

# Altrincham College

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## NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2019

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## 2 | Message from Ms Earle



Having been at Altrincham College for two terms now, I can honestly say that there have been so many wonderful things going on at our school I cannot list them all here! You will see some amazing examples yourself in the rest of this newsletter! I can highlight a few but suffice to say, in summary, I am thoroughly enjoying being Headteacher. We are here at the end of the academic year, with so much to share and celebrate!

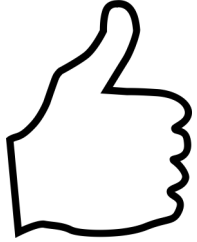
Of course, the exam season has been upon us; students worked really hard and managed to overcome the stresses that the season can bring. Staff gave up many hours preparing students right up until the last minute. The support and motivation students received made this process so much easier and was recognised by one student publicly on local radio! The Y11 Prom was a wonderful celebration of all they have achieved over the past five years and we looking forward to seeing lots of our students returning to our Sixth Form in September. The Sixth Form had a great time celebrating their final days in school, with all the excitement that new beginnings bring. We wish Y11 and Y13 every success going forward.

Several school trips have taken place this term, all of which enhance the learning in their respective subject areas. These have included a Drama group working at 'Home' in Manchester and then performing to the public; a giant litter pick involving Y7 students in Manchester City Centre, Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver expeditions to name a few. The newly named 'Lloyd Art Prize' in recognition of the work done for the Arts at AC by a previous Headteacher, Margaret Lloyd, was also established this term and celebrated in style. The annual Sports Day was a huge success with a vast range of activities catering for all abilities and the sun shone!

The long-awaited establishment of the Parents' Association has been a highlight of the term. The group have met regularly and are now supporting school events such as the Summer Recital Evening on 17<sup>th</sup> July. They plan to do all they can to raise much-needed funds: a Car Boot Sale, Christmas and Summer Fairs. Volunteers spoke at the Welcome Evening for new Y7 students and also attracted more members. They are an energetic addition to our Altrincham support network and will, I am sure, make a big difference to the education of our young people.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of staff at AC for all their hard work and commitment this year – they always go the extra mile for our students whether they are teachers or support staff. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to the following members of our AC team at the end of term and we wish them all the very best for the future: Mr Hacker, Mrs L McGrath, Mrs Holt-Naughten, Dr S Whitham, Mr Mortimer, Ms Holdcroft, Mr Lake, Mr McLean, Ms Moore, Ms Walmsley, Ms White, Mr Hill and Mrs Reeves.



May I wish you and your families a very happy Summer! I hope you enjoy the time together and make the most of the good weather. Thank you very much for all YOUR support of our school – the young people here are a credit to you! I look forward to seeing you on A-level Results Day (15<sup>th</sup> August) and GCSE Results Day (22<sup>nd</sup> August). School will start again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for ALL students.



Kind regards and thanks

K Earle

## 4 | Uniform Changes



After much debate, the Student Council met this term to agree a style of skirt which will be gradually phased in over the next 2 years. The current styles (straight skirt for KS4 and full pleated skirt for KS3) will be gradually phased out over the next two years. All skirts must have the school logo on the front and should be purchased from our suppliers.

### **From September 2019:**

- Years 7/8/9 should continue to wear the skirts they currently have – a full pleated skirt
- Students in Year 10 may wear either a straight skirt or full pleated skirt
- Students in Y11 may wear the straight skirt

**There is no need for parents/carers to buy the new style of skirt yet. Please wait until your child grows out of the one they have!**

We have taken student views into account and also parent/carer views for example, “*The fully pleated skirt is really difficult to iron!*” or “*It’s too uncomfortable to sit down in the straight one*” and therefore the Student Council have selected the two styles you see in the photos above. One is plain and one has a single pleat down the middle for comfort. Students may choose whichever style they want! We must stress that Altrincham College wants students to have a more ‘professional’ look and so rolling these up will spoil that!

Shirts will still change from blue to white at the start of Y10 and ties will continue to have year group coloured stripes.

We hope everyone feels they have been included in this process and that their views have been listened to. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

## Welcome from the new Head of Sixth Form



It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my new role as Head of Sixth Form at Altrincham College. I am delighted to be taking up this position in school and continuing to build on the success of our high performing Sixth Form.

As many of you will be aware, I have been teaching at Altrincham College for 9 years including the last 4 in my current position of Head of Learning. I have enjoyed both teaching in the Sixth Form and supporting Year 11 students in the transition to post 16 study.

