

PROSPECTUS

Altrincham College Sixth Form



**Altrincham College
Sixth Form**
(An 11-18 Academy)

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Welcome to Altrincham College Sixth Form. We offer a multi-million pound state of the art learning environment, with curriculum pathways that will prepare and equip students for life. In addition, our pastoral care, support and guidance enables all our students to achieve a smooth and successful transition through to higher education or skilled employment.

Altrincham College is an 'Outstanding' school (Ofsted). We have a reputation for consistently high quality teaching and learning, along with outstanding progress and achievement throughout 11-19 learning. We guarantee that students will receive the highest level of personal support and guidance throughout their studies, following either an A Level or a vocational pathway, backed by an exciting and varied Enrichment programme.

Students enjoy an adult learning environment within the purpose built Sixth Form, which operates separately from the rest of the school. There is café style catering available throughout the day where students may enjoy a coffee whilst discussing their studies.

Altrincham College Sixth Form offers a highly structured learning environment. As good preparation for further education and the world of work, students are expected to dress professionally and attendance and progress is regularly monitored. Independent learning is encouraged and nurtured.

We hope our range of learning pathways and the description of the courses offered in this booklet are a match to your personal interest and aspirations. If so, please apply early in order to secure your conditional course offer from Altrincham College Sixth Form. In addition to our students transferring from year 11 at Altrincham College, the Sixth Form warmly welcomes and promotes external applications.



Curriculum Offer

In Year 12 students embark on a full range of either 3/4 A Level subjects, a Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma, or a combination of both A level and BTEC Extended Certificate. The majority of A Level subjects are externally examined in June at the end of Year 12 to benchmark progress. Students then continue three of their chosen subjects into Year 13 where they take the full A Level examinations.

The BTEC Extended Diploma courses are assessed throughout the two years with final grades

awarded at the end of Year 13 and are equivalent to 3 full A Levels. In Year 12 the timetable is constructed to meet the greatest number of student preferences. Certain subjects and combinations are dependent on student demand, therefore completing the application form as early as possible may help to ensure students are able to study their chosen courses.

A full list of all the subjects offered at Altrincham College Sixth Form can be found in the course booklet at the back of this prospectus and online.



The School Day

In their first year of Sixth Form, students have a minimum of 20 periods of teacher contact time per week. All students will have timetabled personal study during which they will be expected to sign in at the Sixth Form Resource Centre and use the facilities for study purposes. Laptops will be available to students and the Resource Centre Manager will be on hand if students require any support or advice. All students will have the opportunity to use the café and restaurant facilities throughout the day. Students are permitted to leave the school site during lunchbreak, but must sign out and in on their return at the Sixth Form reception desk.

Attendance and Punctuality

The day starts for all students with registration in their tutor group. Excellent attendance to lessons must be maintained and punctuality to lessons is a natural expectation of all students.

Reporting Home

Students will receive one full written report a year and three progress check reports. Target grades will be set within the first weeks of the term and academic tutors will have regular discussions with students about their progress. Student progress will be closely monitored and intervention strategies put in place if a student requires support.

Independent Advice and Guidance (IAG)

Students will continue to receive the same high quality IAG that is offered lower down the school. Students will receive the most up to date and useful information about all the opportunities available. This will include application to University through the UCAS application system, as well as preparation for skilled employment or an apprenticeship. Our on-site Connexions Office will give students the opportunity to arrange one-to-one interviews to discuss careers and higher education.

Enrichment

Life in the Sixth Form is not just about time spent in the classroom or our Learning Resource Centre, working towards a chosen course of study. Our exciting and innovative Enrichment programme will offer students the opportunity to broaden their mind; meeting new people, trying out new activities and building self-confidence. All students will be encouraged to fully participate and take advantage of all enrichment opportunities throughout their two years in the Sixth Form.

This programme is built into the working week and presents opportunities for students to enhance the skills and personal qualities that employers and Universities are looking for, and to develop as a more skilled and confident student. The opportunities offered to students encourage the taking on of new challenges, meeting new people and broadening minds. The enrichment programme aims to be enjoyable and stimulating, including the UCAS application process for Higher Education, career fairs and leadership opportunities.

Enrichment is a significant and important part of our curriculum at Altrincham College Sixth Form. In this highly competitive world it is vital that students enhance their skills and personal qualities through a range of new challenges that will develop them as confident, articulate and well informed young adults preparing them for higher education or employment.

