



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As we approach the festive season, I'm delighted to share some exciting updates and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and staff.

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my **heartfelt congratulations to our Year 11 students** on the completion of their PPEs. Over the past two weeks, they've demonstrated exceptional maturity and performed admirably. Their dedication and focus during this crucial period have been truly commendable, and I'm confident that their hard work will pay off as they continue to prepare for their final exams.

At Allerton Grange, we take great pride in our KLAS Curriculum, with Performing Arts playing a vital role in nurturing our students' creativity and talents. In light of this, I'm thrilled to invite you all to our upcoming **World of Music Concert on Thursday 12 December at 7.00 pm**. This promises to be an extraordinary evening showcasing the diverse musical abilities of our students.

The concert programme is a delightful mix of genres and styles, guaranteed to captivate audiences of all tastes. From the classical romanticism of Tchaikovsky, performed by our talented pianist Nicholas, to the rock-inspired sounds of Black Sabbath, brought to life by the Neon Penguins, there's something for everyone. We're particularly excited to feature Amelia's performance of a Grade 8 Oboe Concerto, demonstrating the high calibre of musicianship within our school.

But that's not all – prepare to be entertained by an eclectic range of performances spanning rock, pop, jazz, classical, Scottish, and musical theatre. It's set to be a joyous celebration of music that you won't want to miss. Tickets are available on ParentPay for just £4, offering an excellent opportunity for a family night out.

In other news, I'm proud to highlight our commitment to **Community Engagement**. Our KS3 Aspire students are actively participating in the annual Allerton Grange Food Bank Appeal by shopping at Aldi supermarket. This initiative not only supports those in need but also instils important values of social responsibility in our young learners.

As we reflect on these events and achievements, I'm reminded of the vibrant, talented, and caring community we have here at Allerton Grange. Whether it's academic excellence, artistic expression, or community service, our students continue to impress and inspire.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the World of Music Concert next week. Let's come together to celebrate the incredible talents of our students and the spirit of our school community.

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.

[Please see the Leeds City Council School Gate Parking leaflet \(click to open\).](#)

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 can 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:

Monday 9 December - Sixth Form English Workshop with Dr Caroline Herbert from Leeds Beckett University

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**

Monday 16 to Friday 20 December - Year Group Reward Assemblies

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.](#)

Reading Cloud



Reading Cloud is the school's library management software.

The Reading Cloud student portal is now available for Allerton Grange Students to explore. It can be accessed via: www.readingcloud.net.

From here, type or select Allerton Grange School in the site field then select log in through Microsoft. This will sign in students automatically if they are accessing from a school computer; if accessing from home they just need to use their Allerton Grange username and password.

Once logged in there is lots to discover. Students can browse the library catalogue online, renew books remotely, read and write student book reviews, and explore some of the curated reading lists we have developed, as well as creating their own.

Mr Ellis, School Librarian said: *"It really is a wonderful tool to have available so it would be lovely to see more students taking advantage of this facility"*.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Ellis, you can usually find him the Library!

KS3 Service & Leadership Enrichment Options

This is a reminder for KS3 students to check ClassCharts for information on the Service & Leadership Enrichment sessions available during the Spring Term. These sessions are timetabled on Week B, Fridays during Session 6.

Please complete the online form to make your choice of preferred session.

Sports Results

Football

Our **Year 7 girls' Football team** played Ilkley Grammar School on Wednesday in the second round of the FA Cup. After scoring first, they unfortunately conceded very soon after the second half, even though multiple chances were made including a goal being ruled offside. This resulted in an unfortunate 2-1 loss, players of the match were Olivia and Madeleine.

On Wednesday, the **Year 8 boys' Football team** played in the schools FA cup and unfortunately lost to Farnley Academy 3-2. It was a great game with Logan and Isaac scoring the 2 goals.

Hospitality & Catering Masterclass

This week, it was the annual Chocolate Yule Making Masterclass for the Year 10 Hospitality and Catering class. Pupils produced 'Great British Bake Off' standard Gateau Roule and decorated with festive chocolate frosting and sugar decorations.



Well done to Serena, Ayunda, Jaymar, Kymara, Toby, Ella, Grace, Maddison and Aitezaz.

Blood Brothers Drama Trip

On Wednesday evening, the Drama Department took our fabulous Year 10 and 11 GCSE students to see Blood Brothers at Leeds Grand Theatre & Opera House.

Mrs Spencer-Matthews said: "This is our set text, so brilliant timing for the Year 11 PPE the day after! As always, our students were a credit to AGS and we are very much enjoying the post show analysis."

Oscar in Year 11 commented 'I did think it was a strong production, however I disagree with the interpretation of Mrs Lyons. She was portrayed too sympathetically to how the character is written.'

With such insight, we are confident they will do well in the exam and perhaps we have some future theatre critics in the making!

Leeds North and West Foodbank Collection

The Sixth Form Leadership Group (SLG) is again supporting the Leeds North and West Foodbank in our annual Foodbank collection.

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items up to 11 am on Thursday 19 December 2024.

Students from across the school are invited to contribute if they are able.

The SLG Team said: "We understand that many families are already struggling with the rising cost of living, so any support you can offer to our chosen charity would be greatly appreciated".

Form Groups are working on collecting in donations, with some also decorating their boxes. There will also be a collection box in each Year Group Pod and one at Main Reception.

All items donated will be delivered to the Leeds North and West Foodbank before school closes for the holidays.

Thank you for your support.

Join us for our World of Music Concert on 12 December 2024 at 7.00 pm
Tickets are £4 and 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 [LeedsTimes] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod floor 9	AGS Club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M007	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/HuB	KS3 - Coding Club Week 8: M002
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-11 Advanced Sockers 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: M001
	All Years Girls Basketball (Week 8 OMS) 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 Boy's Football Fields 3-4pm	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club 3-4pm HuB/DOBS	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 DOBS/ Hall 3-4pm	Years 9 & 10 Netball MUGA 3-4pm	Product Design year 10/11 TPO2 3-4pm	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	Late Club- All year groups L20	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Trailies Catch up TPO1/TPOB		
		KS4 Science drop-in S007 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S001 Biology 3-4pm		
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		

AGS School Musical

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 from **ParentPay**.

Tickets would make a great Christmas present!



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 they 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.