As Head of Sixth Form, I am uncompromising in the quality of teaching and learning and committed to creating a positive experience for all students. Student wellbeing is very important to me, I encourage our students to thrive in a happy, safe and supportive environment. Above all, students will continue to leave us fully ready for their next step and equipped with the skills and qualifications to succeed in the competitive 21st century.

I recognise that partnership between students, parents and school is fundamental to the success of every student. I therefore look forward to meeting with parents and carers over the coming months and to working with you to ensure the continued success of our students.

# 6 | In the Community

Here at Altrincham College, we like to get involved with the local community wherever possible. Below are some recent events where students have been out supporting the community or we have invited members of the community into school.

## Community Coffee Morning: Thursday 2nd May 2019

We were delighted to welcome members of our local community to a school coffee morning on Thursday 2nd May to meet our new Headteacher Ms Earle, staff and students. Thank you to all who attended!



## Enrichment Days: Monday 8th July—Wednesday 10th July



During these days, we welcomed a number of visitors from the local community into school who kindly delivered a number of sessions to our students.

We would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the Greater Manchester Police Tactical Aid Unit who delivered inspiring and informative sessions to our Year 8 students. These sessions consisted of looking at the specialist equipment and through the tactical aid van. Students also carried out a car search and received a talk about a career in this role.

We would also like to thank Emma who came in from UA92 and delivered some sessions with our Year 10 students and a group of Year 8s about life skills.



## Clean Up Manchester Event: Friday 21st June 2019

Looking after the environment and learning to be responsible citizens is high on the agenda for Altrincham College students. This is a global issue and one that many of our young people feel very strongly about. In order to save our planet, action needs to be taken. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we took action.

23 students from Year 7 and Year 8 volunteered to go litter picking around Altrincham Town Centre as part of Radio Manchester's "Clean up Manchester" Campaign. Many motorists stopped to thank them for their kindness and local residents praised them for their efforts. Students were thrilled with the response from passers-by and are now keen to follow up this activity with further events.

All students involved in the litter picking event will be logging the activity on the Pixl Edge system. The scheme helps to develop and accredit the life skills and attributes that employers are telling us they require from employees. Students will gain a qualification, which runs alongside their academic successes and recognises what they can do as well as what they know. Well done to all students involved!!!



## Bala: Monday 8th July — Wednesday 10th July 2019



As the year comes to an end the Year 7s finish their first year at Altrincham College in style. Monday morning comes and 62 year 7s are ready and raring to go! Are we there yet?, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 5 minutes, they couldn't be more excited to get there and get started. All pupils arrived, accounted for, fed and changed ready for the first activities to begin! Paddle boarding, canoeing, raft building, rock climbing to name a few, what a great start to the first day. I think the pupils having the opportunity to push their teachers in was one which they enjoyed most! While evening activities had begun and the treasure hunt was underway, pupils soon decided they quite liked the view, and freedom and found great pleasure in rolling down the hill several times before embarking on an evening of sports before settling down ready to re boost their energy levels for the next day! Day two saw another fun filled day of activities, including water sports, high ropes, problem solving and the birds of prey! A few teachers even had to get involved, with a bit of encouragement of course! With day 2 nearly coming to a end and fears being overcome pupils were looking rather tired, but that didn't stop them enjoying another evening doing rounders and football in the fields at Glan Llyn. Even though I'm tired said one pupil, I've really enjoyed myself, thank you. With that said pupils headed to bed for the evening tired and glad of lie down! Day 3 all packed and ready to go, however 2 more activities left! With little energy and some rather tired pupils they head off to high ropes and raft building to end the trip in style. A quick spot of lunch, and a change of clothing pupils head towards the coaches ready to go home.

Not a sound, all pupils asleep, exhausted having enjoyed 3 days of not stop adventure!

A fabulous trip with fabulous pupils and staff.

Mrs Woods

## Ski Trip: 30th March — 6th April 2019

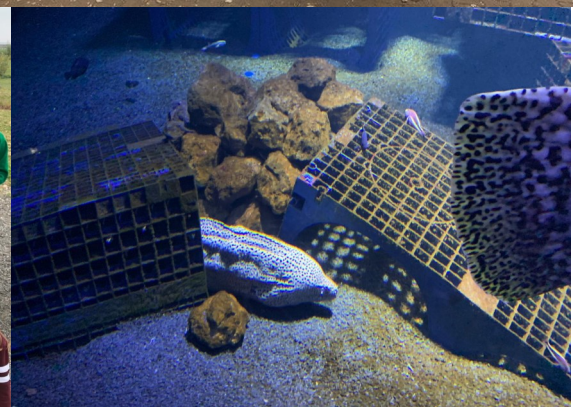
Mrs Wagstaff, Mr Hughes and Miss Klays took a group of students on a one week skiing residential trip over the Easter holidays to Folgarida in Italy.

