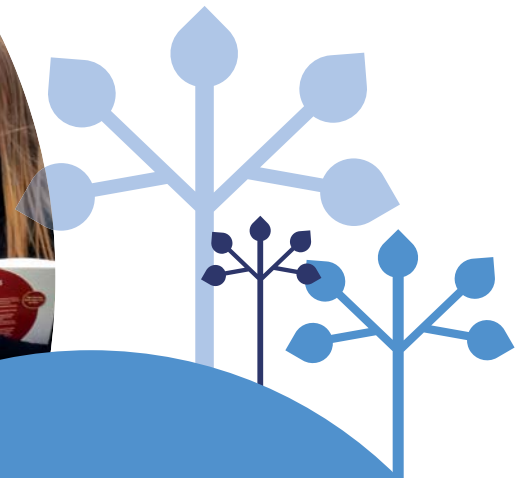




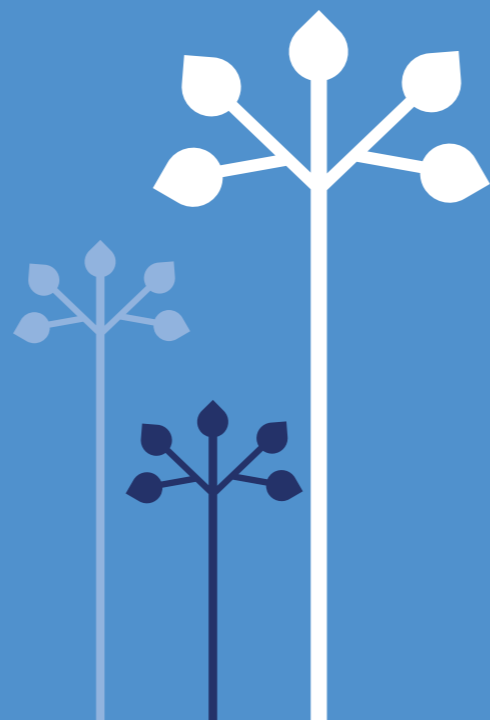
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FIND YOUR
FUTURE
AT ag6

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

ONCE AN
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A warm welcome to ag6



2020 marks the 10th anniversary of ag6.

Whilst I'm proud of how we've grown as a sixth form over that period, I'm even more proud of the achievements of the hundreds of young people we've supported over the last 10 years.

We encourage and enable our students to achieve their full potential academically, whilst growing as individuals too. Courses are career-driven, and our supportive environment offers students the flexibility to choose courses that suit them and to take up enrichment opportunities to learn skills away from the classroom.

ag6 provides pathways to careers

Our A-level and applied courses are built around different career aspirations and students have the option to combine alternative course options to meet their needs. We also offer alternative options for young people who need additional support but have a specific talent and show great potential - this includes extra teaching in core subjects alongside key life skills.

ag6 encourages drive and ambition

Part of our role is to help all students to identify and achieve their aspirations. They progress on to different career paths following various routes, including university courses, apprenticeships and direct entry into a chosen workplace. We encourage our students to discover their strengths and we ensure they have all the resources they need to achieve their goals. Enrichment courses such as 'Tomorrow's Teachers', provide hands-on practical sessions and have led to large numbers of former students progressing on to dream jobs.

ag6 cares about growth and wellbeing

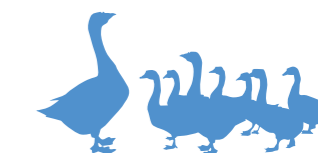
Wellbeing and personal development are our top priority at ag6. The caring, community-feel of our sixth form also complements our pro-active approach to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our young people. We have a wellbeing hub to signpost students to support, trained mental health and counselling support and a programme of taught sessions to develop mindfulness and resilience.

ag6 was set up to support local students and meet local employment needs. This remains our core focus, welcoming students from Alder Grange and other schools into the ag6 family.

Those who join ag6 find that we encourage dreaming big, working hard and accepting help and support from others. Together we help our students find their future.



