



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Welcome back to all our pupils and families after what I hope was a restful half-term break. It's been wonderful to see our school community return with such enthusiasm and positivity.

I'm delighted to report that our pupils have made an excellent start to this new half-term. Their attendance has been exemplary, demonstrating their commitment to their education and their eagerness to learn. The behaviour across the school has been outstanding, creating a calm and focused learning environment that benefits everyone. I've been particularly impressed with the high standard of uniform on display – our pupils are looking smart and ready for success.

This week, we hosted our **Sixth Form Open Evening**, and I'm thrilled to say it was a fabulous evening. The event provided an excellent opportunity for Year 11 pupils and their families to explore the diverse range of courses and opportunities available in our Sixth Form. The enthusiasm and engagement from both current and prospective pupils were palpable, and I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all staff and current Sixth Form students who contributed to making the evening so informative and inspiring.

One of the recent highlights of the calendar was **Culture Day**, a vibrant celebration of the rich diversity within our school community. The day was a testament to the inclusive ethos we nurture at Allerton Grange. It was truly heartening to see our students embracing and sharing their various cultural backgrounds through music, dance, food, and traditional dress. Events like this reinforce the importance of mutual respect and understanding, values that are at the core of our school's identity.

As we look ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to an important upcoming event. Our **Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 13 November, 4.30 -7.30 pm**. This evening provides a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers and to explore ways to support their learning as we approach the crucial GCSE period. I encourage all Year 11 parents to book online appointments for this essential event.

In closing, I want to express how proud I am of our young people and staff for their continued dedication and hard work. The positive start to this half-term, the success of our Sixth Form Open Evening, and the celebration of our diverse community through Culture Day are all reflections of the vibrant, inclusive, and ambitious school that Allerton Grange continues to be.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to another successful half-term ahead.

**Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 11 to Friday 15 November - Anti-Bullying Week**

**Tuesday 12 November - Odds Socks Day**  
*Students and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to support the Choose Respect theme of Anti Bullying Week.*

**Wednesday 13 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
[Book online appointments](#)

**Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 November - World of Music Auditions, 3.00 - 4.30 pm in M002**

**Tuesday 26 November - Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 to 11)**

**Parents/Carers need to complete the online consent form:**

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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**Thursday 12 December - World of Music Concert**  
Tickets on ParentPay

**Friday 20 December - Last Day of Term**

## Training Days 2024-25

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

**Monday 2 September 2024**

**Friday 20 September 2024**

**Monday 6 January 2025**

**Monday 21 July 2025**

**Tuesday 22 July 2025**

## Ongoing issue with Yahoo (including AOL and Rocketmail) email addresses

This is a reminder that there is an ongoing problem which means we are unable to send emails to Yahoo, AOL and Rocketmail email addresses.

***This is an external problem and not something we can correct within school.***

If you have a Yahoo, AOL or Rocketmail email address, please create a new one with another provider and update us with your contact information to ensure you are receiving all communications from us.  
Thank you for your support.

## Parent/Carer SEND Workshops:



**~ Parent/Carer SEND Workshop ~**

**What is a Parent/Carer SEND Workshop?**

It is a **free** session for parents/carers of children and young people aged 4 to 11 with additional support needs.

The workshop aims to help adults start to explore and understand 'sensory differences' or 'sensory processing difficulties' how this can affect your own and your child's physical and emotional regulation.

The Parent/Carer SEND workshop is delivered by Juniper Tree Therapy, on behalf of LCC SILC Cluster.

**Who is the workshop for?**

- ✓ Parents/carers of children who **do not** have an Education Healthcare Plan (EHC).
- ✓ Parent/carers with children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity disorder, Dyspraxia, Developmental Coordination Disorder, Learning Difficulties or Learning Disabilities.
- ✓ A formal diagnosis is not required.

**Where and when?** Please choose one of the workshops below

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b> Leeds City Museum Millennium Square, LS2 8BH	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024</b> Shine Harehills Rd, Harehills LS8 5HS	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024</b> Hillside Beeston Rd, Holbeck LS11 8ND	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> The Vinery Centre Vinery Terrace LS9 9JU
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**10am to 2pm** – Lunch & Refreshments Provided

To book a place email: [families.first@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:families.first@leeds.gov.uk)

For more information call Send Navigation Team : 07891273893

## Neurodiversity Focus Group

Leeds SENDIASS is jointly commissioned with the Integrated Care Board (ICB).

They are currently gathering new information from parents and carers and their families about their experiences of neurodiversity support.