We had a fantastic time in Folgardia. We skied through all weather conditions and a lot of boundaries were pushed but every student did themselves proud and thoroughly enjoyed the holiday! As well as all of the skiing we took part in talent competitions, pizza nights, bowling and karaoke. Both staff and students had a fantastic time!



## Opal Coast Visit: Wednesday 10th July — Friday 12th July 2019

The Modern Languages Department have just returned from a successful study visit to The Opal Coast. 38 students crossed the Channel alongside 4 members of staff and enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including a chocolate making and tasting experience as well as visiting an authentic snail farm and typical French boulangerie. Another highlight for staff and students alike was the visit to Nausicéa - the biggest aquarium in Europe! Everyone loved watching the different kinds of fish but the graceful manta rays were definitely the fan favourite! One student commented, "We have had the best time learning all about French culture and I've really enjoyed improving my speaking on the trip!" Overall, a great time was had by all! À bientôt Côte d'Opale!



# 10 | Educational Visits

## Salford University Fashion Show: Thursday 6th June 2019

Not knowing what to expect a select number of well behaved Year 10 Textiles students and Year 12 Fashion students arrived at Salford University to view the university's 2019 degree show.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June and two hours of non stop shows, videos, and picture taking, pupils were inspired shocked and amazed by the collections produced by these 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year fashion students.

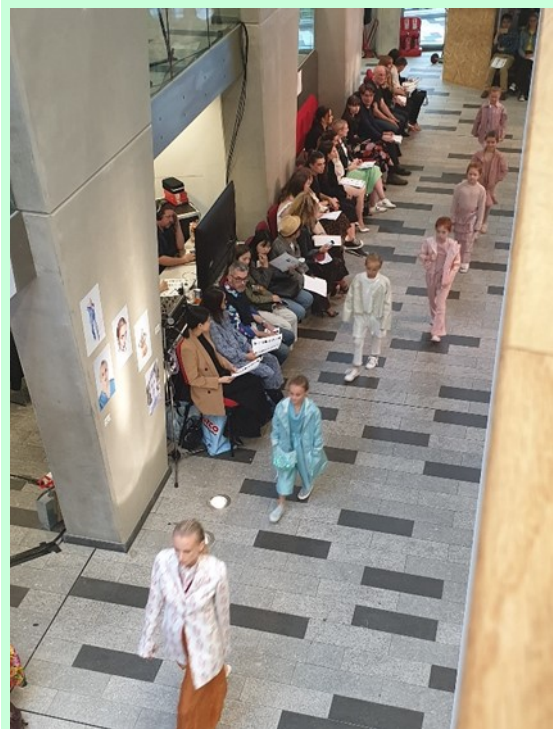
Students watched on as each collection amazed us even more with unique, creative and inspirational ideas towards fashion and their concept.

As the last collection appeared pupils seemed some what disap-

pointed as the show was coming to an end. With a slight break while the judges could discuss their chosen winners. Pupils took the time to say which ones they thought would win and how they couldn't believe this is a course which could be done for 3 years, a change in future career perhaps?

Inspired and full of ideas pupils headed home with a phone full of ideas bursting to be experimented with on their coursework!

Excited again for next years show, maybe in a few years we will be seeing a few hidden Altrincham College Designers!



## Theatre Visit: Wednesday 24th April 2019

Y10 GCSE students were invited to watch an award winning performance of Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers' at Blackpool Winter Gardens. The students were able to explore the world of the play and critique both it's dramatic content and the contextual features to enhance their studies of GCSE Drama and GCSE English Literature. Every student thoroughly enjoyed the show and used this enriching experience to further support their GCSE success.

## Isle of Man Residential: Monday 8 July — Friday 12 July 2019

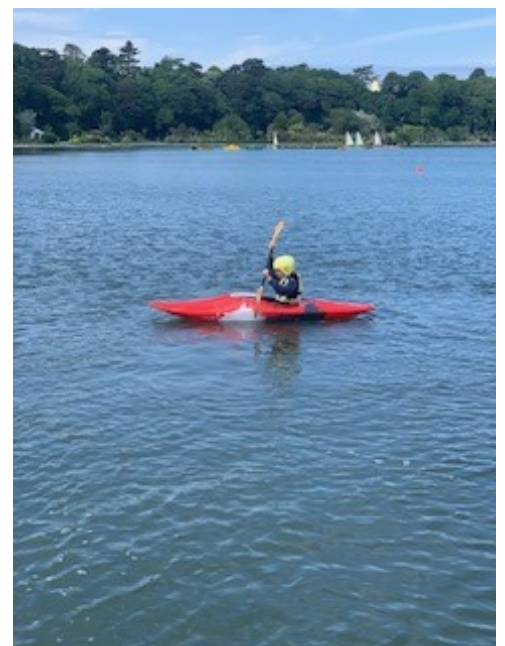


26 students from Year 7,8 and 9 attended a week long, outdoor adventure residential on the Isle of Man.

