



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

What a remarkable week it's been for our Music department! The talent and dedication of our students have truly shone through, culminating in two extraordinary events that have left us all feeling incredibly proud.

Our **World of Music concert** was nothing short of spectacular. The diversity of performances and the sheer enthusiasm of our young musicians were a joy to behold. It's moments like these that remind us of the power of music to bring people together and inspire us all. To the parents and carers who attended, your support means the world to us and to your children. Your presence in the audience undoubtedly contributed to the electric atmosphere on the night. A heartfelt thank you for your unwavering encouragement – it truly makes a difference.

The musical magic didn't stop there. The trip to the **Candlelit Concert at Leeds Cathedral** on Wednesday was spectacular. The majestic setting provided the perfect backdrop for our students to be inspired by the musical prowess of The Piccadilly Sinfonietta. The ethereal glow of candlelight combined with the soaring melodies created an unforgettable experience for performers and audience alike.

While we celebrate these artistic achievements, I must turn to a more serious matter. **The safety of our students is paramount, and we need your help to ensure this.** We've noticed some concerns regarding traffic along Talbot Avenue during drop-off and pick-up times. I kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant when driving in this area. Please be mindful of speed limits, avoid parking in restricted areas, and always be on the lookout for students crossing the road. **By working together, we can create a safer environment for everyone.**

As we move forward, let's carry the inspiration from our outstanding musicians into all aspects of school life, while also prioritising the wellbeing and safety of our entire school community. Your continued support and cooperation are invaluable, and together, we can make Allerton Grange an even better place for our students to learn, grow, and thrive.

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 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:

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

Monday 6 January 2025 - Training Day - School is closed to students

Tuesday 7 January 2025 - First Day of Term

Wednesday 8 January 2025 - A level Certificate Collection, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Thursday 9 January 2025 - Year 9 Parents' Evening (Online Appointments), 4.30 - 7.30 pm, [Book your appointments](#)

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

Free STARS Online Workshops for Parents and Professionals

STARS are running a series of free online parent/professional workshops linked to supporting neurodivergent children in the home.

Each workshop will be delivered via Teams from 9.45 to 11.15 am on each date.

Dates and topics:

08.11.2024	Sensory Support in the Home
06.12.2024	Identity and Diagnosis
10.01.2025	Visual Supports in the Home EY
10.01.2025	Keeping autistic children and young people safe online
07.02.2025	Visual Supports Secondary & Post 16
07.03.2025	Key life transitions
02.05.2025	Anxiety based avoidance
06.06.2025	A basic introduction to Intensive Interaction
04.07.2025	Puberty and sexuality

To book your place:

Parents: email starsteam@leeds.gov.uk stating your name, email address and workshops you would like to book.

Professionals: book via Leeds for Learning.

Contact: starsteam@leeds.gov.uk

Online Safety

Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership, West Yorkshire Police and partners have launched a campaign to encourage parents to have conversations with their children about their online activity.

The online world can be a great place for young people, when enjoyed safely, but some criminals can use online games and social media to contact and exploit them.

The campaign "**Start the conversation**" encourages parents to have conversations with their children, to understand who they are talking to and interacting with online.

Talking to a child about what they do online, is as important as asking them where they are going when they go out with their friends.

Regular conversations about their online world could encourage children to talk to a trusted adult if something they have seen online made them feel uncomfortable or if someone is talking to them that they don't know.

For parents and carers:

Talk to your child about staying safe online

Most of us tend to think of our online and offline lives as separate, but children today are growing up with technology and the internet as a natural part of their lives. To them there isn't a separation. It's all just life. The internet is now part of the real world.

Talking to your child about what they do online is just as important as asking where they are going when they go out with their friends. It can be difficult starting the conversation with your child about their online activities. Technology keeps changing and you might find it overwhelming trying to keep up with it all, but you don't need to. You just need to take an interest in what apps and games your child is using. That's the best place to start.

Your child might not want to share anything with you at first, but keep trying.

Having honest and open conversations with your child and speaking to them regularly about what they are doing online, could be crucial in giving your child the confidence to tell you if they have seen something that makes them feel uncomfortable or may highlight someone who is wanting to cause harm.

See the [Start the conversation leaflet](#) for some helpful tips on how to start the conversation. Further guidance is available on the [LSCP website](#) as well as information on [how to set up parental control](#) on all the devices that your child uses.

Sports Fixture Results

Basketball

On Tuesday, the **Years 10 and 11 Basketball team** played against Carr Manor. We lost 76-62. However, Nacir, Oliver S and Omkar stood out for their great contribution to the score.

On Wednesday, our **Year 8 and 9 Basketball team** beat Carr Manor 34-17, with Oliver B and Charlie giving great performances.

Music Christmas Concert Trip

On Wednesday evening, the Music Team took 19 students from Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 to the 'Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas by Candlelight Concert' at Leeds Cathedral.

It was an exceptional musical evening, featuring the outstanding musicians of The Piccadilly Sinfonietta, along with a renowned concert pianist and leading violin soloist.

You can watch a short video of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta performing Vivaldi by [clicking here](#).



Bebras Competition Success

The results are in from this year's Bebras competition and we have had some great success.

Eleven students achieved gold standard which is the top 10% nationally for their age group. They will be receiving their certificates at Rewards Assemblies next week.

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.

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.

Items they are particularly in need of:

- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meats
- Soup
- Instant mash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shower gel
- Shampoo

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

Thank you for your support.



World of Music Concert

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual World of Music Concert. It was a fabulous evening!

One of our students said:

"This year's World of Music concert contained an incredible blend of holiday classics, along with other miscellaneous hits.

'Wide Eyed' dedicated a beautiful performance of 'Friday I'm in Love' by the Cure to Mr Roper! Once again, the time and effort the music department and staff put into the evening truly paid off creating an overall incredible evening."



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 [Leeds Times] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod floor 9	Art Club Grade 2 & above including 6 slingers 3-4.15pm M007	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week 6 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 K001
	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 Hall/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/ Textiles Catch up TPO1/TPOB		
		KS4 Science drop-in S007 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S005 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!



Time for Young People, Leeds

This is a new service designed to deliver community-based early emotional and mental health support for children and young people in Leeds, with a particular focus on children and young people aged 11-25 who need support outside of school or NHS services settings.

This service is delivered by The Children's Society, a national charity with over 140 years of experience commissioned by NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds) and Leeds City Council. 'Time for Young People, Leeds' is available for children and young adults up to 18 years old, including care leavers and young people with special educational needs and disabilities up to age 25, as well as their parents and carers.

To access the service and to find out further information, please visit the website or phone 0113 517 8000.

<https://mindmate.org.uk/time-for-yp/>

**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.