

## Headteacher's Bulletin: *Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now fully into exam season and students are conducting themselves really well during this time. Whilst the weather is beautiful at the moment, we do recognise that hayfever is also at a peak, so if your child is a sufferer, please ensure we are informed and provided with any medication they may need to take during the day. Thank you.



### **Expansion**

I have included this in my newsletter as parents and carers have been asking for updates.

Unfortunately, we are still no further on with the expansion at AC three years down the line. Costs for the upgrading of the school (to accommodate 60 additional students each year to a maximum of 300 additional students over five years) have escalated given the length of time the project is taking to get off the ground. The project has been riddled with setbacks which our school and Trust have had no control over. The matter rests with Trafford Council and we are in their hands. We still want to expand and support the Local Authority in providing places for children in the south of the borough, but plans now have to be altered to accommodate the Council's budget. This brings us back to our original starting point.

I know several local parents/carers have been very concerned that their child has

not secured a place with us for September 2025 and sadly this will not change for September 2026 either. Our local MP, Connor Rand, is fully aware of the situation and is working hard to support both the school and the Council in bringing the expansion to fruition. Thank you for your patience.

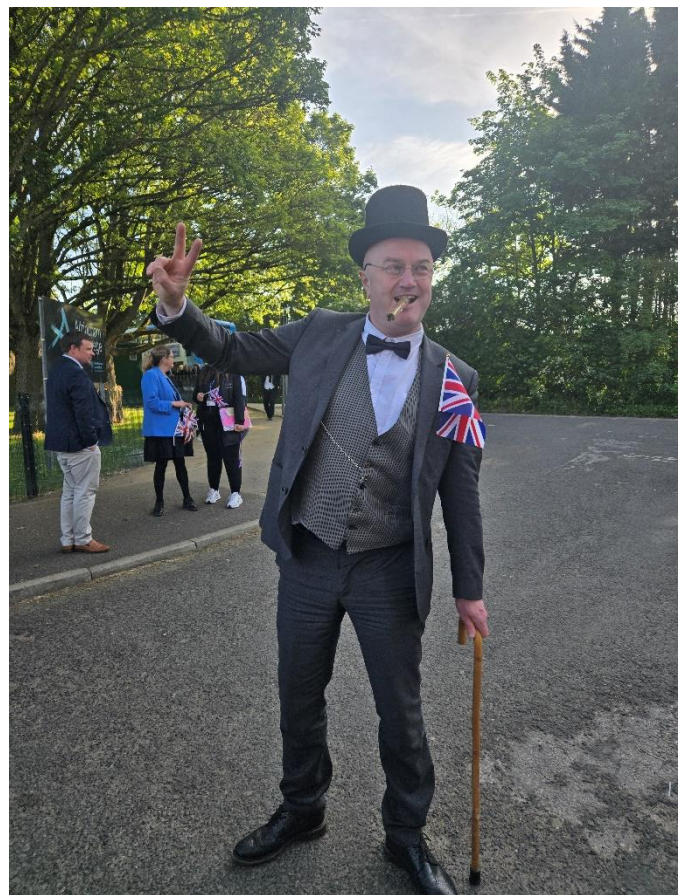
### VE Day celebrations

On 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, we marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the WWII through assemblies, commemoration, and celebration. Our aim was to ensure that the significance of VE Day and the sacrifices made during those years are remembered and understood by our young people.

Pupils attended a reflective assembly led by the history department of Mr Gillan, Miss Duffy and Mr Guy at which a minute's silence was observed in honour of all those who lost their lives as a result of the conflict.

This was followed with an online assembly on ['The Memoirs of Jack Byrne of DCM'](#) where Mrs Owen and her father John talked about their grandfather/father's experience of World War II.

During lunch, pupils across Key Stages 3 & 4 enjoyed a British inspired menu and street party! They also received a ration book with space for three stamps. Signatures were awarded to students for being an outstanding pupil and showing any of the British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, a very special guest was present at the school gates to welcome pupils as they arrived – our very own Winston Churchill! In the afternoon, pupils from Year 7 and 8 took part in wartime activities including, ‘Dig for Victory’, bingo and playing cards.