Students experienced a range of exciting and adventurous outdoor activities including: abseiling, raf-building, coasteering, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, archery and tram-building excercises.

The residential has given students an insight into activities that they may wish to develop in the future but also provided a variety of life experiences that helps to build such things as self-confidence, communication and organisational skills.

Students also learnt to develop independence and social skills which they can carry forward into future life.



## Year 13 Leavers' Lunch:

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we bid farewell to our Year 13 students at their Leavers' Lunch. They received their 'Class of 2019' photo, the infamous Mrs Brennan poem and a very tasty lunch provided by the wonderful school catering staff. We're very proud of you and know that you'll go on to do wonderful things. Good luck with university, apprenticeships or wherever life takes you!



## Sixth Form Taster Day:

Students from Year 11 were invited to take part in a taster day to find out what life in our Sixth Form is really like and what we can offer.

The students were able to sample Level 3 lessons in a range of A Level and

BTEC courses, work with our specialist tutors, make use of our fantastic facilities and get a feel for what our sixth form is like on a daily basis

We are looking forward to welcoming students back into Year 12 in September!



## Year 12 Law Trip to Warrington Court:

On 29th April all the Year 12 A-Level law students went on a trip to the Warrington Combined Court centre. They enjoyed a tour of a courtroom from a lay magistrate and then viewed several real life criminal law cases including sentencing hearings and bail hearings. The students witnessed people being given custodial sentences and also how emotional court cases can be. Law tutor, Mr Oliver, commented "It was important for the students to see the criminal courts in action. Their course contains a criminal law element and a legal system element. This trip brought these two areas to life and the students were able to observe not only how the courts operate but also some of the current problems found within our legal system such as delays and inefficiency."



## Year 12 Trip to University of Liverpool:

Year 12 students enjoyed an informative and fun trip to the University of Liverpool in June. They learnt about the university application process and enjoyed a campus tour from 'real' university students! It was a great insight into what university life has to offer.

The day ended with a talk on budgeting and student life from one of the university's student ambassadors, who told very cheesy cheese jokes. Who can remember, "What did the cheese say when it looked in the mirror ..... Halloumi!" (Hello me)

# Follow Altrincham College Sixth Form on Twitter!

## @ACA\_SixthForm

A screenshot of the Twitter profile for Altrincham College Sixth Form. The profile picture is a circular logo with a stylized 'A' made of colorful lines. The bio reads: "The official Twitter account for the Sixth Form at Altrincham College. For news and events for the main school, please follow @AltrinchamCOA". The website link is "altrinchamcollege.com" and it was joined in January 2019. The stats show 3 tweets, 18 following, 1 follower, 0 lists, and 0 moments. Two tweets are visible: one from 22h about welcoming @ManMetUni and another from 23h welcoming students back after Christmas and New Year.

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**AltCollege 6thForm** @ACA\_SixthForm · 22h  
We're looking forward to welcoming @ManMetUni on Tuesday 15 Jan our Sixth Form students about student finance.

**AltCollege 6thForm** @ACA\_SixthForm · 23h  
A warm welcome back to our Sixth Form students and staff! We hope fantastic Christmas and New Year.

## Congratulations to Will Cleary!

Congratulations to Will Cleary in Year 10 who has been awarded the Best Youth Individual Performance at the Wilmslow Festival of One Act Plays. Will is a member of the Altrincham Creative Theatre School and played the lead role as Ernie in their play "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations". This award follows on from his achievement last year picking up the award for Best Junior Individual Performance.

The festival took place between 11th and 15th June and featured a total of ten plays.

Congratulations Will on this fantastic achievement!



## Congratulations Matina!



Huge congratulations to Year 12 student Matina who has gained a place at the prestigious International Science School at the University of Sydney. Matina was just one of five students from the UK who successfully gained a place at the school, which gathers every two years. The two-week residential program gathers 140 students from around the world and features talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events.

Martina, who leaves for her two-week programme in July, said:

"I am delighted and surprised to have been accepted onto the programme! I am really looking forward to seeing Australia and listening to the lectures. It will give me a lot to write about in my University application and will further my passion for Science, in particular Computer Science. I applied for the programme in March, I just thought

I'd give it a go! I learned about the opportunity through the Manchester Access Programme at the University of Manchester".

