



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange Community,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I'm delighted to share some exciting updates and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

Our **Year 11 students** have embarked on their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs), and I'm thrilled to report that they've made an excellent start. The dedication and focus demonstrated by these young scholars has been truly impressive. Their behaviour and conduct throughout this crucial period has been exemplary, setting a high standard for the entire school community. It's heartening to see our students rise to the challenge with such maturity and determination.

At Allerton Grange, we're committed to providing a rich tapestry of experiences that extend beyond the classroom. Our **Aspirational Enrichment Programme** continues to flourish, offering a wide range of trips and visits that broaden horizons and ignite passions. A particular highlight has been the success of our **Debating Team**, who have been honing their skills in articulation, critical thinking, and persuasive argument. These experiences are invaluable in shaping well-rounded, confident individuals, ready to take on the world.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to an important date for our Year 12 families. The **Year 12 Parents' Evening** is scheduled for Thursday 5 December 2024, 4.30 - 7.30 pm. [Appointments are online](#) and need [booking in advance](#). This event provides a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to strengthen the vital partnership between home and school. We look forward to engaging in productive conversations about your child's educational journey.

As we continue to nurture the potential in every student, I'm constantly inspired by the energy, creativity, and resilience displayed across our school community. Whether it's in the examination hall, on educational visits, or in daily interactions, our students continue to make us proud.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Together, we're creating an environment where every student can thrive and achieve their aspirations.

Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

End of Term Arrangements

Reward Assemblies will take place as follows:

Monday 16 December - Year 7

Tuesday 17 December - Year 8

Wednesday 18 December - Year 9

Thursday 19 December - Year 10

Friday 20 December - Year 11

Friday 20 December is a Non-Uniform Day. Students are asked to bring a donation of £1 in aid of St Gemma's Hospice and Simon on the Streets.

Last Day of Term - Friday 20 December 2024

- **All students** to go to Form (assembly for Year 11) and attend lessons.
- **Year 7** break as usual at 10.30 am
- **Year 8/9** break as usual at 10.05 am
- **KS4** break as usual at 10.55 am
- **All students** in Session 3 at 11.15 am

11.45 am - Years 7, 8 & 9 (KS3 students) will be dismissed from their Session 3 lesson and safely leave the building.

12.05 pm - Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 (KS4/KS5 students) will be dismissed and will safely exit the building.

Dropping off and collecting students at the end of the day

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

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.

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 4 December - Year 10 Theatre Trip to Blood Brothers

Thursday 5 December - Year 12 Parents' Evening
[Book online appointments](#)

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

Tuesday 10 December - Year 9 Options Information Evening, 6.30 - 7.15 pm

Thursday 12 December - World of Music Concert
Tickets are £4 on ParentPay

Friday 20 December - Last Day of Term and Non-Uniform Day for St Gemma's Hospice and Simon on the Streets

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

Autism Arena - Support for parent carers of autistic children (with or without a diagnosis) to navigate health & social care, education and leisure.



[Autism Arena](#) is a new locally based non-profit community interest company that aims to help parents and carers understand autism and neurodiversity better, empower them to be more confident advocates for their child and have a positive impact on family time and family support.

Autism Arena are a team consisting of a GP, children's social worker and a teacher (SENCo) who all have lived experience as parents/carers of autistic and neurodivergent children. They understand the challenges that families face and want to share their skills to help make other families' journeys easier.

They have funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to deliver webinars and peer support sessions online in the 2024-25 school year. They are also offering free in-person SEND events/ coffee mornings in settings. [Find out more.](#)

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 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

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 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

Badminton

On Tuesday, we played a badminton fixture against Cardinal Heenan.

We took a **KS3 boys and girls team**, and a **KS4 boys and girls team** and came back undefeated.

Both KS3 teams won their fixture and both KS4 teams drew their fixture.



Join us for our **World of Music Concert** on **12 December** - Tickets are **£4** and available on **ParentPay**



We're very excited about **Guys & Dolls** which is our musical this school year. The show runs from **11 to 13 February 2025** and tickets are available now!



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Review by Anya and Eliza

On Thursday 21 November, there was a Drama trip to watch '**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**' at Leeds Playhouse. It was a fabulous evening and the performance was very enjoyable.

Anya said: "The theatre trip was absolutely amazing. It was very fun and very exciting. Everything was staged very well and was very interesting. My favourite character was Lucy because she had a heart of gold and was very brave. I liked how we got ice lollies in the interval, they were very nice. I also liked singing on the coach on the way back to school. Overall, it was the best trip ever - thank you. It was absolutely exceptional!"

Eliza said: "I loved the trip and all the characters didn't seem to make mistakes or forget lines. I also like the lion as they made it by themselves and it was very complex. And it was really nice how we all had ice lollies! My all time favourite part of the show was when santa came as it was very funny."

Thank you to the AGS staff who made the trip possible.

Alumni news

Jasdeep Degun Singh was cordially invited by the king to have lunch at Buckingham Palace last week for recognition of his Indian Classical musical contribution to the world of music and his award-winning opera Orpheus.



Jasdeep Singh Degun ... is at Buckingham Palace, London.

By Royal Appointment. Living our best lives, totally honoured to be invited to Buckingham Palace for dinner and reception with His Majesty The King and Prince William

#Buckinghampalace #reception #pinchingourselves



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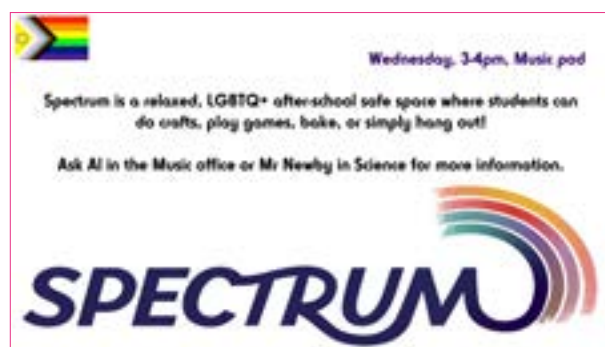
Additionally, Kaisha McGroarty has been in touch to share some of her and Frida Jones' music AKA 'Parts and Spares' [new music releases](#), which sound stunning!

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 [Archives] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod floor 8	Jazz club Grade 7 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M001	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hub	KS3 - Coding Club Week 8, M02
KS3 Art Club M02	Years 8-11 Advanced Trackers 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 in 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	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	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 Hub/D005	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
	Year 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm	Years 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Fields 3-4pm	KS4 - Art catch up M02/3	
	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 D005/Hub 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 M02/3	Latin Club- All year groups L20	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Trackers Catch up T001/T010		
		KS4 Science drop-in M002 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S001 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

Any students who missed the recent flu vaccinations:

- If you have completed a consent form but your child was not vaccinated on the day, you will receive instructions via a text message to arrange a community clinic appointment.
- If you did not complete a form in time for our school visit, the link will reopen after the school session. Please ensure that a consent is in place, using the original link and code (<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and AGS code: **EE108058**) before contacting us on 0113 8433101 to arrange a community clinic appointment.
- If you are booking a community clinic appointment for 3 or more children, please contact us on 0113 8433101 and we will assist you.

**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	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2	BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3	3	3	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	4	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	LUNCH	12:05pm
1:20pm	5	5	5	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	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.