beyond.

The Aspire 6 forum aims to provide students with knowledge of the opportunities available to them in terms of their Post-18 progression routes as well as support in accessing these.

The Aspire 6 group meets regularly, both as a group and on a one-to-one basis, with Mrs Court, our UCAS Advisor and Learning Resource Centre Manager. The meeting agendas prioritise discussion of student progress and attainment, as well as strategies to offer stretch and challenge. Additionally, the group focuses on discussing the opportunities that are available to support students with their post-18 options, with many students striving to seek a place of degree study at one of the Russell Group Universities.

#### **Events and opportunities**

The group meetings will focus on opportunities that are available via universities or external agencies such as:

- The Social Mobility Foundation,
- Manchester Access Programme,
- University of Manchester Aspiring Students Society.

We will also host sessions on interview techniques, debate, public speaking, UCAS and Apprenticeship application support and 1:1 Personal Statement guidance.

## **Success Stories**

Name: David

**About:** "My time at sixth form was truly made great because of the amazing teachers and the wonderful environment. And whilst I do miss it, I look forward to my next steps at university with the confidence this school helped me to gain."

David was a fantastic role model at school, who often used his free time to support students who were struggling with their work, or needed a friendly face to talk to.

Subjects studied: A Level Physics (A), Maths (A), Chemistry (B)

**Destination:** University of Manchester, studying Physics





Name: Kaitlyn

**About:** "I always felt well cared for at Altrincham College and I definitely achieved the best I am capable of."

Kaitlin is an example of what hard work can achieve; she fully embraced her time with us, as well as the support on offer and thoroughly deserved her outstanding results.

Kaitlin had the option of studying Media at the University of Leeds or taking up her apprenticeship with the BBC.

**Subjects studied:** A Level English Language (A\*), A Level Sociology (A), BTEC Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media (D\*)

**Destination:** BBC Degree Apprenticeship in Journalism

Name: Alfie

**About:** An outstanding student who faced a number of personal challenges that could have prevented him from achieving his potential. However, his resilience shone through and he gained a place at one of the best universities in the country for Sports courses.

**Subjects studied:** OCR Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity (D\*D\*), A Level Business Studies (B)

**Destination:** Loughborough University (a top 10 university), studying Management with placement year.