The ACTV team were very proud to interview Mrs Owen and her father John, talking about Jack Byrne DCM. You can watch the recording here: [The Memoirs of Jack Byrne of DCM](#)



**Prize Draw**  
1945 **80** 2025

To celebrate VE Day 80

Ask your Form Tutor and period 1&2 teachers to initial the relevant box if you have been an outstanding student today!

Form Period

Period 1

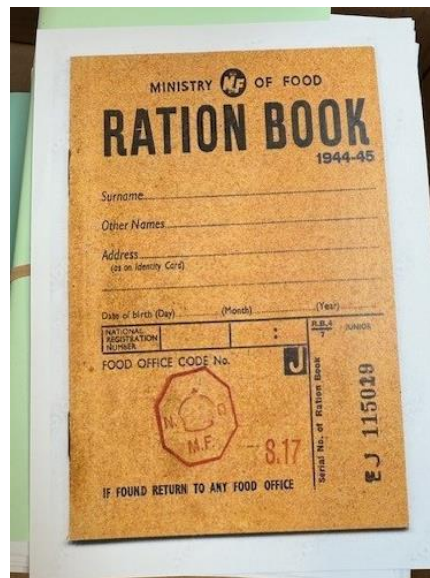
Period 2

Once you have all three signed, fold this card in half and place in the box in the canteen at lunchtime to be entered into the draw!

**KEEP CALM**

AND

**WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE FRONT**



MINISTRY OF FOOD

**RATION BOOK**  
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Other Names \_\_\_\_\_

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Serial No. of Ration Book **EJ 115029**

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## Instagram

Altrincham College is now on INSTAGRAM! If you are too, please follow our account to stay up to-date with school news and events:

[www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege/](https://www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege/)

Please note that we are no longer active on Twitter/X.

Our school social media accounts are:

### Instagram:

[www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege/](https://www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege/)

[www.instagram.com/acsixthform/](https://www.instagram.com/acsixthform/)

[www.instagram.com/actvteam/](https://www.instagram.com/actvteam/)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/AltrinchamCollege](https://www.facebook.com/AltrinchamCollege)



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## Careers Newsletters

We are delighted to announce that we will now be sharing a regular careers newsletter with parents/carers. This will be shared via SIMS InTouch.

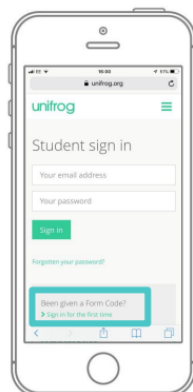
The careers newsletter is a collation of information from employers and universities across the UK. As well as including information about career opportunities in school, you'll also hear about opportunities from external organisations. There is a weekly 'job of the week', 'a labour market information fact', 'an employer spotlight' and 'a university spotlight', helping pupils to bridge the gap between education and employment.

It's never too early for pupils to start thinking about their future, however we hope that Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils and their parents/carers will find this information particularly useful as they research their post-16 or post-18 choices.

Don't forget that pupils from Years 8-13 also have full access to our online career platform, Unifrog, to explore courses, careers and much more!

Parents/carers can access the same features that pupils can on [Unifrog](https://www.unifrog.org), by using the following code: 'ATCMparents'

## Parents & carers, get signed up!




Go to [www.unifrog.org/student](https://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time' You'll be asked for some details and a form code. This is what you need:

**ATCMparents**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

unifrog

 Listen to this newsletter

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

## OPPORTUNITIES



The Pitch 2025 is a competition where you could win work experience with JD, a £150 JD voucher as well as having your advert placed on a billboard in Manchester city centre. There's also a £5000 pot for the winners' school or college! Oh, and the finals are at TikTok HQ! You can [read the brief here](#). Deadline Thursday 5th June.



If the competition isn't for you but you would like to learn more about careers at JD, this [Virtual Work Experience programme](#) is bursting with engaging content designed to introduce you to the various business areas of JD, plus pathways into a career with us!