Joanna Griffiths
Headteacher



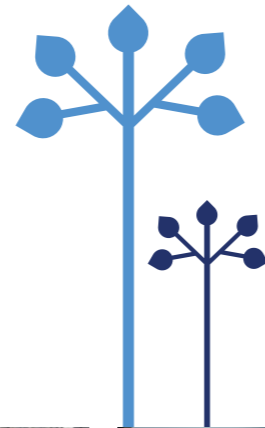
THE ALDER GRANGE DIFFERENCE

We don't teach subjects, we teach young people

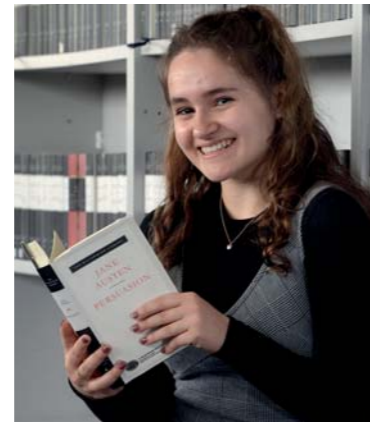
Not all schools and colleges are the same. We often talk about the Alder Grange way but what does that mean? Well, it's simple really.

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.

By understanding the individual ambitions of each and every student we help them gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.



**LISTEN TO LEWIS
& JACK DISCUSS
THEIR FAVOURITE
THINGS ABOUT
ag6.**



**'TEACHERS GUIDE
STUDENTS THROUGH THE
PROCESS OF CHOOSING
AND APPLYING FOR A
UNIVERSITY PLACE
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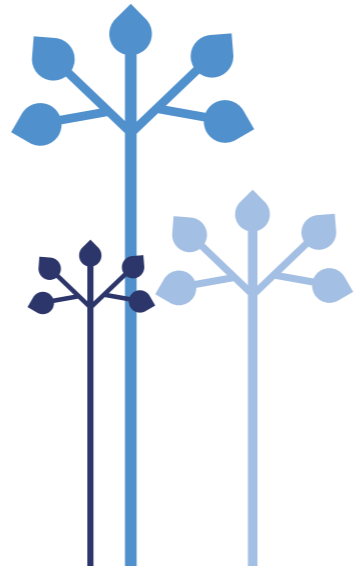
SUPPORTIVE

Together is how we achieve our ambitions

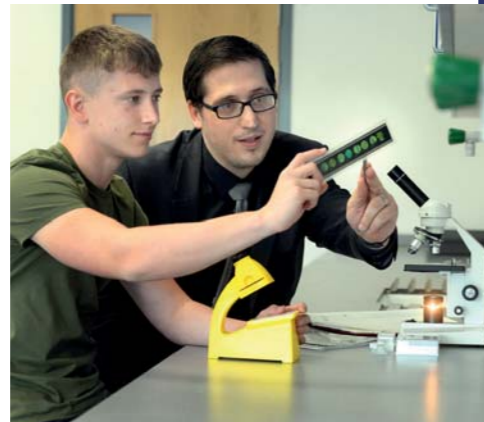
The small, family-like environment at ag6 provides a supportive environment where students flourish and grow with the help, advice and support of the teaching staff and other students.

Mental health and wellbeing are priority at ag6 with practical measures such as a wellbeing hub being in place to ensure a positive, caring and supportive environment.

Students who are happy and healthy, learn and thrive.



AMY TELLS US ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE OF OUR WELLBEING HUB



'TEACHERS' EXPECTATIONS OF THEIR STUDENTS ARE HIGH AND TEACHING IN THE SIXTH FORM IS CONSISTENTLY STRONG' OFSTED

CAREERS - DRIVEN

There's no end to an individual's capacity to progress when given the right opportunities and encouragement.

Career paths differ. What's important is the destination. We help students understand the options available and how they can achieve their dream jobs and careers. And there's no one-size-fits-all either – our flexibility enables students to combine different types of courses if that's what works best for them.

Pathways into careers

We have a combination of subjects to allow you to progress on to Higher Education and Apprenticeships in a number of popular fields. (the list is not exclusive)

- Engineering
- Sports Science
- Sports Coaching
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Law
- Psychology and Criminology
- Architecture
- Cyber security
- Music production
- Journalism

Don't see your dream career listed above?

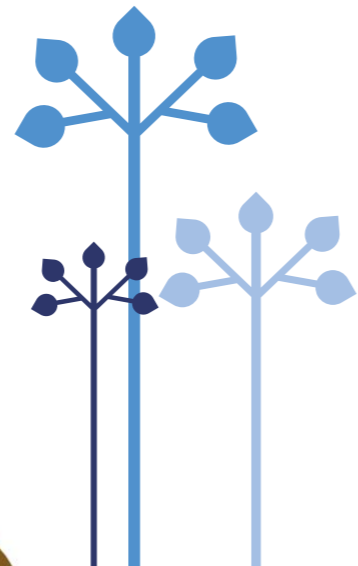
That doesn't mean we can't offer you the courses required. Speak to us about how we can help to get you there.

