



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

I'm delighted to share some exciting updates from our school community.

Our **Year 11** students have been at the centre of many activities, and I'm proud of their engagement and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, we held our **Year 11 Parents' Evening**, providing a valuable opportunity for families to connect with teachers and discuss their child's progress. These conversations are crucial in supporting our students as they prepare for their upcoming exams and future endeavours. Your involvement as parents and carers is instrumental in their success, and we appreciate your continued support.

In addition to academic discussions, we've been focusing on preparing our Year 11 students for life beyond Allerton Grange. Our recent careers events, including the **Year 11 Mock Interviews**, have been a resounding success. These experiences offer our students a taste of the professional world, helping them develop essential skills and confidence for their future careers.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, governors, and members of our local community who generously gave their time to support our Year 11 Mock Interviews. Your involvement has been invaluable in providing our students with authentic interview experiences and constructive feedback. It's this kind of community engagement that truly enriches our students' education and prepares them for the challenges ahead.

These events highlight the strong partnership between our school and the wider community. They also demonstrate how, together, we can create meaningful learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing our students with diverse opportunities to grow, learn, and prepare for their futures. Your continued support and engagement play a vital role in this journey, and we are grateful for your dedication to our school community.

**Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**



## Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18 November - Year 7 SEND Bowling trip

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

Thursday 21 November - EPQ & University of Leeds campus visit

Thursday 21 November - KS3 Drama Trip to the Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe at Leeds Playhouse

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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Wednesday 10 December - Duke of Edinburgh Parents' Information Evening, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

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

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Leeds City Museum Millennium Square, LS2 8BH	Shine Harehills Rd, Harehills LS8 5HS	Hillside Beeston Rd, Holbeck LS11 8ND	The Vinery Centre Vinery Terrace LS9 9LU

**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

### Netball

On Wednesday 6 November, two of our **Year 7 Netball teams** played Allerton High School at home. Both teams played exceptionally well.

The A team won 15-7 with Amy receiving Girl of the Game and the B Team winning 8-0.

On Thursday 7 November, Miss Caisley organised a game against Allerton High for all the **Year 9** students who had yet to play a Netball fixture. Two AGS teams played Netball for 2 hours winning all their games and playing with great enthusiasm and success.



## Year 11 Planning for the Future

Yesterday, Year 11 students took part in mock interviews with professionals from a range of industries to help them develop their skills. Many thanks to the parents, carers and other members of the Allerton Grange community who volunteered to take part.



## UK Bebras Competition

This week, the final group of students have completed the challenge. We'll find out the results in 2 weeks time.



## Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

This week, it was Anti-Bullying Week with the theme **Choose Respect**. Following feedback from teachers and pupils across the UK, the Anti Bullying Alliance chose a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

On Tuesday, students and staff showed their support on Odd Socks Day by wearing odd socks to school.



Mr Wall opened applications for Year 7 Anti Bullying Ambassadors and has received lots of excellent application forms already.

Year 7 students still have time to complete an application before the deadline of 22 November 2024. Any questions, please see Mr Wall, Year 7 Team.



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 (1.30-2.00pm) For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Make your noise!	Jazz club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M001	Jazz Concert Band Grade 2-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Full	KS3 - Coding Club Week 5 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 K05
	All Years Girls Basketball (Week 8 ONLY) Sports Hall 3-4pm	Girls Rugby Fields 3-4pm	Year 7 Football Fields 3-4pm	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>ALL</b>  <b>YEARS</b>  <b>KS3</b>  <b>KS4</b>  <b>KS5</b> </p>
	Year 6, 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/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	Year 8 Boys Football Fields 3-4pm	Year 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Fields 3-4pm	
	Year 7 Drama Club DO02/Full 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	Latin Club- all year groups L20	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Trailers Catch up T001/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		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.