Jane Street is an international financial firm with offices in London. They host a programme for students in their final year of school (Year 13) to gain experience in their office, meeting traders and learn about the transition from STEM study to careers in the financial sector. Jane Street will cover all travel expenses, as well as housing and meals. No knowledge of finance is required, only an interest in seeing what a career at the company might look like. [Register here](#), contact for questions is [work@janestreet.com](mailto:work@janestreet.com) and the application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> June.



OpenAI, the creators of ChatGPT, have released a range of AI training courses. If you want to learn more about Prompt Engineering or how to use ChatGPT for Data Analysis, you can [find out more about the training here](#).



This [website](#) will prove insightful for anyone interested in a career in the arts. With information on everything from UI UX design and Interior design to Automotive and Golf Course design, it is fascinating to explore all the possibilities available to those wanting to apply their artistic skills.

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:careers@altrinchamcollege.com)

## JOB OF THE WEEK



[Audiologist](#)

A healthcare professional who diagnoses, manages, and treats hearing, balance, and other ear-related problems. They can work in hospitals and community clinics, and may specialise in areas like paediatrics, adult assessment, or research. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Wonke did a survey of student's health. The data shows strong links between student health and their sense of belonging – among students reporting "very good" or "good" health, 85 per cent feel part of a community, compared to just 68 per cent among those reporting "bad" or "very bad" health.

[Source](#)

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## OPPORTUNITIES



If you can't make a University Open Day, or want to see what might be in store when it's time to start booking them, use this [list of videos and virtual tours from UCAS](#) to get you started.



[Destination STEM](#) is a new website offering support, advice & opportunities for careers within the Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths sectors. The 'Get Involved' section includes advice on placements, competitions and networking while the 'Life after school' section will help you explore STEM careers pathways.



Sky have launched a programme finder which helps you to work out which early careers programme could be best for you. Read more here; "With so many potential programmes and roles on offer at Sky, we want to help you find out what your perfect fit might be. We've created [15 questions to support you in taking your first step with us](#). The questions are to get you thinking, and afterwards, we'll show you which programmes we think you'd most love here at Sky."



The Civil Aviation Authority have launched three new work experience programmes to help you learn more about aviation related careers. Click the programme name below to find out more:

- [Aviation and Aerospace: Sustainable Aircraft](#)
- [Aviation and Aerospace: Airport Security](#)
- [Lift Off - with the Civil Aviation Authority](#)



Speaking of Aviation, British Airways have several upcoming events that will be helpful for anyone who'd like to be a pilot in the future. On May 28th at 3:00 PM they have their [Direct Entry Pilot Webinar](#). On Jun 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM they have their "[Your Flying Start](#)" drop in session which runs regularly and allows you to ask any questions you have about becoming a pilot. They don't have any upcoming webinars on their Speedbird Pilot Academy but [here is the recording](#) of the most recent session.

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:careers@altrinchamcollege.com)

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"All great stories start somewhere. Pixel perfect display. Sonic boom worthy sound. More unmissable moments. The spark of a better idea starts at Sky. And the magic doesn't happen without our people. Together, we build momentum, so our work makes an impact that's felt by millions."

They have 7 graduate programmes and 9 apprenticeship programmes. Read more about [Sky Careers](#) here.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Where you spend your three university years is an important decision. It will determine the rest of your career. LJMU is an engaging learning environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential. Our programmes focus on employability and career readiness, so all students feel confident to overcome any future challenges. Your journey starts with us."

Read more about [LJMU Courses](#) here.

## Inclusive:

Information for Parents/Carers from Trafford Council:



**ARGUING WELL  
YES, IT'S POSSIBLE!**

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and it's usual to argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children. This free 5-week group course can help you manage difficult conversations and find a healthy way to deal with stress and conflict, improving things for the whole family.

**"For parents parenting as a couple, you will learn" :**

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you and how you communicate.
- Ways to recognise stress and support each other
- What causes arguments, and how to stop them.

