



Headteacher's Bulletin: *Friday 5th June 2026*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another exceptionally busy and successful half term, I would like to take the opportunity to share some of the key highlights and updates from across the school community.

We were delighted to welcome an Ofsted inspection visit during this half term. I am pleased to report that the visit recognised the continued strengths of our school and the dedication of staff and students alike. We are proud of the calm, purposeful learning environment that inspectors saw in action, and I would like to thank all members of our community for the part they played in this positive experience.

One of the standout moments of the half term was our whole-school Sir David Attenborough Day, held in celebration of Sir David's 100th birthday. Across the school, students engaged enthusiastically in a wide range of activities inspired by his extraordinary contribution to natural history, conservation, and environmental awareness. It was a wonderful day that showcased both creativity and curiosity across all year groups.

We have also begun important transition work for our Year 6 students who have secured places at Altrincham College. This process has already started positively, with further visits planned for primary schools during this half term. We are very much looking forward to continuing this work and to welcoming our new students in September as they begin the next stage of their educational journey with us.

Examination season is now well underway, with both Year 11 and Year 13 students sitting their GCSE and A Level exams. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, maturity and resilience they are demonstrating during this important period. Their preparation, revision and attitude to learning have been exemplary, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements when results are published in the summer.

This half term also saw some important farewells. We said goodbye to Mrs Casey, Languages Development Lead, who has worked at the school since 2022. She has made a valuable contribution to our students, staff and

families, and we thank her sincerely for her commitment and dedication. We wish her every success for the future.

We also said farewell to Mrs Hudson-Kirkham, Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, who has worked at Altrincham College since 2021. Mrs Hudson-Kirkham has taken up a new post closer to home. We are extremely grateful for her leadership, care and unwavering commitment to safeguarding and student wellbeing. She leaves with our very best wishes for the future.

There are also several congratulations to share. Mrs Hardy has been appointed Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead, stepping away from her role as Head of Year 10. She leaves the year group in the very capable hands of Miss Duffy. In addition, congratulations go to Mrs Otway, who has been appointed Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Both Mrs Hardy and Mrs Otway will continue to play a vital role in strengthening our already strong safeguarding culture across the school.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for a very busy final half term of the academic year. This will include a wide range of events and celebrations, including preparations for our school's 60th anniversary. Further information will be shared shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated and plays a crucial role in the success and wellbeing of our students.

We look forward to a productive and positive final half term ahead.
Yours sincerely,

A Keegan
Headteacher



Dates for your diary:

Monday 1st June :

3rd-5th June:

Monday 8th June:

Tuesday 9th June:

Friday 19th June:

Monday 22nd June:

Tuesday 23rd June:

Thursday 25th June:

Monday 29th June:

Tuesday 7th July:

Monday 13th July:

Tuesday 14th July:

Tuesday 21st July:

Start of term

DofE Bronze/Silver Practice

Year 12 work experience (3 days)

Key Stage 3 Live Lounge event

INSET DAY (school closed to students)

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day

New Year 7 Welcome Evening (5.30pm)

Year 11 Prom

Year 10 Work experience (5 days)

Summer Prizegiving Evening (6pm)

Summer Concert

Sports Day

End of Term (12.30pm finish)

Altrincham College - Term Dates

Stay social!

There are lots of ways of finding out information about Altrincham College, such as our school website:

www.altrinchamcollege.com

You can also follow our accounts on social media:

- www.facebook.com/AltrinchamCollege
- www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege
- www.instagram.com/altrinchamcollege_lrc
- www.instagram.com/actv_altrinchamcollege
- www.instagram.com/altrincham_college_art
- www.instagram.com/ac.careersandenterprise/



Enrichment...have a go!

Visit our school website to find out more:

[Altrincham College - Enrichment Timetable and Information](#)

Timetable:

