

# WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

## COME TO OUR OPEN EVENING

Come and get a feel for the place to look at different subjects and have a coffee at our superb café. Go to [www.aldergrange.com](http://www.aldergrange.com) for the latest dates for our open evenings.

## CAN'T MAKE THAT DATE?

Simply keep in touch by emailing me at [jgriffiths@aldergrange.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jgriffiths@aldergrange.lancs.sch.uk) or telephone: 01706 223171

Jo Griffiths - Head of School

## APPLY AND GET AN INTERVIEW

Fill in one of our forms online or we can send you one and book you in for an interview so we can discuss your options and ambitions! If accepted you will be invited to an induction day.

## WELCOME TO AG6

Shape your own destiny and join our team of inspiring innovators. We can give you the skills and training you need to get a job or for Uni - not just to pass an exam.

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## ENROL

Once you have your GCSE results come and enrol with us. We will help you choose the right combination of subjects.

## INDUCTION DAY

Meet your new classmates, your teachers and find out more about your courses and get vital information about what you need in September. If you haven't signed up yet, come and have a look around. Everyone's invited! See our website for dates.

## For more information contact us on

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# inspiring innovators GROWN AT ALDER GRANGE

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

NURTURING  
INSPIRATIONAL  
CARING  
EXCELLENCE



# WE DON'T TEACH SUBJECTS WE TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE

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## → THE ALDER GRANGE DIFFERENCE

NOT ALL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ARE THE SAME. WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT THE ALDER GRANGE WAY BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WELL IT'S SIMPLE REALLY.

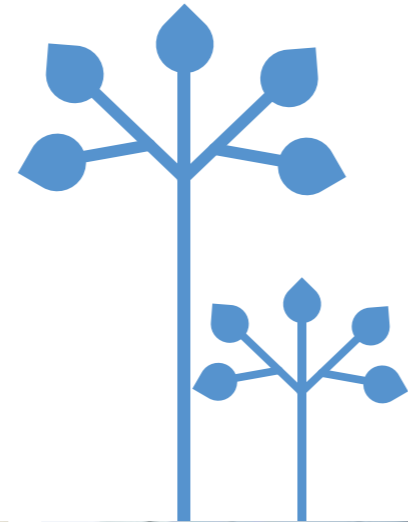
WHETHER IT'S HISTORY OR GEOGRAPHY, MATHS OR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, OUR TEACHERS FIND A WAY TO CONNECT WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. IT'S ABOUT FINDING WAYS TO BRING SUBJECTS ALIVE WITH RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE, VISITS TO ART GALLERIES AND BATTLEFIELDS AND INVITING GUEST SPEAKERS INTO SCHOOL.

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# EVERY PERSON COUNTS



YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE INDEPENDENT. THIS HELPS YOU BECOME MORE PROFESSIONAL

AG6 PUPIL



AT AG6 WE'VE CREATED AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT WHERE HARD WORK IS REWARDED AND WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED AND NURTURED AND FUTURES ARE SHAPED.



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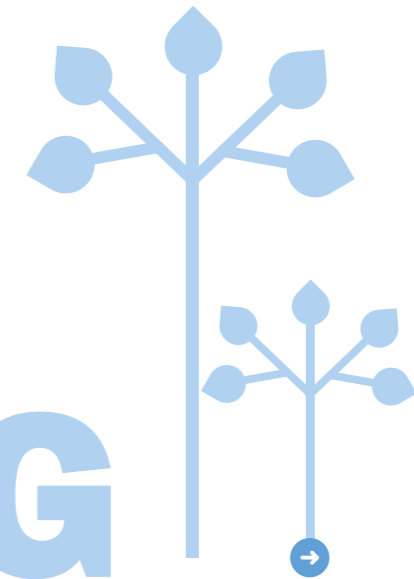


# ACHIEVEMENTS FOR LIFE



OUR MAIN AIM IS TO ENSURE PEOPLE FULFIL THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL. YES, WE OFFER A MIX OF A-LEVEL AND BTECH COURSES AND OUR STANDARDS ARE HIGH BUT WE DON'T SIMPLY FOCUS ON A FINAL EXAM GRADE, WE HELP ENSURE OUR STUDENTS ARE READY TO TAKE THEIR NEXT STEPS IN LIFE.