To Book, Please Email:  
[info@rebothforfamilies.org.uk](mailto:info@rebothforfamilies.org.uk) or Text:  
07958 709238

**Dates:**  
Starts Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
For 5 weeks.  
10.00am-12.00noon  
**Venue:**  
The Living Room  
Salvation Army Building  
14 Brunswick Street.  
Stretford M32 8NJ



The diagram shows a human head with various stressors and symptoms. Symptoms include: Tiredness and exhaustion, Sleepless nights, Can't concentrate, Arguments, Depression, Headache, and Tension. A lightning bolt symbol is also present inside the head.



A silhouette of a family (two adults and two children) walking in a field at sunset, holding hands.



Logos for REHOBOTH, Trafford Community Collective, and TRAFFORD COUNCIL.



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TRAFFORD  
FAMILIES



# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON FAMILY SUPPORT IN TRAFFORD

**Trafford Family Help commissioners are  
gathering your thoughts on our current  
family help offer**

**Can you spare up to 10 minutes to complete a  
short survey to help us understand the  
awareness and effectiveness of current service  
to help shape future support**



**CLICK HERE TO  
COMPLETE THE  
SURVEY**



**YOUR  
OPINION  
MATTERS**

## Ambition:

### Sixth Form News

On Thursday 8th May, we hosted an information evening for Year 12 parents/carers and students to provide support ahead of the end-of-year exams and to explore post-18 options. The event featured presentations on effective revision strategies, the UCAS application process, and degree apprenticeships, offering valuable guidance for students as they plan their next steps.



We were also joined by six university representatives, who provided insightful information about the courses available at their institutions. It was a highly successful event, offering students and their families a wealth of knowledge and support.



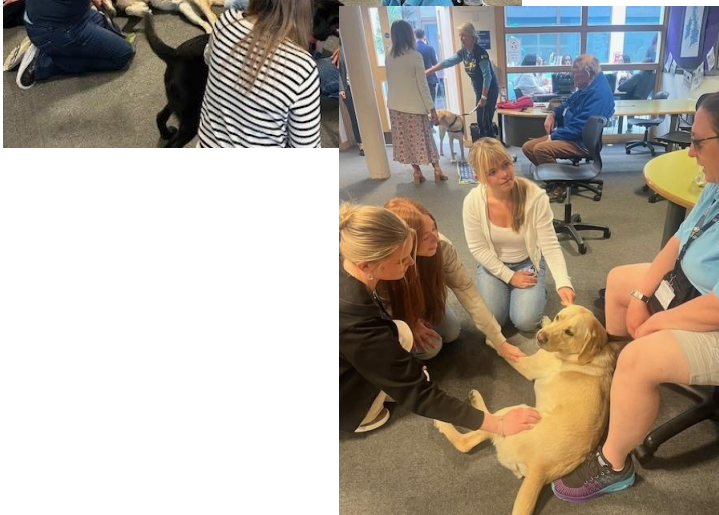
### Guide Dogs Event



What a privilege it was to welcome 8 beautiful young guide dogs and their handlers to sixth form recently. The event was arranged as a surprise for our Year 13 students - a chance to interact with the dogs to de-stress and unwind before the start of their A Level exams.

Studies show that that interacting with dogs can reduce stress hormones and lower blood pressure, as well as offering a welcome break from revision. Let's hope it works for our Year 13s who have coped with the start of this difficult period extremely admirably. Good luck to them all!

Thank you, Diane and Pat from Guide Dogs UK, as well as the handlers who gave up their time to support our students!



### Year 12 Sports Students coaching event

Our Year 12 sports students did the sixth form proud during their recent coaching day, which involved preparing sessions in advance, and leading groups of year 7 students in different sports, such as football, netball, rugby and basketball.

The year 7's seemed to really enjoy getting to know the 12's and vice-versa!





## UK Maths Trust

### Celebrating Success in the Junior UK Maths Challenge!

A huge congratulations to all the students who took part in this year's Junior UK Maths Challenge. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and mathematical talent.

Special congratulations to Lucy MW, who achieved the 'Best in School' award with a Gold Certificate. Lucy's outstanding performance means she will now go on to represent the school in the prestigious UK Junior Pink Kangaroo Challenge — an amazing achievement!