On her return from the University of Sydney, Matina will be writing a 'Blog-Style' report of her experience, with photos to be shared by the University of Manchester. She will also be visiting Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics in Manchester to share her experience through a talk.

We all, at Altrincham College, wish Matina a fantastic trip and look forward to hearing about her experience when she returns.

We always love to hear of success that students have outside of school. Please feel free to contact the school if your child has any successful achievements and we can ensure they get the recognition that they deserve.

## “Digital Her Roadshow”

Bowdon Hotel 14/05/2019

A group of 13 Year 8 girls attended the “Digital Her Roadshow” at the Bowdon Hotel in Altrincham on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The “Digital Her” is programme from Manchester Digital, dedicated to inspiring and encouraging women into the industry through targeted projects, opportunities and campaigns.

The roadshow introduced students to leading role models and mentors within the industry. Employers present included GCHQ, BJSS, Autotrader and Manchester Science Partnership.

The students participated in workshops that served to inspire, empower and breakdown traditional stereotypes within the industry.

The students came away feeling very enthused and inspired by the Roadshow.

They commented: -

‘We learnt about a wide range of careers within the digital industries’

‘I know more about digital jobs, it’s not all about Maths and I.T.’

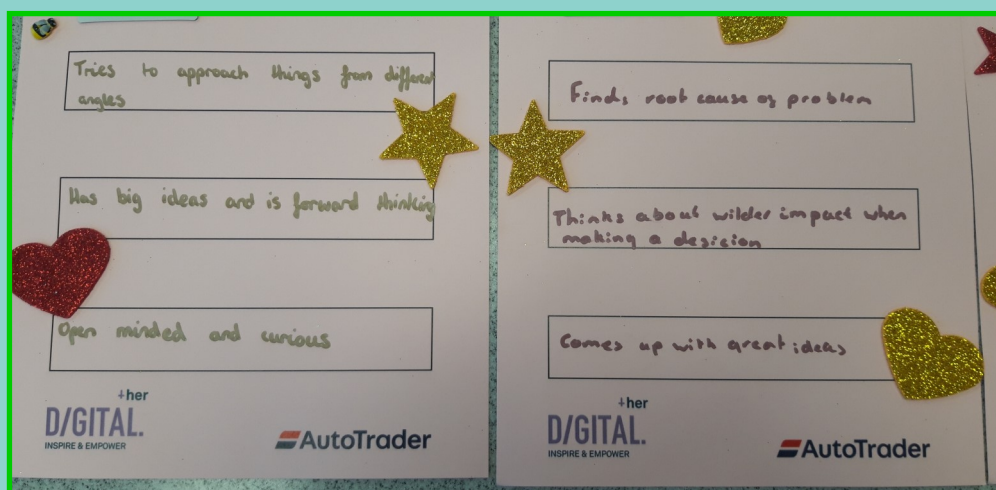
‘I feel really inspired’

‘I want to go into a digital career’

‘Good fun and I learnt something new’

‘It’s okay to fail sometimes, I can learn from my mistakes’

@manchesterdigital #digitalher



## Inspired to Aspire Programme

The Inspired to Aspire Mentoring Programme, provided by the Salford Foundation has matched over 1600 pupils with mentors from over 40 different businesses and are looking forward to introducing more Altrincham College students to their business mentors next year.

As part of the 'Inspired to Aspire' programme pupils over the last 3 months, have been given the opportunity to visit their mentor's place of work, to conclude the project. Our first cohort visited Barclays Northern Head Quarters, and most recently The Bank of New York Mellon (both in the centre of Manchester)

Students took part in a tour of the offices, learning more about the various job roles and workplace expectations of employees and clients – We even had a conference call with the BNY Mellon Head Office in New York City.”



Please contact school if you could

- ⇒ Help students to develop their interview skills
- ⇒ Connect with a department to deliver a career talk
- ⇒ Support our careers programme in anyway



## Drama

The Year 9 Drama club have been very busy this half term rehearsing an outdoor adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. It took just six weeks to put this performance together which they performed a couple of weeks ago to an audience of Year 7 students. The Year 9 drama club commit to rehearsals on a Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Mrozinski and she was so pleased with their performance, they performed it twice. Well done to all involved.



Induction day was an excellent opportunity for our Year 7 students to showcase their talent, creativity and hard work. They performed "I'm in a fairytale, get me out of here" for the Year 6 students. The production has been rehearsed and organised through our lunch time Drama clubs. Students have shown exceptional commitment throughout the process and all the hard work paid off. The year 6 students were delighted with the production and many have said they will be joining Drama club when they start in September. Well done Year 7 Drama club!



