



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As we move through the autumn term, I'm delighted to share some exciting developments and upcoming events that showcase the vibrant life of our school.

Last Friday, 11 October, marked the **launch of our Key Stage 3 Service and Leadership programme**. This initiative is a testament to our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

All of our KS3 students participated in engaging sessions centred around three core themes: Creativity, Community, and Commitment. These pillars are fundamental to our educational philosophy, encouraging our students to think innovatively, contribute meaningfully to their community, and develop the perseverance needed for success.

The programme is a cornerstone of our KLAS Curriculum and is designed to inspire our young learners, helping them discover their potential as leaders and active citizens. Through a variety of activities and discussions, students explored how they can harness their creativity to solve problems, strengthen their community ties, and cultivate a sense of commitment to their personal growth and to society in general. It's heartening to see our students embrace these concepts with such enthusiasm and open-mindedness.

On another note, I'm thrilled to highlight the **outstanding sports performance** of our students. Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship continue to impress us all. Whether on the pitch, court, or track, our students consistently demonstrate the student virtues we hold dear at Allerton Grange. Their achievements not only bring pride to our school but also inspire their peers to strive for excellence in all areas of life.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to announce our upcoming **Sixth Form Open Evening**, which will take place on Thursday 7 November, 6.00 - 8.00 pm. This event is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students and their families to explore the diverse range of courses and opportunities available in our Sixth Form. You'll have the chance to meet our dedicated teachers, learn about our enrichment programmes, and get a taste of life in the Sixth Form. Our team will be on hand to answer your questions and help you make informed decisions about your future. **Book your ticket online now: <https://bit.ly/07Nov2024>.**

The Open Evening will showcase how our Sixth Form and KLAS Curriculum nurtures academic excellence while also preparing students for the world beyond school. From our robust academic support, to our career guidance and university application assistance, we're committed to ensuring that every student has the tools they need to succeed.

As we continue through this term, I'm filled with optimism about the experiences and opportunities that lie ahead for our students. The energy and potential I see every day in our corridors and classrooms remind me of the bright future our young people are building. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)
Mike Roper (Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 22 October - Year 11 GCSE Drama Devised Performances, 6.00 pm

Thursday 24 October - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Tickets available on ParentPay

Friday 25 October - Culture Day

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November - Half Term Holiday

Monday 4 November - School reopens

Monday 4 November - Battle of the Band Auditions, 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 7 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm
[Book your place online](#)

Wednesday 11 to Friday 15 November - Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 November - Odds Socks Day

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

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 (EHCp).
- ✓ 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

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

To book a place email: families.first@leeds.gov.uk
For more information call Send Navigation Team : 07891273893

Drama and Music Performances:

Family, friends and members of the school community are warmly invited to support our Year 11 Drama students and KS4 & 5 Musicians at their upcoming performances.

Y11 Drama proudly presents
2 new original pieces of theatre
'The Murder at Woods Manor'
and
'The Failed'

Tuesday 22nd October
6pm
Main school hall

KEY STAGE 4 & 5
CONCERT

Thurs 24 October
7:00-9:00 pm

Tickets: £3 available on ParentPay

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 [Lunchtime] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pool House 8	Art Club Grade 7 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M007	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week 8 R02
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-11 Advanced Boxers 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 8 R01
	All Years Girls Basketball [Week 8 O007] Sports Hall 3-4pm	Girls Rugby Fields 3-4pm	Year 7 Football Fields 3-4pm	<p>ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5</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 Boy's Football Fields 3-4pm	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club 3-4pm Hall/D001	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 D001/Hall 3-4pm	Years 9 & 10 Netball MUGA 3-4pm	Product Design year 10/11 T002 3-4pm	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3		
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch up T002/T008		
		KS4 Science drop-in M007 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S009 Biology 3-4pm		
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		

Black History Month at Allerton Grange

All students are invited to take part in Black History Month activities in school.

Why not put your writing to the test and enter the BHM Essay Competition?

There is one more BHM lecture on Thursday 24 October after school, this half term.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

BHM ESSAY COMPETITION

'What does Black History Month mean to you?'

We are welcoming written answers to our question including:

- Personal experiences/connections to Black culture
- Nominating a 'Black History Hero' for their achievements
- What Black History you'd like to learn more about in school

This can be in the form of an essay, a poem, a biography – your choice!