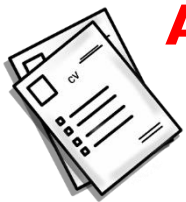
#### Silver Certificates were awarded to:

Declan S, Darcey C, Callum T, Cindy H, Eunice S, Nabeeha Z, and Oliver B.

#### Bronze Certificates were awarded to:

Jaden C, Sarthak S, Max L, Amelia P, Vadim B, Him L, Robbie S, Matthew H, Haya A, Ollie M, Elsie B, Charles L, Gana A, Shiven S, Fran M, Roshan M, Chakrika M, Haris I, Haroon C, Fatimah A, Ward C, Stella L, Bella S, Sara H, Alfie J, Alvan L, Iman S, and Daisy W.

Well done also to all those who took part but didn't receive a certificate — your effort and determination are just as important, and we're proud of every one of you!

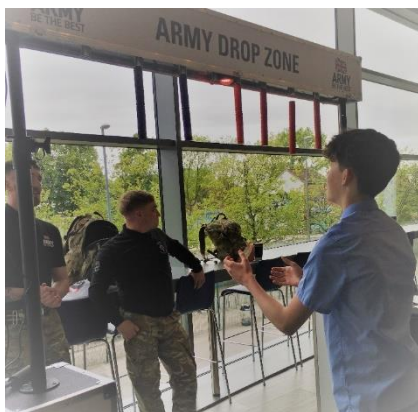


## Aspiration

**Work Experience:** A reminder that **Year 10** students will take part in a **three-day** work experience placement from **Monday 30th June – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**.

### Year 9 & 10 students attend the Sport & Sustainable Careers Expo!

Around 60 students from AC travelled to the Etihad this term for a 'sport and sustainability' careers exhibition. The students had a great time speaking with stallholders, taking part in interactive activities (including VR headsets, agility challenges and even a giant inflatable dartboard) as well as listening to talks from industry leaders. – Mr White



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At Altrincham College we believe learning extends beyond the classroom and curriculum. Enrichment opportunities exist for pupils to broaden their horizons and develop new skills. They provide experiences that can shape their character and begin lifelong interests, hobbies and careers. When young people are exposed to a variety of different activities, people, places, ideas and cultures, they are more likely to discover their passions in life and become well-rounded citizens of the future.

There are enrichment opportunities for every pupil at Altrincham College and the timetable below lists the activities that are running in the final half term, which is also displayed around the school.

### Enrichment Survey



#### ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE – FEBRUARY 2025 – JULY 2025



CLUB	NOTES	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF	YEAR GROUP
<b>MONDAY</b>					
Origami Club	Make amazing things from simply folding paper in a relaxing, friendly and fun space.	Reprographics Room	Afterschool	Mrs Dawson	Y7 Y8
Philosophy Film Club	Watch films on the big issues of life: Who Am I? What is the Meaning of Life?	B103	KS3 Lunchtime	Mrs Acharya	Y7 Y8 Y9
Darts Club	Enhance your numeracy skills and compete against your friends	C008	KS4 Lunchtime	Mr Hill	Y10 Y11
Skittle	A space for students openly proud, questioning or an ally.	LRC	Afterschool	Miss Bruckshaw	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Band Skills		G003	Afterschool	Mr Wilson	Y7 Y8 Y9
Singing Group		G004	Afterschool	Mrs McCarthy	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Orchestra	Orchestral instrument players above Grade 1 standard	School Hall	Afterschool	Mr Madden	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Tennis		PE Changing Rooms	Afterschool	Mr White	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
<b>TUESDAY</b>					
Community Art Club	Creating artwork to be displayed around school.	E019	Afterschool	Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Campbell	Y7 Y8 Y9
Photography Techniques	A taster of lots of different photography techniques and processes using digital and wet media.	612	Afterschool	Ms McManus and Mrs Deighton	Y9
ACTV	Interested in TV production or journalism? Join the ACTV team.	LRC	Afterschool	Ms Turner	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Senior Band		G003	Afterschool	Mr Madden and Mr Wilson	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Textiles Club	Learn how to latch hook & make your own, unique textile artwork.	E014	Afterschool	Mrs Woods	Y7 Y8 Y9
Dance	Weekly dance classes including ballet, jazz and contemporary.	Dance Studio	Afterschool	Miss Matthews	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Athletics		School Field	Afterschool	Mr Jones	Y7 Y8 Y9
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>					
Musical Theatre Club		School Hall	Afterschool	Mrs Mrozinski, Miss Matthews and Mr Madden,	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Dungeons and Dragons	You and your friends take epic journeys, battle deadly foes, uncover secrets, find treasure!	A105	Afterschool	Miss O'Kelly	Y7 Y8 Y9
Rounders		School Field	Afterschool	Mrs Wilden	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11
Cricket		3G Pitch	Afterschool	Mr Stephenson	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

