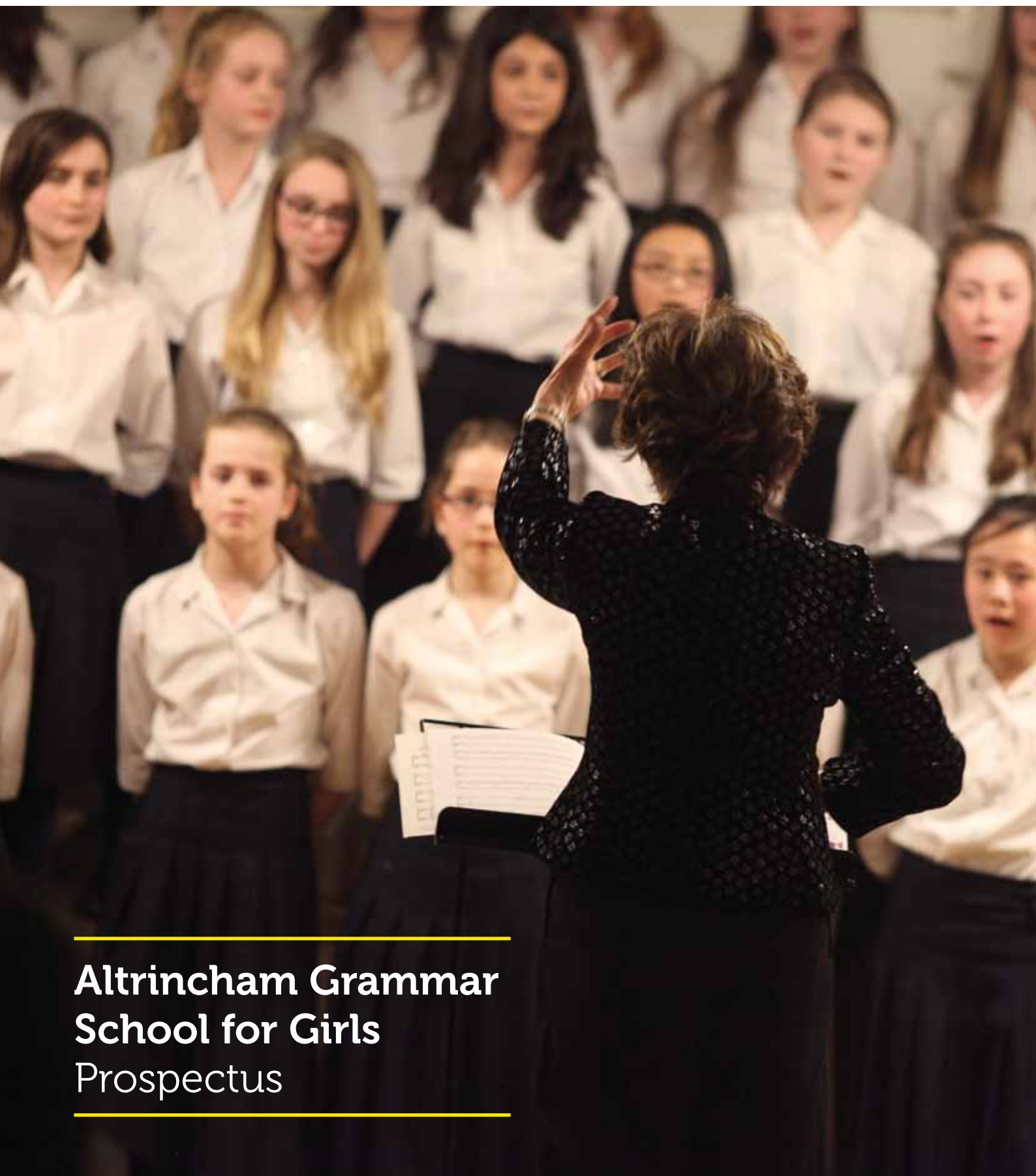




**Altrincham Grammar
School for Girls**
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Prospectus

Welcome from The Principal

Welcome to Altrincham Grammar School for Girls. Here at AGGS, a school founded in 1910, we are proud of our long tradition of academic success, sporting and cultural achievement and caring service to the community.