Enrichment at Altrincham College Sixth Form includes:

- school leadership roles
- peer mentor scheme
- skills building workshops in:
 - sign language
 - photography
 - script writing
 - first aid
- health education
- mindfulness and stress management
- current affairs and debate
- business enterprise
- sixth form magazine
- participation in sporting activities
- charity fundraising
- community support
- university visits
- volunteering
- sport and physical education

Universities and potential employers are impressed by students who actively engage in a range of interests and show leadership potential.



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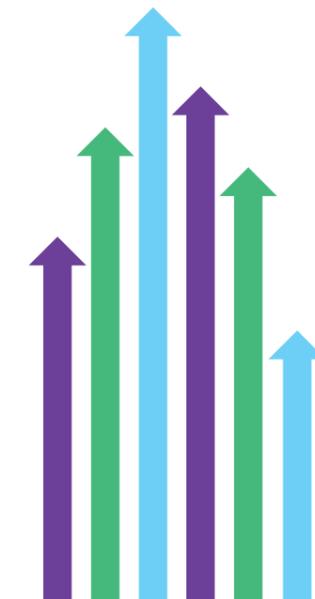
Principles of Pastoral Care

Our first aim is to provide all students with a clear sense of the alternatives available to them once they have left Altrincham College Sixth Form. We invest time through 1:1 interviews with all our students, enabling them to make these choices with confidence.

The majority of our students opt to continue into Higher Education, applying to University through the UCAS system. Our pastoral team supports students in their applications for university, apprenticeship or employment. Throughout their two years of study, staff encourage students to develop a range of skills, recognising their strengths and responding to areas needing development.

All students follow a structured pastoral programme each morning. The focus for each session centres around developing all students' independence and to develop a sense of themselves as well as a sense of community. Focused talks and debates emphasise personal responsibility and provide opportunities to be a contributor, demonstrating an awareness of society and its moral and ethical issues. Students learn to respect, accept and understand.

The Academic Tutor is the first line of pastoral care with strong, trusting relationships. Students are placed within a tutor group and the Academic Tutor has the initial responsibility for the pastoral care of that group. This includes the monitoring of attendance and achievement.



Admissions Policy for entry into the Sixth Form

1. The maximum number of students admitted into year 12 will be 100. This number includes the Year 11 students progressing into the Sixth Form from Altrincham College (Category 1 students) as well as 20 places available for external entrants (Category 2 students)

Students qualifying for entry into Year 12 on to Level 3 courses must:

- Achieve a minimum of 5 GCSE or equivalent passes at grades A*-C
- Achieve a minimum grade C pass at GCSE in English Language and Mathematics
- Achieve minimum grade B or equivalent in those subjects to be studied on entry.

2. Altrincham College Year 11 students Admissions Process

October:

Prospectus available online

October:

Post-16 Information Evening

February:

Deadline for applications

- An acknowledgement of the application and conditional offer, if appropriate, will be sent within 10 working days from submission.
- Having registered, student places will be confirmed, subject to GCSE results in the summer meeting the Sixth Form entry requirements.
- In the case of insufficient demand from students, the school may decide not to deliver a particular subject. If this should happen, students will be informed and given the opportunity to choose an alternative subject.



Dress Code:

As part of Sixth Form life is preparing students for the world of work, all students attending Altrincham College Sixth Form will be expected to dress professionally. As such we expect all our students to follow the dress code outlined below:

Female Dress Code

- Black, grey or navy suit with the option of pinstripe including:
 - Single-breasted jacket
 - Full length trousers fitted to the waist
 - Tailored skirts fitted to the waist, just above or just below the knee
- A shirt or smart top of any subtle colour
- Plain tights with skirts – no pattern
- For health and safety reasons we ask that heels are no higher than 3 inches. Dark shoes or dark ankle boots with trousers – no pumps, trainers, walking boots or 'UGG' boots
- Sensible coat – no denim, 'hoodies' or jackets with large logos
- Discreet jewellery, which may include a necklace, bracelet, watch, rings and one pair of stud earrings through the ear lobe. Excessive jewellery and any other visible piercings are not permitted
- Discreet use of make-up and appropriate hair styles and colour
- No visible tattoos permitted

Male Dress Code

- Black, grey or navy suit with the option of pinstripe including:
 - Single-breasted jacket
 - Full length trousers fitted to the waist
- A shirt of any subtle colour
- A tie of any subtle colour and or pattern
- Dark shoes or dark ankle boots with trousers – no pumps, trainers, walking boots or 'UGG' boots
- Sensible coat – no denim, 'hoodies' or jackets with large logos
- Discreet jewellery for male students. No facial piercings.
- Appropriate hair styles are expected which includes natural hair colour and hair length no shorter than a number 2
- No visible tattoos