If you are a parent or carer and you have a child or young person with neurodiversity and would like to join the neurodiversity focus group, please send an email to:

[leedssendiass@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leedssendiass@leeds.gov.uk) and write **FAO Allison** in the subject heading.

You can also leave a message on their answering service: **0113 378 5020**.

## Parents Evening - Year 8 - Change of Date

Please note that the Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening will take place on **Thursday 27 February 2025, 4.30 - 7.30 pm**.

*This was originally planned for Thursday 27 March, 4.30 - 7.30 pm.*

## Sports Results

### Rugby

On Tuesday, our **Year 7 boys' Rugby team** played their first school game at Allerton Grange, facing Abbey Grange. The boys won 24-6 in what was a fantastic team performance, as well as some brilliant individual efforts.



### Basketball

The **Year 10/11 boys' Basketball team** played against Allerton High. After a thrilling four quarters game, we lost 42-37.

### Football

Our **Year 9 boys' Football team** won 7-0 against Cockburn John Charles, with Archie L and Leo S both scoring hat-tricks.

## UK Bebras Challenge

This year, we have a record 97 students taking part in this year's [UK Bebras Challenge](#).

So far, roughly half of the group have attempted the challenge. Next week, the remaining students will be taking part.

We will report back when we find out how they have performed in the competition.



## Moortown Drama Workshop

On Tuesday, Moortown Primary visited Allerton Grange to take part in a Drama workshop to link in to their 'Me and My Community' themed week, focusing on identity, diversity and community.



## Remembrance Assemblies

This week, students have taken part in assemblies in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day on Monday 11 November.

Mrs Casey, Curriculum Leader for Music, performed the Last Post at each assembly on an original Lads Brigade bugle made in 1912.





## Sixth Form Open Evening

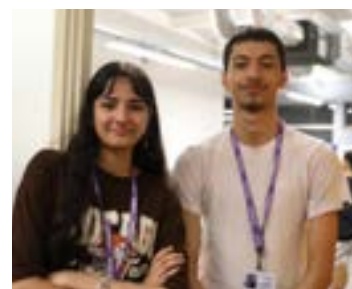
Last night, we had a huge turnout at our Sixth Form Open Evening, where prospective students and their families found out about their options for post-16 study at Allerton Grange.



## Applications are open!

[You can for a Year 12 place for September 2025 online.](https://www.allertongrange.com/sixthform)

If you have any questions, please email [sixthform@allertongrange.com](mailto:sixthform@allertongrange.com) or phone **0113 393 0304**.



## **Celebrating Diversity** by Amelia (Year 9)

Amelia opened each assembly on Culture Day with a speech she had written on celebrating diversity:

*Today, I am honoured to stand before you all to celebrate the incredible kaleidoscope of diversity that colours our world. The purpose of this speech is to acknowledge the unique variation of diversity that shapes not just our global community but also our school community.*

*Diversity? A word that carries so much meaning, yet is so difficult to define. Diversity is like a mosaic made up of different pieces that unite to create such a vibrant product full of life and beauty. Diversity is a tapestry of cultures, beliefs and backgrounds that enrich our lives. Diversity is the very essence that gives our world purpose.*

*However, diversity goes beyond merely acknowledging and celebrating our differences; it is about honouring and cherishing the values that each individual contributes to the collective tapestry of society and fostering an inclusive environment where each individual feels safe, heard, respected and valued for their identity.*

*As we navigate the intricate threads of diversity, let us be reminded that it is not only about tolerance but about genuine acceptance and understanding. It is about creating a space where everyone feels not only welcomed but truly valued for who they are. By embracing diversity, we can guarantee a future full of equality and mutual respect for generations to come.*

*Let us stand together, united in our celebration of diversity, and commit to a future community where every voice is heard, every story is respected and every person is embraced.*

*Together, we can weave generations of unity that goes beyond boundaries and enhances the fabric of our society.*

*Thank you for listening.*



## **KS4&5 Concert Review**

by Rebecca (Year 9)

This year's Key stage 4 and 5 concert was amazing. I can't express it in any other words.

This year was the first time I had been to the concert, but I have to say that I know that I will be going next year.

Our ambassadors on the door were very warm and polite greeting us on the way in.

We had a range of instruments all the way from clarinet to vocals, and classical music all the way to pop and rock genres.

Every performance was flawless, and our students have been pouring their hearts out for this concert with time and effort that I could really see through.

In the interval they had a food stall set up with many friendly music ambassadors who sold many treats, tea and coffee.

I honestly would encourage all of you to come to concerts like this again because it is an excellent experience.