AGGS is a member of the Bright Futures Educational Trust, led by the CEO Dr John Stephens CBE. As the Trust's Teaching School, we share in an exemplary network of educational leaders, drawing on knowledge from across the North West and beyond.

Just as our school buildings seamlessly combine the very best in both modern and traditional architecture, so the education we provide seeks to unite a highly effective, forward-looking approach to teaching and learning with the highest educational standards of the past. This, we believe, equips our students for success in the complex, technological society of the future.

Enjoyment of learning, self-discipline, concern for others and opportunities for leadership lie at the heart of the school's ethos. Every student is valued equally and encouraged to develop her full potential.

Stephanie Gill
Principal

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Stephanie Gill, Principal

Our aims are:

- To encourage every student to acquire the knowledge, skills and experience necessary, both within and outside the classroom, to promote to the full her spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development;
- To provide a working atmosphere where good relationships between staff and students contribute to an effective and enjoyable learning process;
- To encourage students to develop confidence, self-respect and a knowledge and understanding of other cultures and lifestyles, and to foster a growing sense of corporate responsibility both within the school and in the wider community;
- To ensure continuity between the primary and secondary stages of education and to prepare students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life in an increasingly technological society;
- To establish and maintain links with the community outside the school, welcoming in particular the help and support of the governing body and parents;
- To provide a variety of opportunities for staff to enhance their professional experience within a rewarding and fulfilling career.



Welcome from Bright Futures Educational Trust

Welcome to Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, a Bright Futures Educational Trust school. Bright Futures is a multi-academy, school-led partnership formed to provide quality education across our member schools and to help each child fulfil their potential.

The AGGS ethos is firmly centred around the provision of a world-class education system that focuses on educating the whole child. Leaders from AGGS collaborate with other schools across the Trust, sharing knowledge and expertise to enable us to meet all the needs of our pupils. All of the schools within our Trust have created an environment where teachers love teaching and students love learning – using creative ways to enable pupils to develop both inside and outside of the classroom.

AGGS is a place for students to thrive. The school is renowned for delivering outstanding GCSE and A-Level results year on year, as well as providing a well rounded extra curricular programme. This is a school which continually invests in its students and focuses on their wellbeing.

Mr. John Stephens
Chief Executive Officer



Life at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls

At AGGS we are very aware that we are developing the young people who will shape the future of this country. As such we seek to develop the skills, knowledge and talents of each individual student, offering a broad education which provides opportunities and challenges that foster learning both within and beyond the classroom.

Academically it is our aim to support the students to achieve the very best of which they are capable, to motivate and inspire a love of learning which lasts well beyond their years in formal education. Learning at AGGS is therefore both exciting and challenging. Our students are encouraged to work independently, pursue their interests, read widely and approach new knowledge with an analytical and critical eye.

Alongside their academic studies, students at AGGS are given a huge range of opportunities to participate in activities beyond the classroom. From clubs and societies, to teams, casts and musical ensembles, there is something to interest and motivate every student. Students are encouraged to contribute actively to the school and the wider community and take on leadership roles.

" I have three daughters who have all had an exceptional education at AGGS. Our experience is that it is an outstanding school"

Parent

Curriculum

Moving from one stage of the national curriculum to the next is always an important step in a student's school life. The curriculum at AGGS is designed to not only challenge the students, but also to present new opportunities for learning and for developing new skills. Students will be expected to show an increased level of maturity and a growing sense of responsibility for their own work and progress. Year 7 students will study a number of subjects that they may not have been previously introduced to and will study others in greater depth.

The curriculum programme at AGGS for Years 7 to 11 is designed to facilitate academic excellence, to open students to a broad range of subjects and to enhance their skills through a variety of learning styles. Practical subjects such as drama, dance, music, and physical education sit alongside English, humanities, mathematics, modern foreign languages, the sciences and technology. Personal, social and health education, citizenship and mindfulness programmes enrich the curriculum and support personal and social development. At AGGS we place an emphasis on providing a first class, broad, balanced curriculum which fosters the pursuit of learning for its own sake, whilst ensuring that the students are gaining the skills they need to prepare them for higher education and for the work environment.