# FINE TUNING FUTURES



'IT'S AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY - EMBRACE IT!'

AG6 PUPIL

WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO END TO AN INDIVIDUALS' CAPACITY TO PROGRESS WHEN YOU GIVE THEM THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT. AT ALDER GRANGE WE DON'T RUN A FACELESS EXAM FACTORY, INSTEAD WE HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND THEIR OWN IDENTITY, HELP THEM BUILD THEIR SELF CONFIDENCE AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIFE BEYOND EDUCATION.



# AG6 TOMORROW'S TEACHERS

The aim of this unique programme is to offer those of you who might be considering a career in teaching – either at primary or secondary school level - the opportunity to gain first hand experience of what skills are needed to be a teacher.

The programme is based at ag6 where you will be assigned a class in the main school or one of the local primary schools in a subject area that you wish to teach. There are also opportunities for you to visit our partner schools. You will take part in workshop session delivered by the Pennine Lancashire SCITT\* and also by Edge Hill University. During the programme you will practice writing personal statements and have the opportunity to visit Edge Hill and take in a tour of the campus.

During the programme you will have the opportunity to learn about what great teaching and learning looks like and also to gain some excellent advice on how teachers create those all-important relationships needed for effective learning to take place.

In addition you will also have a mock interview and gain general advice about the various routes into a career in teaching.

**“TOMORROW'S TEACHERS IS ABOUT CHILDREN; HOW THEY LEARN AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THEM TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL”.**  
Edge Hill trainee teacher.

As places at teacher training institutions are increasingly competitive taking part in Tomorrow's Teachers will provide you with a valuable insight into how you can successfully sell yourself at interview.

You will spend time with current Pennine Lancashire SCITT trainee teachers so that you can experience first-hand what it is like to train as a teacher on the SCITT. You will learn why we place such a high emphasis on building effective working relationships: Tomorrow's Teachers is about children, how they learn and how we can support them to realise their full potential.

**We want to give ag6 students the chance to get some experience of these 'basics' which include:**

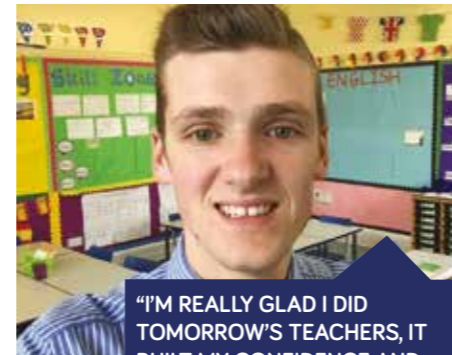
- Learning and Teaching: The tools of the trade.
- What do we look for when observing lessons?
- Creating an environment where working relationships are built on high expectations.
- Specific strategies that teachers use to promote positive behaviour within their classrooms and beyond.

**Early access to Teacher Training through:**

- 1 to 1 sessions with current Pennine Lancashire SCITT trainee teachers
- Plan and teach a lesson to a mock class of year 7 pupils and receive useful feedback
- Opportunity to observe actual lessons
- Help with UCAS applications
- Mock interviews with feedback
- SCITT means School Centred Initial Teacher Training



**PLACES ON TEACHING COURSES ARE INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE, TAKING PART IN 'TOMORROW'S TEACHERS' GIVES STUDENTS THAT EXTRA ADVANTAGE!**



**“I'M REALLY GLAD I DID TOMORROW'S TEACHERS, IT BUILT MY CONFIDENCE AND GAVE ME AN ADVANTAGE WHEN I APPLIED TO UNIVERSITY.”**

ROB HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS FIRST YEAR TEACHING AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN HARROGATE FOLLOWING HIS DEGREE COURSE AT YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY.