CLUB	NOTES	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF	YEAR GROUP					
MONDAY										
Origami Club	Make amazing things from simply folding paper in a relaxing, friendly and fun space.	Reprographics Room	Afterschool	Mrs Dawson	Y7	Y8	Y9			
Debate Club	Develops your critical thinking, public speaking, and research skills through structured argument.	B013	Week 1 KS3 Lunch	Mrs Acharya	Y7	Y8	Y9			
Softball		Field	Afterschool	Mr White	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
Tennis		Tennis Courts	Afterschool	Mr Jones	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
Band Skills		Music Room	Afterschool	Mr Wilson	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
Choir		Music Room	Afterschool	Mrs Owen	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
Orchestra		School Hall	Afterschool	Mr Madden	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
TUESDAY										
Y8 and Y9 Darts Competition		C008	Week 1 KS3 Lunch	Mr Hill		Y8	Y9			
Cooking Club	See Mrs Otway for information and recipes (limited places each week)	A107	Afterschool	Mrs Otway		Y8				
Textiles Club	Explore decorative sewing techniques to create three-dimensional patterns in fabric.	E011	Afterschool	Mrs Craig	Y7	Y8				
ACTV Digital Media Club	Altrincham College TV is a great club to make new friends and explore the world of digital media.	605 (sixth form)	Afterschool	Miss Walmsley	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
Rounders		Field	Afterschool	Mrs Wilden	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
National Theatre New Views Project	Students will produce a play to be entered into a national competition.	A105	Afterschool	Miss O'Kelly	Year 10 by invitation					
WEDNESDAY										
Cricket		3G Pitch	Afterschool	Mr Stephenson & Mr White	Y7	Y8	Y9			
Musical Theatre Club	*Starts after May half term	Drama Studio	Afterschool	Mrs Mrozinski	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	
THURSDAY										
Y8 and Y9 Darts Competition		C008	Week 2 KS3 Lunch	Mr Hill		Y8	Y9			

Getting to Know You

Students: you may think you know your teachers, but how well do you really know them?

In this bulletin, we hear from art teacher Ms McManus, who teaches art from Key Stage 3 to A Level!





Q&A *with*

MS MCMANUS TEACHER OF ART

QUESTION

WHAT DID YOU STUDY AT SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY?

ANSWER

AT SCHOOL I STUDIED A LEVEL ART, HISTORY AND ENGLISH, AND THEN A FINE ART SCULPTURE DEGREE AT DUNDEE UNIVERSITY.

QUESTION

IF YOU COULD SWAP PLACES WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF STAFF, WHO WOULD IT BE?

ANSWER

I WOULDN'T SWAP WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF STAFF AS I LOVE TEACHING ART, BUT I WOULD SWAP WITH AN A LEVEL ART STUDENT AS I'D LOVE TO STUDY ART FULL TIME AGAIN AND USE OUR EXCELLENT SIXTH FORM FACILITIES!

QUESTION

TELL US AN INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU:

ANSWER

AS A STUDENT, I WON A £3000 COMMISSION TO DESIGN AND HELP MAKE A 15-METRE-HIGH 'MILLENNIUM BEACON FOR SCOTLAND' FOR EDINBURGH CASTLE. I WAS FILMED LIGHTING THE BEACON AND SHOWN LIVE ON THE MILLENNIUM ALONGSIDE 3 OTHER BEACONS SITUATED AT OTHER LANDMARKS IN THE UK.

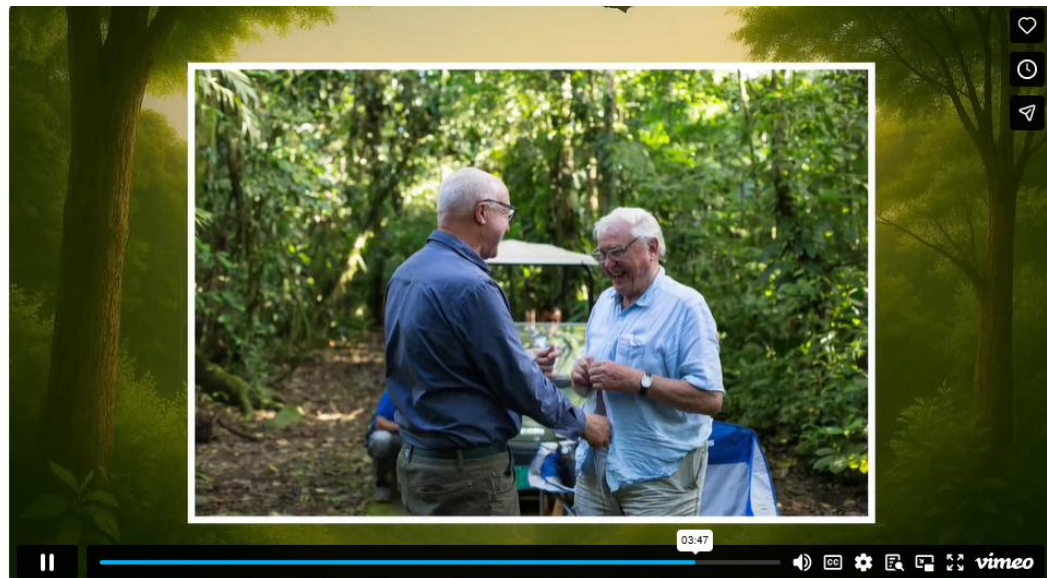
Inclusive:

