



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

As we approach the end of this eight-week half-term, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable achievements and positive developments within our school community. It's been a period of growth, learning, and celebration, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Culture Day

One of the standout events of recent weeks was today's vibrant **Culture Day**. This annual celebration of diversity and inclusivity is always impressive and this year was no exception. Our students and staff came together to showcase the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our school community, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. The colourful displays, traditional performances, and shared experiences are a powerful reminder of the strength we derive from our differences.

Student Virtues

I'm particularly proud to report on the successful introduction of our new **Student Virtues**. These core values are designed to guide our students, not just in their academic pursuits, but in their personal growth and character development. It's been truly heartening to see how quickly our students have embraced these virtues, integrating them into their daily lives and interactions. This commitment to personal excellence and positive behaviour is a testament to the young people we have the privilege of nurturing at Allerton Grange.

Student Attendance and High Standards

Another cause for celebration is our excellent **Student Attendance** throughout this half-term. Despite the challenges that come with a longer term, our students have shown remarkable resilience and dedication. Their consistent presence and engagement in lessons have contributed to the positive learning environment we work hard to maintain. Moreover, the **high standards** of behaviour, uniform, and academic effort have been exemplary, setting a solid foundation for the rest of the academic year.

As a school community, we have much to be proud of. The success of Culture Day, the enthusiastic adoption of our new Student Virtues, and the outstanding attendance and standards are all indicators of a thriving school environment. These achievements are a credit to our hardworking students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents and carers.

I'm looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the coming months. The strong start we've made this term sets us up well for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I'm confident that by continuing to work together and upholding our shared values, we'll go from strength to strength.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to making Allerton Grange a place where every student can flourish and reach their full potential.

Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)
Mike Roper (Headteacher)

Safeguarding Audit

Last week, we had our Local Authority School Safeguarding Audit 2024/25, which involved meetings with staff and students and the presentation of evidence to the auditor.

We are delighted to have successfully met the required standard for safeguarding arrangements.

The audit highlighted the school's commitment to safeguarding, as well as exemplary practice in a number of areas.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November - Half Term Holiday - School is closed

Monday 4 November - School reopens

Monday 4 November - Battle of the Bands 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

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 (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 9JU
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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

Sixth Form Open Evening



7 November 2024
6-8pm

Sports Results

Cross Country

On Saturday 19 October, Miss Caisley went to Woodhouse Grove to support 3 of our students in the first LSSA Cross Country competition of the season.

Woody (Year 9) and **Reuben (Year 10)** competed together in a 4 lap 3.5km race. They handled themselves well, making up ground on the last lap to finish in the front of a strong pack. **Ewan** in the U13 race led from the start and won with a big margin on the other competitors.

Well done to you all!

If anyone else wishes to join the Cross Country league please come and see Miss Caisley.



Football

On Tuesday, our brilliant and undefeated **Year 12/13 team** played their first match of the season vs Roundhay. Finishing again with a 1-1 draw to keep up the undefeated run stretching back from last year. Captain fantastic, Dan, scored a last minute equaliser to keep up the run!



Last night, the **Year 7 Football team** played their first round match of the cup against Prince Henry's and won 6-1.

Netball

On Monday, **Year 10** played Wetherby High school at home. They were superb and really gelled well together as a team, winning 17-5. Additional praise goes to Marianne for playing out of her normal position and Isla who received player of the match from the opposition.

On Tuesday, we took two **Year 7 teams** to Wetherby for their second game of the season. Both teams were outstanding and played with determination and grit, the **first team** won 15-2 with outstanding shooting from Ndemazae and Frankie, and Amy was named as player of the game. The **second team** battled hard throughout, with Molly and Serayah blocking out the defence.

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

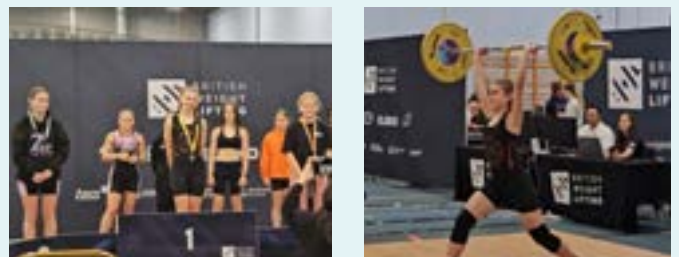
We are also looking for students in all year groups to take part in this year's [UK Bebras Challenge](#), which introduces computational thinking to students worldwide.

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 Nouch](#) or ask your Form Tutor to pass your name on.

British Championship Success

Huge congratulations to Megan in Year 10 who won her category at the British Weightlifting Age Championships last weekend, and is now the British Champion.



The final **Netball** game of the week was between our **Year 9 & 10 teams** and Cardinal Heenan on Wednesday. The **Year 10 team** had a great game, and the score was 11-6, with Evie getting player of the match and Harriet being a star in defence. Unfortunately, the **Year 9 team** lost their match 10-11 in the last quarter, but played with grit and determination, and Holly received the player of the match.

Girls in Data by Mr Morris and Miss Nightingale

On Wednesday 23 October, a group of 24 Year 9 students participated in a Girls in Data event.

This involved volunteers from Asda Head Office coming to school to work with the students and provide insights about careers in Computing and the role that the subject has in industry.

The girls learned about job roles, encryption, data visualisation / analysis with Microsoft BI, and how AI can support operations in the workplace.

Students concluded the event by working collaboratively to design and pitch their own innovative ideas for future 'smart' devices.

The volunteers from Asda praised students for being 'attentive and eager to learn', and we are grateful to them for visiting school and leading a fun and fulfilling day.



GCSE Drama Performances

On Tuesday, Year 11 Drama students performed their devised pieces 'The Murder at Woods Manor' and 'The Failed' for their GCSE Drama exam. Well done to all!



3D Product Design Trip

Last week, 3D Product Design students visited Manchester City Centre. They did a lot of walking around, taking photos of the architecture within the city, as there are many old and new buildings. This trip was to collect primary resources for the students to use for the architecture project they are currently doing for their coursework.



KS4/5 Concert

Last night, our KS4 & KS5 musicians gave outstanding performances at their concert.

They wowed the audience with their versions of a range of compositions, from Tchaikovsky and Rhianna, to Chopin and Aretha Franklin.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the musicians. Thank you also to the Music Team (Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Duff and Al) Mr Goodfield and the Tech Team.



Culture Day

Today, we enjoyed another fantastic Culture Day at Allerton Grange. Students and staff celebrated the diverse cultures within our school community through wearing cultural dress, our catwalk of culture, musical performances, stalls and food.



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 noise!	Jazz club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M007	Juniors 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>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>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 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/ Trailmix Catch up T002/T008		
		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		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.