You can click on the Extra-Curricular calendar below to open in a web browser:

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar				
Term 1 – September to December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Samba (Lunchtimes) For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Make your own!	Jazz club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M007	Juniar Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week 8 M02
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-11 Advanced Swimmers 3-4.15pm M001/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-6 Musicians - M001	Year 7 School of Rock For anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001	KS4 - Software Development Club Week 6 M01
	All Years Girls Basketball (Week 8 ONLY) Sports Hall 3-4pm	Girls Rugby Fields 3-4pm	Year 7 Football Fields 3-4pm	<p><b>ALL YEARS</b> <b>KS3</b> <b>KS4</b> <b>KS5</b></p>
	Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Football Fields 3-4pm	All Years Badminton Sports Hall 3-4pm	Year 7 Netball Sports Hall 3-4pm	
	Year 7 Boys Football Fields 3-4pm	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club 3-4pm Hall/DO01	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
	Year 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm	Years 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Fields 3-4pm	KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	
	Year 9 Football MUGA 3-4pm	Years 8 Boys Football Fields 3-4pm	Year 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Fields 3-4pm	
	Year 7 Drama Club DO02/Hall 3-4pm	Years 9 & 10 Netball MUGA 3-4pm	Product Design year 10/11 DO02 3-4pm	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3		
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Trailers Catch up DO02/DO08		
		KS4 Science drop-in S002 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S009 Biology 3-4pm		
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		

## NHS Advice: Cold and Flu Season

To stay well and reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- **Wash your hands often with warm water and soap.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze** (if you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow, not into your hand)
- **Bin used tissues as quickly as possible.**

**More information is available on the NHS website.**

## Flu Vaccinations

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 are eligible for a flu vaccination. The NHS School Aged

Immunisation Service Team will be in school on 26 November 2024 to give the flu vaccine to these students, if parental consent has been given.

**Parents and Carers - please complete the [online form](#) to confirm if you DO or DO NOT give your consent for your child to receive the vaccine.**

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## **Dropping off and collecting students at the end of the day**

If you are dropping off or collecting children by car at the beginning and end of the day, please be considerate to pedestrians and other road users.

The Talbot Avenue entrance is a pedestrian entrance for students and is very busy before and after school.

**We are concerned that there will be a serious accident, due to dangerous driving and parking, and ask parents and carers to be more careful.**

**Please do not stop outside school on Talbot Avenue to drop off or pick up children. This poses a risk to both drivers and pedestrians.**

The Turning Circle, accessible from Lidgett Lane, is there for parents and carers to drop off and pick up children.

Alternatively, you can arrange to collect children from nearby streets.

Students will be reminded in school about road safety, and the importance of checking for traffic before crossing a road. Please talk to your children about road safety, particularly if they are walking to school by themselves for the first time.

The safety of our students is our priority, and we must ensure they are able to always enter and exit the school site safely.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



### **Access to the School Site**

#### **Morning:**

**Talbot Avenue** - The gates open at 8.10 am and close at 8.40 am. Students arriving late will need to press the Student button at the gate to be let through to the Student Entrance/ Attendance Office.

**Lidgett Lane** - The gates will open at 8.15 am and close at 8.25 am. Students arriving late will need to enter school via Talbot Avenue. All cars must leave the Turning Circle area by 8.25 am.

#### **Afternoon:**

**Talbot Avenue** - The gates open at 3.00 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

**Lidgett Lane** - The gates to the Turning Circle open at 2.40 pm and will be locked at 3.30 pm. All cars must leave this area by 3.30 pm, when the gates will be locked.

Students staying in school for after school activities will be supervised by staff and taken to the gate to leave safely via Talbot Avenue.

**Don't start your day by being late to school!  
 Students need to be in school, in their form room, at 8.25 am  
 ready for the register to be taken at 8.30 am.**

## SCHOOL DAY 2024-25

Timetable A Years 10/11/12/13		Timetable B Years 8/9	Timetable C Year 7		
8:25am		Warning Bell		8:25am	
8:30am	REGISTRATION				8:30am
8:50am	DEAR	DEAR		8:50am	
9:15am	1	1		9:15am	
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	10:05am	
10:55am	BREAK	2		10:30am	
11:15am	3	3		10:50am	
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	11:15am	
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	12:05pm	
1:20pm	5	5		12:30pm	
2:10pm	6	6		12:55pm	
3:00pm				1:20pm	
				2:10pm	
				3:00pm	

After School Provisions/Detentions begin

All students should leave the school site by 3.10pm unless attending a session 7 or working with a member of staff. There is to be no waiting in the cafe after school. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, a session 7, or isolation/detention.