A group of Year 10 students performed at Home Theatre at the beginning of July. This was part of a project called "Barbican Box" that students had been involved with. The project began when a box was delivered to school from the founders of Slung Low Theatre Company and students had to create a play using the contents of the box which were all survival based. The students created a play called "The Missing - Moorlands". In summary, the play was a story about four boys who went missing during a camping trip back in 1996. Now in 2019, the case reopened and a group of teenagers spent the weekend on the moorlands and experienced flashbacks to try to establish what actually happened to the boys. The group had an artistic mentor who said that "they really did create a strong piece... they knocked it out of the park. They should be very proud". We were one of only eight schools in Manchester who were lucky enough to take part in this project.



## PE

The PE department once again have had huge success over the past academic year.

Well done to the Year 9 Rounders Team (right) who remained unbeaten in their league and made it through to the Trafford finals. The girls played brilliantly and did our school incredibly proud.

Also, congratulations to the Year 11 football team who won the Trafford B League.

The Year 10 football team narrowly missed out on the finals in both the Trafford League and Cup against a very strong Ashton on Mersey team. Despite this though, the players showed fantastic attitude and pride in their performance



## Art

Once again it has been a very exciting and successful year in the department. The pupils from Years 7-13 have produced some excellent work inspired by the artists who have exhibited in the gallery, art workshops with designers and artist cultural visits. Once again the students have been able to excel by using a large variety of materials and processes which have inspired them to produce their own creative outcomes.

Visiting examiners and guests have commented not on the quality of students' work but the variety and individuality of the work. In year 11 the GCSE moderator for example, pointed out that every student had very individual personalised pieces which doesn't happen at many schools and was a pleasure to see.



Our Year 7 students are always looking to go that extra mile and impress staff with their creative thinking. Maisy Kirkpatrick and Gabriella Harris have stunned us this week with an outstanding home work based on the Edward Munch portrait, "The Scream." The girls chose to create a cake! The butter icing was used to show the incredible colour variations and patterns within the original painting.

Mr Miranda had been talking to his Year 7 students about how GCSE examiners are always impressed by how students are asked to think outside the box when working in the style of an artist using different materials and processes.

We are so fortunate to have such a wealth of talent in year 7 and such creative and hard working individuals. Well done girls!

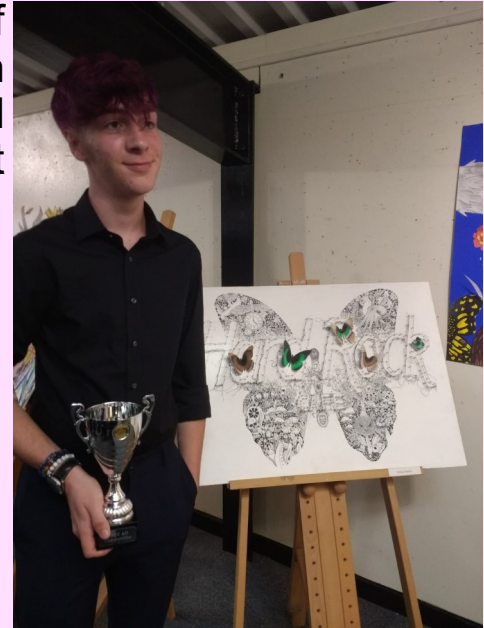
Have a safe and happy holiday and remember 'Art is in your life and Life is in your Art'

## Lloyd Arts Competition

Many of you will know the exhibition as the Arriva Competition but this year we renamed it in honour of one of our ex head teachers Miss Lloyd, whose vision and determination led to us be able to finance and build a gallery for both students and professionals to exhibit their work in.

The exhibition evening was a great success again and as can be seen below the selection of work was a great testament to all the hard work by the students and staff.

The Lloyd competition was hosted again in the gallery and was very well attended as always from students, guests and visitors. Congratulations go to Vinnie Owens who was judged as the overall winner.



# Sports Day



Sports Day is always such a fabulous day at Altrincham College where the whole school and staff come together.

Students compete in their forms and represent a country on the day. Each form competes in all the different events which range from, 75m sprint, shot putt and relay races to strongest man/woman, the 250m rowing challenge and many more. The last few years we have had great weather and this year was no exception. We even had time for a staff relay!



## Year 11 Prom

Year 11 students and staff had a fantastic time at the Cottons Hotel and Spa in Knutsford celebrating the end of their time in the main school at Altrincham College.