ROB PRATT - AG6 STUDENT 2011-2013

**COMING SOON!  
TOMORROW'S HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

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# DESIGN, ENGINEER, CONSTRUCT!

Alder Grange will be running a course from September for Sixth Formers interested in architecture, engineering and construction careers as part of their Enrichment Studies.

Historically, the construction professionals such as Architects, Surveyors and Building Services Engineers, have not had any dedicated pathways that encourage young people to explore them as careers.

There is also little opportunity for young people to carry out work experience in these professions at secondary school level and so there is little understanding of them.

Design, Engineer, Construct! aims to change this and this course will help students develop their knowledge and skills through the undertaking of a sustainable building project, featuring workshops run under the watchful eye of industry professionals.



**“I WOULDN'T BE WHERE I AM TODAY IF IT WASN'T FOR ALDER GRANGE.”**

JAMES IS NOW WORKING ON THE HUMBER TUNNEL IN HULL HAVING JUST GRADUATED FROM HIS COURSE IN SURVEYING AND PLANNING AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY.

JAMES BARNES  
AG6 STUDENT 2011-2013

Each section focuses on the different people and the range of tasks which come together to design a sustainable building. So students will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of sustainability and sustainable lifestyles
- Demonstrate ways in which their local community can become involved in a construction project
- Understand the range of professionals involved in a construction project
- Understand the planning requirements of an Eco Classroom
- Understand why careful purchasing is critical to the sustainability of a construction project
- Construct their Eco Classroom design in 3D using professional industry standard software
- Compare designs and techniques with other students from different locations around the country and the rest of the world
- Understand the need for long-term sustainable practice in their construction project, their school and their homes.

The course challenges students to work both independently and as a team to maximise 21st Century technologies.

The Design, Engineer, Construct! qualification is accredited via the Information Technology Qualification (ITQ) framework. This means it is on the Government's list of approved qualifications.



**“I LEARNT SO MUCH ON THE DEC COURSE, LESSONS I STILL USE NOW!”**

NIALL WENT ON TO LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY AND SINCE GRADUATING WITH A DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE HAS BEGUN WORKING FOR THE CO-OP ON STORE DESIGNS.

NIALL JONES  
AG6 STUDENT 2011-2013

**“THIS COURSE WILL HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THROUGH THE UNDERTAKING OF A SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PROJECT, FEATURING WORKSHOPS RUN UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS.”**



# ENRICHMENT COURSES

ENRICHMENT COURSES VARY EACH YEAR AND ARE TAILORED TO MEET STUDENT DEMAND. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF COURSES.

## EXTENDED PROJECT:

All ag6 students are encouraged to get involved in our AS Extended Project course. This can be on any subject of a student's interest. It can take any format from a written project to a performance, or piece of artwork and encourages independent learning.



## SPORT:

Students who wish to take part in either team sports or make use of the Fitness Suite are encouraged to do so and timetabled lessons are provided. We have a very successful boys football team and have competed in Rugby tournaments. New members always welcome!

## FRENCH OR SPANISH:

This enrichment option will enable you to learn more about food and drink, music, sport, education, key celebrations and more in French-speaking countries.

You will develop your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills in French. Employers value language skills and enhancing your skills in French will make you more competitive in the national and international job market.



## MEDIA STUDIES ENRICHMENT

Media Studies as an enrichment subject focuses on analysing and creating various forms of media including film, television, radio, magazines, newspapers and the internet.

The programme is flexible and allows you to select the most interesting and relevant pathways to further develop your knowledge and understanding of the impact the media has on current society.

The course is practically based with areas of study including creating print-based media examples to feature in the school magazine, participating in discussions about current media issues, writing film reviews which are submitted to the national Film Club and developing a range of media products to promote events and activities taking place at ag6.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH:

The Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is available to students in Years 12 & 13. Our aim throughout this level of the award is to provide a challenge and an opportunity to serve others. It gives students a chance to develop life skills, such as teamwork, on a shared adventure.



## GOLD LEVEL CONSISTS OF FIVE SECTIONS:

Physical, Skill, Volunteering, Expedition and a Residential section where students are required to spend one week undertaking a shared activity with people they do not know.