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FIND OUT WHY AMBER LOVES THE SMALLER CLASS SIZES



'STUDENTS ARE WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK. ALL PARTICIPATE IN WORK EXPERIENCE, WHICH THEY FIND AND APPLY FOR THEMSELVES. OFSTED

ACHIEVEMENT

You'll discover a whole world of opportunities at ag6 - and it's these opportunities that will help you achieve your potential. We'll support you every step of the way to help you succeed. Here are just some of our amazing students.



BEN

Gained three A*'s in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics at A-level, and is progressing on to Lancaster University to study a Masters in General Engineering.



FARAH

Farah has gained three A-levels including an A* in Psychology, A in Sociology and an A in Law, and wants to complete a degree in Psychological Therapy and Counselling at Manchester Metropolitan University.



FAYE

Faye achieved a Distinction* in CTEC Sport and an A in A-Level Psychology, and is now following in her brother's footsteps and studying Sport and Exercise Science at Edge Hill University.



ABIGAIL

Abigail came to ag6 from BRGS and gained three A-levels including an A in Product Design, A in Art and C in Mathematics, and is going on to study Product Design Engineering at Manchester Metropolitan University.



ROBERT

Gained an outstanding three A*'s in Physics, Further Mathematics and Law at A-level, which secured him a place studying Mathematics at Cambridge University.



OWEN

Achieved one A* and two As at A-level in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry respectively, and is going on to enjoy a gap year before undertaking a science course at university.



MATTHEW

Matthew achieved a B in Music Technology, a C in Media Studies and a D in Music at A-level after receiving an offer from Futureworks in Manchester.



VICTORIA

Victoria came to ag6 from Valley Academy and gained three Cs at A-level in English Literature, English Language and Creative Media and will study Creative Writing at Salford University with hopes to pursue a career as an author.



MOLLY

Molly gained As in A-Level Geography and AS Mathematics, an A* in Psychology, plus a Distinction in her Business BTEC, and plans to find a job with more hands-on experience.



MATTHEW

Gained three Bs at A-level in Biology, PE and Product Design and has been offered a place on a Sports Science course at Boise State University in Idaho on a scholarship.

ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL AT ALDER GRANGE SIXTH FORM - CLICK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FURTHER UPDATES ON ag6 AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

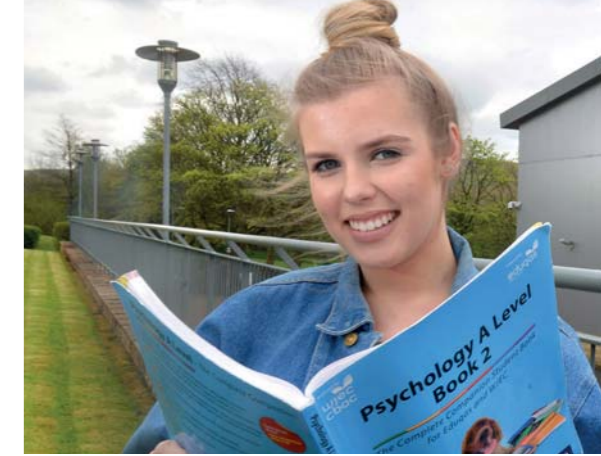
WHAT COURSES DO WE OFFER?

Students are offered the opportunity to choose three or four subjects to study over their two years at ag6. We offer the opportunity to study A-Levels, Applied Courses or a combination of the two.

WE'LL HELP YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

COMBINE APPLIED & ACADEMIC COURSES

CALL US TO CHAT THROUGH YOUR CAREER OPTIONS



ACADEMIC

A-LEVELS

Some A-Level 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.

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	English Literature
Law	PE
Biology	Geography
Mathematics	Physics
Chemistry	Graphic Design
Further Maths	Psychology
Computing	History
Music	Sociology
Drama	Product Design
Music Technology	Design, Engineer, Construct
English language	
Media	

LEVEL 3 APPLIED COURSES

Our Applied Courses are taught 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
Health & Social Care*
ICT
Sport*

*These subjects have the option of being the equivalent of 2 A-Levels



1 YEAR, LEVEL 2 PATHWAY PROGRAMME

This is a specialist 1 year provision that will allow students to be supported through a personalised learning programme. It is tailored towards the individual's needs and abilities to allow for progression into apprenticeships or further sixth form courses.

Students are taught by our specialised staff in the sixth form building.