The Class of 2019 Leavers' Prom was the perfect evening to reflect on the secondary school years and a fabulous night was had by all!

Over 120 students attended, all looking their best and arriving in style. Our Year 11 pupils enjoyed a three-course meal and then danced the night away until it was time to get on the bus back to school. Congratulations to our Prom King and Queen David Yarwood and Ella McIntyre.



We are looking forward to welcoming students back into our Sixth Form in September. For those students moving away from Altrincham College, we would like to wish them every success as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.



### **Presentation Evening—Tuesday 16 July 2019**

At 19:00 on Tuesday 16 July, the sun was beginning to set and we welcomed back into school a selection of students and their families for our annual presentation evening. These students had all been selected by their subject teachers to receive an award to recognise their effort or attainment over the last academic year. The hall was packed out (and very warm!) and it was great to see so many students being recognised in this way. It was a fantastic evening with the musical entertainment as well. Congratulations to all students who received an award. Keep up the hard work!

## Year 10 Drop Down Day:

On the 5th July, our Year 10 pupils took part in a “Staying Safe for the Summer” drop down day as part of their PSHE curriculum at KS4.

The day promoted community cohesion, raised awareness around topical issues that have affected young people nationally and support our pupils in feeling safe. We will be having sessions on:

- Knife crime
- Risky behaviours/drugs
- County lines
- Gangs
- Avoiding crime

These will be delivered by community safety officers, a reformed criminal and youth drug teams.



## Pixl Edge: Awards Ceremony — Thursday 11 July 2019

Altrincham College subscribes to an innovative scheme called ‘The Edge.’ All our students take part in the scheme and they have an online account, where they log their achievements. We had the great pleasure of taking 10 students to the annual Pixl Edge awards ceremony, in Liverpool. Our students have shown great character this academic year and have developed skills in Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. Oliver Teggart was awarded the prestigious title of "Character of the year" in recognition of his hard work, grit and determination. Well done to all who received awards.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Altrincham College have had another highly successful year celebrating huge success throughout the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Our students have planned and committed to individual and specific goals to meet and achieve their personal development with learning new skills, challenging their personal, physical, health and fitness and volunteering their time to develop their interpersonal skills.



Our Year 10 students have just enjoyed a successful DofE bronze practice expedition on the 3-4th June 2019 where the students developed their navigating, camp-craft and cooking skills in the outdoors preparing for their final assessment which is a 2 day, 1 night expedition which took place on the 8-9th July 2019.



The Year 12 students have just completed and passed both their DofE Silver practice and qualifying expeditions on the 19-21st June 2019 in the Peak District. They successfully passed all 20 conditions planning their routes for two 3 day, 2 night journeys covering over 50km inde-

pendently.

Special congratulations to Kerem Bozman who left our 6th form last year who has passed his DofE Gold Award and is awaiting an invite to St James Palace. Good luck to the other gold students who have targeted to complete their final residential section this summer!

A final congratulations should go to all our students have displayed outstanding growth, resilience, commitment and teamwork that will lead them into enjoying a brighter and prosperous future!



In September, students moving into Year 10 and Year 12 will get the chance to take part in this opportunity. This course will chisel your future! More further details to follow in the new academic year.

## Year 7 Induction Day

This year, we have 175 students who will be starting with us in September as our new cohort of Year 7 students. They are transitioning to us from a large number of primary schools across the local area.

The schools we will be welcoming students from are:

Abbotsford Preparatory

Bollin Primary

Broadheath Primary

Brooklands Primary

Broomwood Primary

Chorlton Park Primary

Church Road Primary

Cloverlea Primary

Elmridge Primary

Firs Primary

Forest School

Heyes Lane Primary

Holy Family Catholic Primary

Lime Tree Primary

Little Bollington C.E. Primary

Moorlands Junior

Navigation Primary

North Cheshire Jewish Primary

Oldfield Brow Primary

Park Road Sale Primary

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary



St Anne's C.E. Primary

St Anthony's Catholic Primary

St Margaret Ward Catholic Primary

St Mary's C.E. Primary

St Matthew's C.E Primary

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary

Stamford Park Junior

The Ryleys Primary

Well Green Primary

Wellfield Junior

Woodheys Primary



On Thursday 4 July, we had our annual induction day where we welcomed our new Year 7 students to experience a day in the life of an Altrincham College student.

The Year 6 pupils really enjoyed the day. Some of them came in a bit nervous but all came out with smiles on their faces at the end of the day. They received a "pupil guide" which contained lots of useful information in and also a fun quiz for them to have a go at to see what they had learnt about Altrincham College over the course of the day.