Email your contributions to madow18@allertongrange.com
Deadline: Friday 25 October

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

LECTURE SERIES

Come along on Thursday afternoons to find out more about...

- **Black British Feminism: How did Black Feminist theory and activism emerge in Britain?**
Screening of a series of short lectures by Professor Heidi Mirza (Goldsmiths, University of London)
Thursday 24 October, 3.15-4pm in L024

All A03 students and staff are welcome to attend the events!

Sports Results

Football

The **Year 7 girls' Football team** played in their first tournament, drawing 2 games and losing 2 games.

The **Year 8/9 girls' Football team** have won 2 games, beating Carr Manor 7-1 and Allerton High 4-1.

The **Year 7 boys' Football team** beat Carr Manor 4-1 but lost to Roundhay 2-1.



The **Year 8 boys' Football team** lost 1-0 to Allerton High but beat Temple Learning Academy 5-0.

The **Year 11 boys' Football team** won their second round cup game, beating Prince Henry's 6-0.

The **Year 10 boys' Football team** lost 2-0 to Woodkirk Academy.

Netball

The **Year 7 girls' Netball A team** won 12-0 and **B team** won 3-0 against Benton Park.



Rugby

The **Year 7 girls' Rugby team** played their first games last week. They lost one and won one, and have progressed through to the Try 9's finals.



The **Year 8 boys' Rugby team** lost to Brigshaw 40-8.

The **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** lost to Abbey Grange 34-30. They fell just short of pulling off an amazing comeback from 34-10 and just ran out of time.

Cyber First Competition

Year 8 girls have the opportunity to take part in this year's National Cyber Security Centre Cyber First Competition. It is a team event and each team (maximum of four Year 8 girls per team) takes on challenges from cryptography and logic to artificial intelligence and networking.

The competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security. You can find out more on the [National Cyber Security Centre website](#).

UK Bebras Challenge

We are also looking for **students in all year groups** to take part in this year's [UK Bebras Challenge](#), which introduces computational thinking to students worldwide.

Each year, the UK Bebras Challenge takes place in schools over two weeks in November.

If you would like to take part in either the Cyber First Competition or Bebras Challenge, please see [Mr Noutch](#) or ask your Form Tutor to pass your name on.

Leeds Playhouse Theatre Trip

On Thursday evening, Mrs Spencer-Matthews and Mr Hansen took a group of Year 11 and Sixth Form students to Leeds Playhouse to see multi-award winning theatre company 1927's production Please Right Back.

Blending animation, music and performance we were transported into a world that was both gorgeously creative and pertinently thought-provoking. Students really enjoyed it, with some commenting on how clever the tech was, others saying how much they enjoyed the characters that were performed. Mrs Spencer-Matthews is delighted with the insightful conversations the students are having around the show - excellent fodder for the live theatre response part of their GCSE and A Level exams.

It was also a treat that the executive producer got in touch with Mrs SM and some of our former students were given roles as character ushers at the start of the play - lovely to see Lois and Imaan again!

Aim High - Selwyn College, Cambridge Trip

This week, Mrs Turner-Lindley and Mr Mahoney took a group of our prospective Oxbridge applicants to Selwyn College.

Students attended a talk about how to apply to the collegiate universities; Cambridge, Oxford and Durham. They then learnt more about the courses on offer at Cambridge and took part in a Q&A session with student ambassadors, before taking a tour of the college and learning more about student life.

After eating a three course lunch in the Hall with current Selwyn students and staff, they walked through Cambridge to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum and view their current art exhibition, Paris 1924, which was based on the 1924 Olympic Games, and to see the museum's extensive pottery collections. We then visited the Mathematical Bridge, a famous example of 18th Century engineering.

When they are back in school, students will be working with Mrs Turner-Lindley on the Aim High programme, to prepare for their applications to these prestigious universities.



Sixth Form Open Evening



7 November 2024
6-8pm

[Book your tickets online](#)

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		DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1	1		1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3	3		3	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	4	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	LUNCH	12:05pm
1:20pm	5	5		5	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	6		6	12:55pm
3:00pm					1:20pm
	After School Provisions/Detentions begin				2:10pm
					3:00pm

September:
 Year 7 start break 5 minutes early at 10.25 am to aid with their transition

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.