### Enrichment Survey

We always listen to pupil feedback, and we wish to know their views on the enrichment offer for next year. To do this, please encourage your child/ward to complete the short survey below to help build an even stronger enrichment offer. The link has been sent to every student via their ClassCharts page.

<https://forms.office.com/e/inTtyJ3qcB>

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## Belief:

### Student Sporting Success Stories:



#### Emily M, Year 9

Congratulations to Emily who took part in the **Cheshire Schools' Girls Golf Championships 2025** at Wilmslow Golf Club recently. Emily was representing Altrincham College School in the competition and we are delighted to announce that **she won!!** Emily will go on to represent Altrincham College and Cheshire at the forthcoming North finals in Lincolnshire.



#### Leo R, Year 7

Leo is an international standard BMX racer and has represented Great Britain at the **World and European Championships** each year since 2022. This year he qualified to race again at the World Championships in Copenhagen and at European races in Verona and Zolder.

During rounds 3 and 4 of the European Cup at Zolder in Belgium, Leo made it through a field of 70 riders to make the final on both days, taking 4th at Round 3 and going one better, achieving the podium at Round 4! This put him amongst the top riders in Europe! He's also recently won Round 3 of the UK National Series and currently sits 2nd place in the overall standings.

Well done Leo!



## Community:

### Performing Arts

Join us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June as we proudly open our doors to the **Ruth Stoller Studio** - a creative space dedicated to the memory and legacy of Ruth Stoller, our beloved former headteacher.

Ruth was a passionate advocate for the arts and a tireless supporter of every student's voice and creativity. This newly refurbished studio space will serve as a lasting tribute to her inspiring leadership, warmth and unwavering belief in the power of performance.

The evening will include a special drama display by our year 10 GCSE DRAMA students.

For tickets, please email [mmi@altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:mmi@altrinchamcollege.com). Doors open at 6pm and light refreshments will be served.



**Art News**



**AC**

Join us to celebrate the fantastic art work  
of our very talented GCSE and A Level students.

Altrincham  
College

**Lloyd Art & Textiles  
KS4 & 5 Exhibition  
2025**

Thursday 19th June 2025  
4.30 pm - 6.00pm  
Prizes and certificates to be  
presented at approx. 5.30 pm  
School Hall  
Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

**Achieve  
Learn  
Trust.**  
Better, together.

## And finally...

I look forward to seeing your child back in school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Thank you for your continued support of our school and happy half term!

Ms K Earle  
Headteacher and CEO of the Achieve and Learn Trust



### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June  
24<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July  
30<sup>th</sup> June-2<sup>nd</sup> July

#### **Start of term**

Key stage 3 assessment period  
Key stage 3 Live Lounge event (6-8pm)  
Year 10 assessment period  
Sixth Form Taster Day (Year 11 students)  
Year 9 residential  
Year 12 assessment period  
Year 10 work experience

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:  
10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July:  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:

#### **Staff Inset Day (school closed to students)**

Summer prizegiving evening (by invitation)  
Year 10 & 12 practice interviews  
Summer music concert (6-8pm)  
Sports Day  
Summer Concert

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July:**

#### **End of term (Students will finish at 12.30pm)**