Miss Klays, our new Head of Year 7, commented on the day:

*"Induction Day was a fabulous day meeting all the new Year 7's for September. They took part in lots of taster sessions around school and got to meet their new form and Form Tutor and hopefully make some new form friends. I'm really looking forward to meeting them all in September properly and helping them start their 7 year journey at Altrincham College."*

## Why not join our Parents Association?

Altrincham College  
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Parents' Association

Would you like to support our school community?

Do you have experience of leading a PA and would you like to lead ours?

We are looking for a team of enthusiastic and forward thinking parents/carers to form our new Parents' Association.  
To register your interest:  
email: [headteacher@mail.altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:headteacher@mail.altrinchamcollege.com)  
Telephone: 0161 980 7173

Join our team and make a difference!

### Members so far:

Gillian Cartwright

Graeme Evans-Murrie

Julie Ann Carroll

Maryia Baranchuk

Nicola Brookes-Gardner

Helen Antoniadis

Liz McDonald

Najemh Vahind

Paul Smith

**We are looking for  
more parents to  
get involved!**

# Pupils with Medical Conditions

Pupils are not allowed to carry medication around school unless it is an inhaler or an auto adrenaline injector. If medication is required during the school day, it must be stored safely at reception. Please complete the 'Parental Permission for Medication Form' which is available on the Gateway. The medication can then be sent into school, boxed and labelled with your child's name and dosage/frequency.

Please note: All pupils requiring an inhaler and/or an auto adrenaline injector **MUST** carry one with them at all times. A spare **MUST** also be kept at reception.



## **EduLink One**

EduLink One allows you to access information about your child or children with a single login. It also allows the School to communicate messages to you directly about your child/children. You can access the following information via the EduLink One App:

school reports, catering transactions and balance, letters home, exam timetables and entries, behaviour and detention log, achievements and awards, absence reporting, contact details, medical information, lesson timetable, school calendar.



We are excited to be introducing a new piece of software for our staff to use. ClassCharts brings together several other pieces of software and apps that we currently use and will be a 'one stop shop' for all things relating to, and supporting teaching and learning.

Students, parents and carers will also be able to use ClassCharts to see homework which has been set, attendance information, as well as both positive and negative behaviour scores.

In addition to having a positive effect on staff workload, we hope that this new system also helps to engage everyone in celebrating positive achievements and helping pupils see their own progress by reflecting on their accomplishments and behaviour. There will also be an exciting, all new rewards store!

More details will follow on this as we launch ClassCharts fully in the Autumn term.

## Bringing in Forgotten Items

If your son/daughter/ward has forgotten to bring any item into school, for example, homework or PE Kit, we ask that you do not bring these into school for them, as we are unable to guarantee any items we receive during the day will be passed on to your son/daughter/ward.

Altrincham College aims to teach students to become responsible for themselves and to remember to bring in the items they need for the day. For the same reason, students are requested to not make contact with home to request items during the school day.

## Appointments

Thank you for making appointments for the doctor, dentist, optician etc. after school hours. However, where appointments must take place during school time, we ask that school are given prior notice of the day/time of the appointment, the time children will be collected and who will collect them. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow pupils off site without permission from parents/carers, or let them leave school with anyone who is not a named contact on school records (e.g. older brothers/sisters). Students should be collected from the main school reception and signed out.

Please note that students may not be released from lesson unless they have an appointment card or a note for their class teacher.

## Term Dates For School Year 2019/2020

| <b>Opening Dates</b>               | <b>Closing Dates</b>              |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Autumn Term 2019</b>            |                                   |
| Wednesday 4th September            | Friday 18th October 2019          |
| <b>Half Term</b>                   |                                   |
| Tuesday 29th October 2019          | Friday 20th December 2019         |
| <b>Spring Term 2020</b>            |                                   |
| Monday 6th January 2020            | Friday 7th February 2020          |
| <b>Half Term</b>                   |                                   |
| Monday 17th February 2020          | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 |
| <b>Summer Term 2020</b>            |                                   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 | Friday 22nd May 2020              |
| <b>Half Term</b>                   |                                   |
| Monday 1st June 2020               | Friday 17th July 2020             |

**School will close at 12:30 on the last day of term (Friday 20th December 2019, Friday 3rd April 2020 and Friday 17th July 2020). Bus companies have been informed so they will be able to take your child home as usual.**

## Key Upcoming Dates:

Friday 19 July 2019 — End of Summer Term

Thursday 15 August 2019 — A Level Results Day

Thursday 23 August 2019 — GCSE Results Day

Wednesday 4 September 2019 — Start of Autumn Term



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