

Alex Hampson



Alex Hampson was one of the first students to be involved in our Talented and Gifted programme. He took the Cambridge Latin programme in Year 11 as well as AS Maths, achieving a grade A. These extra curricular qualifications and excellent GCSE's helped secure Alex a scholarship at Eton College, where successfully achieved 3 A grades in Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry and the coveted A* in Maths and he is currently studying medicine at Barts Medical School in London.

He says: "The main reason I applied for a scholarship at Eton was because Alder Grange didn't have a sixth form at the time and there were no other schools or colleges in the area that I wanted to go to. The TAGS programme definitely helped my scholarship application and made me stand out. "The new building looks fantastic and there is such a wide range of courses on offer - I'm confident I would have been just as happy and done just as well if I'd had the chance to go there."

Matt Fenner



Matt left Alder Grange in 2009, and spent a year in another sixth form before returning to ag6 when we opened in 2010. He gained 2As, 2Bs and 1C in his AS exams this summer and is currently applying to university to become a vet. He has also secured himself work experience at Stanley House veterinary practice in Colne.

He says: "I am really enjoying my work placements. It's great fun getting stuck in and getting real hands-on practical experience. And getting good grades in my AS exams will help my application to veterinary school."

"The TAGS programme means I get the extra help I need to help my application to university and study my dream course."

Jack Crowder



After leaving another sixth form, Jack came to us to help him achieve his ambition of becoming a Nuclear engineer. He got an A and 2Bs in his AS levels in Maths, Physics and Chemistry and has applied to Manchester University to study Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering. Jack is also taking extra Maths lessons so he can take his Mechanics 2 module, and has taken part in work experience at Connah's Quay sub-station in North Wales.

Jack says: "I wasn't happy at my first sixth form - so I was relieved Alder Grange had opened ag6. From the moment I told them where I wanted to be they have helped me get there, from extra Maths lessons to helping me secure work experience as part of the TAGS programme. I can't thank them enough."

Alex Stokes



Alex is taking part in our Future Teachers Programme. She has decided her heart lies in a career in teaching after she secured outstanding AS results and work experience. Alex studied AS level English Literature, English Language, History and French at ag6 achieving 2As, B and a C, and plans to study English with French at either York or Liverpool University.

She says: "I am thrilled with my results - I have worked really hard. Continuing on to ag6 seemed an obvious choice for me after GCSEs, because the facilities are amazing and there's a huge breadth of subjects on offer. But the thing that I really liked was the 'Tomorrow's Teachers' programme as it gives students like me that extra advantage as places on teacher training courses are increasingly competitive."



For further information

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Alder Grange: supporting you



Alder Grange is committed to supporting our gifted and talented students, whether they have exceptional academic ability, or shine in practical areas such as sport, music, design, creative or performing arts.

We will ensure that those students who aspire to one day progress on to the country's top ranking universities, or who dream of leading their country in sport, music or the arts, or those who want to work within challenging roles in medicine, law, veterinary medicine and engineering get all the support they need.

With the help of our TAGS programme we will ensure that all students have access to specialist guidance to help and achieve their full potential.



University visits

We will ensure our TAGS benefit from the successful partnerships we have built with universities all over the UK by offering:

- Residential visits to Russell group universities including Manchester, Lancaster, Liverpool and Leeds.
- A comprehensive university preparation programme, including Oxford and Cambridge, medicine and other competitive areas.
- Support and preparation for university entrance exams, including Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT), UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) and National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT).

Mentoring

- Regular one-to-one mentoring to explore university and career opportunities.
- Access to Summer Schools, relevant work placements, conferences, master classes and guest speakers
- Tomorrow's Teachers - a taster experience organised by ag6 in partnership with Edge Hill University. The aim of the programme is to offer students who might be considering a career in teaching the opportunity to engage in realistic, hands-on observation and discussion of the various areas that make up a teacher's daily responsibilities. In addition students have a mock interview with a Senior Initial Teacher Training lecturer, a tour of the Edge Hill Campus and Education Faculty, plus advice on completing UCAS applications.
- AG Ambassadors - a mentoring programme which uses exceptional current and former members of the school as mentors to inspire other students.