Expeditions are frequently the high point of the Award, which may be in Britain or abroad. During expeditions groups are expected to be self sufficient with as little supervision as possible; this builds confidence and teamwork.

Current expedition areas include Derbyshire's Peak District, the Yorkshire Dales, North Wales, the Lake District and Scotland.



"I PLAN TO PURSUE A CREATIVE, MUSIC CAREER. I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT WITHOUT BEING PART OF THIS BAND."

OLIVIA TURNER  
FAIRPLAY BAND MEMBER

"IT'S A CHALLENGE AT FIRST AS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE INDEPENDENT. BUT THIS HELPS YOU BECOME MORE PROFESSIONAL"

AG6 PUPIL

# OUR PUPILS' SUCCESS SHOWS IN OUR OWN GROWN & FLOWN AMBASSADORS

“YOU’LL DISCOVER A WHOLE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES AT THE AG6. WE WILL SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.”

## NUCLEAR ENGINEER MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY



**Jack Crowder**

Our nuclear engineer, Jack Crowder, started his journey at Alder Grange back in 2003 and despite his leaving after year 11, returned to us when the ag6 building was built.

Upon his return to Alder Grange Jack put his head down to achieve A, B, B grades in a scientific trio of A Levels in Maths, Chemistry and Physics.

After ag6, he went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Manchester University which lead him to his current career in Nuclear Engineering.

## TOMORROWS TEACHER EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY



**Sean Milligan**

Sean Mulligan is the student we have to thank for our Sixth Form Student's Union.

Our first sixth form President studied English Language, English Literature and History at A Level with an AS Level in French and was one of our first students on the Tomorrow's Teachers programme.

Also known as Mr Mulligan, Sean came back to school to train as an English teacher after graduating from Edge Hill University with a degree in English, during which he spent a year studying abroad in France. He is now a qualified English Teacher working at Turton High School.

## VETINARY SCIENCE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY



**Matt Fenner**

After a hands on work placement at a local veterinary practise Matt Fenner studied a trio of science subjects at A Level with us in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Matt is a great example of never giving up on a dream. He has achieved a first class degree in Zoology at Liverpool John Moores University which has lead him to gain a place doing Veterinary Science at Nottingham University.

## NURSE SALFORD UNIVERSITY



**Syedah Khatun**

Training as a nurse at Fairfield Hospital, Syedah is an advocate for our 'caring' philosophy.

Having studied BTEC Health & Social Care as well as Applied Science with us, it was only natural that Syedah pursued a career in healthcare.

She made us very proud when she gained three Distinction stars, meaning she could go on to Salford University to study Nursing.

## TOMORROWS TEACHER NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY



**Kathy Lucas**

Kathy Lucas helped us lay the foundations for ag6 – quite literally!

Kathy dug the first sod on the building site of our state-of-the-art sixth form where she studied Biology, Maths and Psychology at A Level.

Now going by the name of Miss Lucas, Kathy has returned to school as a teacher of maths following successful completion of her training at Alder Grange, she has now been employed! Kathy graduated with a first class honours degree in Applied Biology from Northumbria University.

“I LOVE AG6 BECAUSE THE SMALL CLASS SIZES MEAN I CAN GET SPECIALIST TREATMENT. IT MAKES FOR AN ENJOYABLE ATMOSPHERE.”

**WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION?  
LET AG6 HELP YOU  
ACHIEVE IT.**



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# COURSES AT A GLANCE

### A-Levels

We offer a range of A-Level courses. Students usually choose four subjects initially, with students then focussing on their strongest three in Year 13. Some subjects build on studies at GCSE level, others are completely new. If there is a subject you'd like to study that is not listed please speak to us about it, as we may be able to offer it in conjunction with one of our partners.

You should consider combinations of subjects which go well together and would meet your future plans but, more importantly, select subjects you think you will enjoy, as you are far more likely to be successful when you enjoy what you are learning.