David Attenborough Day – Friday 8th May

To celebrate the life of David Attenborough on the occasion of his 100th birthday, students took part in a range of activities, such as Year 7 students visiting Chester Zoo, a Greenpeace assembly and the opportunity for students to help out in the school garden.

In this [video](#), Ms Earle introduces her friend Chris Watson, a world acclaimed sound recordist who has worked with Sir David on many occasions.

Please watch this video, which Chris recorded especially for our students



A huge well done to our Sustainability Ambassadors, a group of students and staff, who are working to promote sustainable initiatives across the school.



“Our vision is to nurture well-rounded citizens of the future who are knowledgeable, happy and resilient so that they make a valuable contribution to the world in which they live and are empowered to make informed and positive life choices.” 6

Ambition:

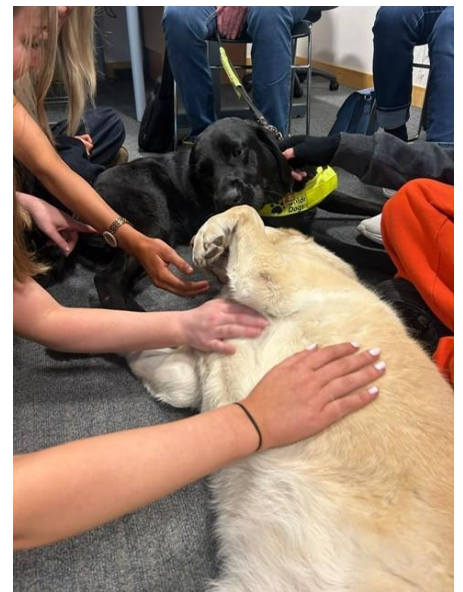
Sixth Form News



I would like to start by wishing Year 13 continued good luck as they reach the halfway stage of their A Level exams. It is a difficult time, but I have no doubt their hard work and efforts will be rewarded on Thursday 13th August, A Level Results Day. More information about Results Day will be shared in due course.

We are equally proud of our Year 12 students and how much work has gone into preparing for their end of year exams, and the commitment they have shown since joining us in September.

As a reward for both cohorts, students took part in a 'stress-busting' day on Friday 24th April where we welcomed some VIP guests from Guide Dogs UK. Students enjoyed a meet and greet with the guide dogs and their volunteers, as research shows that dogs have a positive effect on boosting young people's mood, and reducing stress and anxiety, so the event was perfectly timed. We also enjoyed a visit from Mr Whippy, which was much appreciated on a warm, sunny day.



Work Experience

Our Year 12 students are looking forward to going out on work experience, which is fantastic opportunity for them to gain professional experience in a workplace linked to their career ambitions. As an example, some of the companies that are welcoming our students include: Mott McDonald, Wythenshawe Hospital, The Christie, the Trafford Centre, bMindful Psychology, McHale Solicitors, ACS Construction, and Open Partners Advertising Agency, to name a few. Thank you to everyone who is hosting one of our students and we look forward to hearing how they get on.

Sustainability Ambassadors



We are very proud of our Sixth Form Sustainability Ambassadors who are excellent models for younger students.



They have been working extremely hard on a project which involved clearing up the school garden. This space can now be utilised for more gardening and green projects. Well done all!

Sixth Form Dates and Events

8th - 10th June	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 17th June	Year 12: Manchester Met University Open Day Year 13 Leavers' assembly
Friday 19th June	INSET Day
Monday 22nd June	Sixth Form Taster Day (tbc)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 12 Mock Interviews Day
Friday 26th June	Year 12 Keele University Open Day
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 12 'Post 18 Options' Drop Down Day
Tuesday 14th July	Sports Day

Mr Mahmood, Head of Sixth Form

Aspiration:

Year 8 and 9 Girls' STEM Challenge Day

30 students were invited to take part in this exciting STEM event! They worked in groups of 6 with volunteers from the infrastructure services firm Amey.