" My daughter thoroughly enjoyed her time at AGGS. She received a fantastic education and has turned into a hard-working and happy young woman"

Year 12 parent

Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Centre at AGGS offers a facility where purposeful study within a challenging, exciting and supportive environment nurtures the students of today to become the independent and confident adults of tomorrow.

For existing students, the transition to the Sixth Form at AGGS provides exciting opportunities to build on the foundations laid in Years 7 to 11. Students not only benefit from a continuity of approach but also enjoy the high quality of teaching and support for which the school is recognised nationally. At the same time new opportunities for advanced level study, independent learning, personal development and student leadership make the experience fresh, challenging and exciting. Each year we also welcome students who join us from other schools. We find they settle quickly, make new friends and enrich our community.

The Sixth Form provides a superb education for all its students; standards are exceptionally high, achievement is outstanding and students' personal and social development is supported.

High quality, personalised careers guidance supports each student to identify and secure appropriate opportunities for the next stage of their education or employment. Every student is valued for the skills and abilities she brings to the Sixth Form and leaves with those skills developed and nurtured by our excellent staff, well prepared for an exciting and challenging future.



" We are delighted Hayley had the opportunity to attend such a fantastic school. The education and grounding Hayley has received at AGGS will I am sure be the foundation for a promising and exciting future"

Year 13 parent

Teaching and Learning

Here at AGGS, students are privileged to be taught by a team of highly qualified teachers who are passionate about their subjects. As a Teaching School and a lead school for Alliance for Learning, we invest in the continuing professional development of all of our staff and this has clear benefits for students who learn from exceptionally skilled and knowledgeable teachers.

Teaching and associate staff alike work exceptionally hard to create a teaching and learning environment that allows all students to fulfil their potential in every area of school life. Not only do teachers foster a lifelong love for learning within the students, but the wide range of teaching styles they employ encompasses both subject-specific expertise and innovative teaching practices.

Teaching and learning at AGGS not only supports the students in the pursuit of academic excellence within the classroom, but also fosters the ongoing development of independent learning. Effective collaboration with teachers, peers and parents ensures that students take responsibility for their own learning and develop a steadfast work ethic which leads to success both in the classroom and beyond.

**" The teachers here
are passionate about
their subjects and
this is inspiring"**

Year 12 student

Student Leadership

At AGGS we provide a wide range of opportunities for students to develop as citizens, both of the school and the wider community.

Student leadership opportunities are many and varied, enabling students to use and develop their leadership skills: there are head girls in the sixth form, prefects in Year 11, a peer mentoring programme, digital leaders, anti-bullying ambassadors, wellbeing ambassadors and a charity committee. In addition, each year group has a school council and there is an executive school council with representatives from every year group, which serve as the link between the students and the leadership of the school. These opportunities allow the students to learn that they can effect positive change and take on roles of responsibility which prepare them for life beyond school.



" I enjoy being an anti-bullying ambassador. I'm glad to be part of an initiative that has a positive impact on the school community and being a friendly, reassuring face around school – especially for younger girls"

Year 10 student

Extra-Curricular Activities

Beyond the classroom students enjoy an extensive range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

Highly committed and hard-working staff give freely of their time to ensure that students can benefit from: sport, music and drama; taking part in charity events, community work or enterprise challenges; social activities; playing and having fun together.

Curricular and extra-curricular trips and visits also add to the students' wider learning and offer exciting opportunities for personal development.

At AGGS we encourage all students to participate in extra-curricular activities as we believe these strengthen the students' interests and talents.

" I chose to take part in extra-curricular dance because you learn new skills and steps. It's relaxing and I feel comfortable when I dance. Everything about dance is fun"

Year 8 student



Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

Learning is most effective in an environment where students feel safe, secure and happy.

We are proud of the strength of the pastoral care and enrichment programmes we offer here at AGGS, focused on supporting all students in their wellbeing, as well as helping them to develop a sense of responsibility for their physical and social environment.

From teachers, form tutors, senior tutors and senior staff alike there is a commitment to working in partnership with parents, to caring for our students and fostering their personal development. Showing flexibility in the face of individual circumstances, helping to develop independence, teaching students to take responsibility for their actions and supporting their social development are all part of this pastoral work.

" I truly believe that Altrincham Grammar is a school that provides students with countless opportunities and maintains a happy and comfortable environment"

Year 10 parent



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