The Level 2 Pathway Programme consists of a number of subjects which may include:

Level 1 & 2 (GCSE) English
Level 1 & 2 (GCSE) Mathematics
Level 2 BTEC Science
Level 2 imedia
Preparation for life skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This programme is aimed at those students who require a more supported learning environment and those who may not achieve the required GCSE grades to study Level 3 courses. Please get in touch to discuss your individual needs.

ENRICHMENT

We like to offer our students the chance 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 ag6 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 stages during their time in the Sixth Form.

The courses vary year on year but include:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Sports
- Tomorrow's Teachers
- Work experience
- Design, Engineer, Construct
- Student Union

Our courses are not exclusive and change dependent on the demand. If there is a subject you are wishing to study that is not listed please have a chat with us.

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT'S WORKS FOR YOU...

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ag6 Student Union:

The Student Union is a group of dedicated students from Year 12 and 13 who work together to make ag6 an enjoyable and social experience for all.

The Student Union runs a number of societies and is always keen for new members to set up more. Current societies include charity, student well-being, social, media and the ag6 school council.

Alternative courses vary year on year but include:

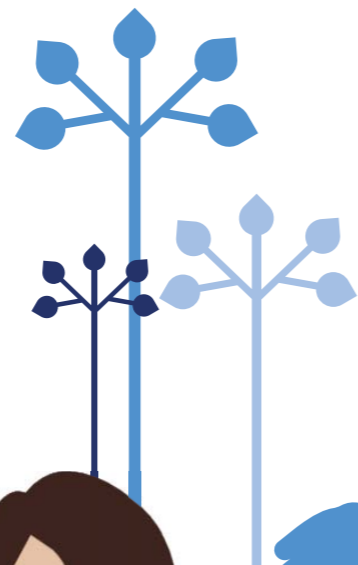
- Extended Project Qualification
- Tomorrow's Teachers
- Sports
- Design, Engineer, Construct

Extended Project Accredited Qualification:

All ag6 students are encouraged to get involved in our Extended Project Qualification. 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. Universities particularly value this qualification.

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 football team and new members are always welcome!



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TELLS US ALL
ABOUT THE
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OF ag6.



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OVER 10 YEARS OF SUCCESS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Our students are our greatest asset, so what do our former Alder Grangers remember about their two years with us? Great results, and so much more...

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER



ROB PRATT

ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

"I'm really glad I did Tomorrow's Teachers - it built my confidence up and gave me an advantage when I applied to university." Rob is currently employed at a primary school in Harrogate as a year 3 teacher.

ENGLISH TEACHER



SEAN MILLIGAN

ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

"I'm thrilled to be back at Alder Grange as a member of staff. I completed Tomorrow's teachers whilst in the sixth form and never looked back."

Sean is currently an english teacher at Alder Grange School. He graduated from Edge Hill University with a degree in english, before training at the Alder Grange SCITT (School-centred initial teacher training) and worked for a year at Turton High School.

MATHS TEACHER



KATHY LUCAS

ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

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, Mathematics and Psychology at A Level.

Now going by the name of Miss Lucas, Kathy worked at Alder Grange for a few years before relocating to Cumbria to teach maths following successful completion of her training at Alder Grange. Kathy graduated with a first class honours degree in Applied Biology from Northumbria University.



VETERINARIAN



MATT FENNER

ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

After a hands on work placement at a local veterinary practice 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 achieved a first class degree in Zoology at Liverpool John Moores University which then led him to gain a place studying Veterinary Science at Nottingham University.

NUCLEAR ENGINEER



JACK CROWDER

ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

Our nuclear engineer, Jack Crowder, started his journey at Alder Grange back in 2003 and despite leaving after year 11, he 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 Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. After ag6, he went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Manchester University which led him to his current career in Nuclear Engineering in Cumbria.

WHAT'S YOUR
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LET ag6 HELP
YOU ACHIEVE IT

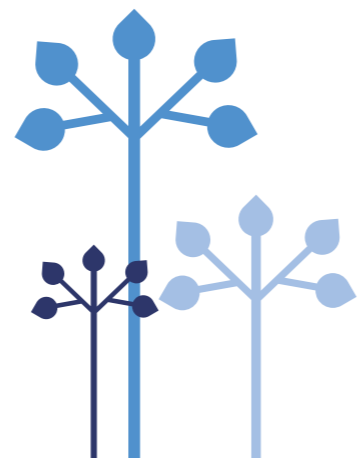


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WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

You might already have your next steps all planned out, or you might be a little unsure?

Either way is fine. As long as you know what you enjoy and what you'd like to achieve, we can help you get there. Get in touch with us to discuss which course options will work best for you.



'RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE POSITIVE AND PURPOSEFUL'
OFSTED



NOVEMBER OPEN EVENING

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we hope we will be able to invite prospective students into the building at some stage in the Spring term 2021.

In the meantime click here if you would like to receive further updates on ag6 and the application process.

PREFER TO TALK TO US?

Simply keep in touch by emailing
Headteacher:
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jgriffiths@aldergrange.lancs.sch.uk
or
Head of ag6:
Dawn Luszczak
Email:
Reception@aldergrange.lancs.sch.uk
or
telephone: 01706 223171

APPLY AND GET AN INTERVIEW

Fill in our form online (or we can send you one) and we'll book you in for an interview so we can discuss your options and ambitions! If accepted, you will be invited to an induction day.

JUNE INDUCTION DAY

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

AUGUST ENROL

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

SEPTEMBER 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 prepare for Uni - not just to pass an exam.

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ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL AT ALDER GRANGE SIXTH FORM

TOMORROW'S TEACHERS



"TOMORROW'S TEACHERS IS ABOUT CHILDREN, HOW THEY LEARN AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THEM TO REALISE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL."
EDGE HILL TRAINEE TEACHER.

The aim of this unique programme is to offer students 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.

Tomorrow's Teachers is about children, how they learn and how we can support them to realise their full potential.

You will gain experience in the following areas:

- 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.



"Having completed Tomorrow's Teachers at ag6, I'm thrilled to be back at Alder Grange for my first year of teaching Maths. They were so supportive of me as a student – it's great to now be giving back and applying what I've learnt."

AIMEE

"I'm in my second year of teaching now and it's amazing how many of the skills I learned on Tomorrow's Teachers I use every day. It was a really practical, useful course."

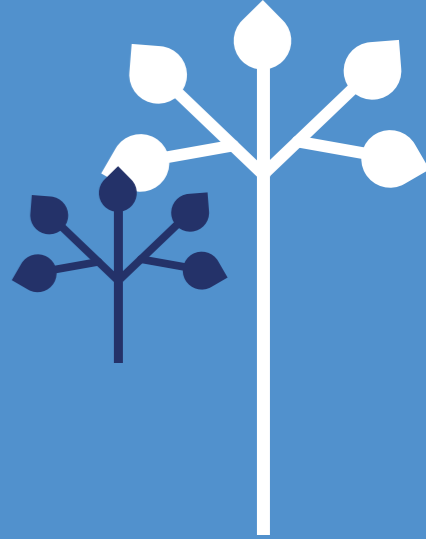
LUCY

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

For more information on your teaching career contact:

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DESIGN, ENGINEER, CONSTRUCT.



Digital Built Environment

A course designed to develop skills to progress on to university or employment at a technical or professional level within the engineering, property or construction industry.

Design, Engineer, Construct provides students with the knowledge and skills required to undertake all stages of a sustainable building project.

Featuring workshops led by industry professionals, the course involves working independently and part of a team, utilising the latest industry technologies and software.

The Level 3 Diploma is ideal for progressing on to develop a career in the built environment, such as:

Architect, land surveyor, quantity surveyor, civil engineering surveyor, structural engineer, civil engineer, building services engineer, project manager, site manager, facilities manager, planner or ecologist.



"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.

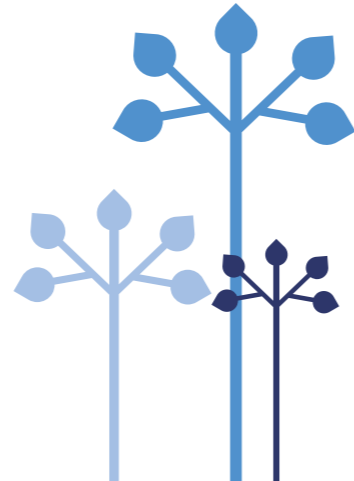
NIALL JONES
ag6 STUDENT 2011-2013

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6 GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE ag6

Let's be honest, there's far more than six, but here goes...



SUPPORTIVE

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.



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NURTURING

We offer an adult environment where you'll be respected and encouraged to think independently.



CARING

Alder Grangers care for each other, students and staff - we are here to help each and every one of you succeed.



INSPIRING

Our previous students are now Olympic champions, teachers, scientists, architects, nurses and vets. We are proud to know they are out there changing the world.
What's your ambition?



FLEXIBLE

Choose from a mix of course options to gain the knowledge and skills you need to study at Uni or get a job.



EXCELLENCE

We help our students achieve fantastic results - see the most recent set on our website

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