Art & Design	History
Biology	Law
Chemistry	Maths
Computing	Further Maths
Drama & Theatre Studies	PE
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Psychology
Geography	Product Design
Graphic Design	RE
	Sociology

### Applied Courses

In addition to A-Level courses, Alder Grange offers a range of Applied Courses, in specialist teaching facilities. These can all be blended with A-Levels or mixed to provide a balanced timetable.

All courses concentrate on the applications of the subject within a genuine work-based environment and are likely to include more work placements than A-Level courses. These are all Level 3 (some can be taken at Level 2 if appropriate).

Applied Science  
Business Studies  
Creative Media  
Health & Social Care  
Music  
ICT  
Performing Arts  
Sport



### Enrichment Courses

Alongside A-Levels or Applied Qualifications we will expect all students to take advantage of a range of Enrichment opportunities.

Some of these will lead to additional qualifications and all will help to ensure students leaving the Alder Grange Sixth Form have a well-rounded education and are well-prepared for adult life.

Students will be able to select a number of these courses at different times during their time in the Sixth Form. The courses vary year on year but include:

Photography  
Architecture  
Design, Engineer, Construct  
Sports  
Extended Project Qualification  
French  
Media  
Young Enterprise  
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award  
Film Club  
Tomorrow's Teachers

## 8 REASONS TO CHOOSE AG6

<h4>MEET PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU</h4> <p>Ask any of our pupils and they will say they have made friends for life.</p>	<h4>LEARN FOR A JOB OR UNI</h4> <p>We can give you the skills and training you need to get a job not just pass an exam. Our 6th form will prepare you for Uni as you can see from our Ambassadors.</p>	<h4>OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES</h4> <p>From taking part in a girl band, to tailored-made work experience, trips &amp; visits, sports teams and Duke of Edinburgh there is an opportunity for everyone!</p>	<h4>INSPIRING</h4> <p>Our previous students are now Olympic champions, teachers, scientists, architects, nurses, vets. We are proud to know they are out there changing the world. What's your ambition?</p>
<h4>EXCELLENCE</h4> <p>We get excellent results for our students - see the most recent set on our website. <a href="http://www.aldergrange.com">www.aldergrange.com</a></p>	<h4>NURTURING</h4> <p>We offer an adult environment where you'll be respected and encouraged to think independently.</p>	<h4>SUPPORTIVE</h4> <p>From specialist counselling, subject mentoring and pastoral support to careers guidance and one-to-one reviews we give our students as much support as they need.</p>	<h4>CARING</h4> <p>Alder Grangers care for each other, students and staff - we are here to help each and every one of you succeed.</p>

## MINIMUM GRADES REQUIRED

### A-Levels.

The following is for guidance only, all cases will be considered on an individual basis once GCSE results are released in August.

Art & Design A-Levels.....	C or 5 in similar GCSE or portfolio evidence
Biology/Chemistry/Physics.....	B or 5 at GCSE
Business Studies.....	C or 5 in English
Dance .....	C or 5 in GCSE Dance or equivalent experience outside school
Drama.....	C or 5 in English Literature or GCSE Drama
English Language.....	5 in English
English Literature.....	5 in English Literature
French/Spanish.....	B or 5 in French/Spanish
Geography.....	C or 5 in Geography or Humanities
Government & Politics/History.....	C or 5 in English or History
ICT.....	C or 5 or Equivalent in ICT
Law.....	C or 5 in English
Mathematics & Further Mathematics.....	5 in Maths
PE.....	C or 5 in PE or Science
Psychology.....	C or 5 in Maths and English
RE A-Level.....	C or 5 in English or RE
Sociology.....	C or 5 in English
Music.....	B or 5 in GCSE Music

### Applied Courses:

For Applied courses students need to be working at Level 1 to progress to a Level 2 course and at Level 2 to progress to a Level 3 course. Details will be discussed at enrolment.

There is the opportunity for all students to gain work experience and ag6 will also prepare for the next steps with UCAS conventions, open day visits, UCAS preparation, independent careers advice, guest speakers and more.

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