Students competed to design and build a KNEX bridge and then delivered a presentation to explain what they did and why. They were assigned different roles within their groups, such as project manager, finance or designer. Mimicking a real life engineering project, they had to consider all aspects of the project, such as conservation, climate impact, the materials available, time and cost. They then presented their solution to an expert panel from Amey.



Well done to all for taking part, a huge thank you to the team from Amey, and congratulations to the winning team!



Careers Department

A reminder that students in years 10 and 12 will take part in work experience on the following dates:

- **Year 12: Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th June (3 days)**
- **Year 10: Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July (5 days)**

All placements must be logged via the student's Unifrog account to be authorised. Please contact careers@altrinchamcollege.com with any queries.

Belief:

Football - Year 9 Greater Manchester plate cup final

Congratulations to our Year 9 boys' football team who have played some outstanding football this season, enough to take them all the way to the final stage of this cup competition. What a great achievement it is to reach a county final!

Sadly, they lost the final 5-2, but the team did an amazing job and were unlucky to lose. This was undoubtedly the highlight of the season, behind the 5-5 penalties win in the semi final. Goal scorers were Teddie G and Ethan S.



Man of the match award to Daniel T who as a year 8 student was playing up a year. He performed amazingly well at right back.

Thank you also to Alex T and Renars J who attended as sports leaders to sell tickets on behalf of Greater Manchester. – Mr Jones

Basketball

The Year 10/11 basketball team has continued to train and play exceptionally well this season, beating Year 11 teams from Altrincham Grammar, North Cestrian, BTH, and narrowly losing to St. Ambrose.

We came 2nd in the Trafford South league, and got through to the playoff semi-finals v BTH. Our boys kept their cool to the end with a 46-43 win, sending us to the Year 11 Trafford final for the 2nd year in a row!



Congratulations to our fantastic, hardworking and determined team who will now play in the Trafford Schools Year 11 Basketball final vs Sale Grammar.

What fantastic preparation for the year 11 season! Can they make it one more win to finish the season? Let's hope so! - Mr Stephenson

Girls' Athletics

Recently the year 7-9 girls attended the annual Trafford Athletics event where they demonstrated some outstanding performances.

Results:

Year 7 – 7/13

Year 8 – 7/13

Year 9 - THIRD out of 13.

I am so proud of them all as they were organised, perfectly behaved and worked extremely hard. What an achievement for the year 9's to come 3rd! They are an absolute credit to the school.



A special mention to Erin M in Year 9 who won all 3 of her events: Javelin, 200m and relay. Wow! – Mrs Wilden

We also want to commend the students who took part in the boys' athletics event just before half term. This event has all the schools from Trafford taking part where a high standard of athleticism is displayed across all the traditional athletics events. The results are now in – well done all!

Results:

Year 7 – 13/16

Year 8 – 8/16

Year 9 – 5/16

Year 10 – 8/16

Community:

Dance



The 'This Is What We Believe' dance showcase took place on Wednesday 6th May featuring incredible performances from students in years 7–11.

Miss Matthews described the event as, 'an evening full of courage, creativity and incredible performances' as our dancers brought their work to life on stage after weeks of hard work.

From first-time performers, to alumni performances from Lola and Amber, to Year 11s taking their final bow at AC, every single student gave everything they had. We are so proud of every performer, leader, helper and supporter who made the night possible.



For a glimpse of the show, you'll find videos on our school Instagram page: [Instagram](#)

Safeguarding Bulletin:

Please visit our website to read the latest bulletin: [Altrincham College - Safeguarding Bulletin](#)



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The Achieve and Learn Trust believes that nothing is more important than safeguarding the young people in our schools.

This half term we are looking at how our children can be drawn into anti social behaviour, and how as parents we can be alert to the signs that our children could be getting involved. Peer influence affects all types of families from all backgrounds. It is important to act early to seek support

What is Antisocial Behaviour?

There are three main categories for antisocial behaviour, depending on how many people are affected:

- Personal antisocial behaviour is when a person targets a specific individual or group.
- Nuisance antisocial behaviour is when a person causes trouble, annoyance or suffering to a community.
- Environmental antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.



The Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour is anything that can have a negative impact on the community and disrupt the peace and quiet of the people that live around you, such as;

- Cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person of another household
- Cause a person to feel personally threatened
- Cause a public nuisance or detrimental impact upon the environment
- Cause a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of an individual or the community as a whole
- Put your child at risk of harm
- Put your child at risk of being arrested