



# AGS Weekly

## *Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I'm thrilled to share some of the exciting happenings at our school. The air is buzzing with anticipation as our talented students and dedicated staff put the finishing touches on this year's production of "Guys and Dolls". The set is nothing short of incredible, and I'm counting down the days until we can all enjoy the fruits of their hard work next week.

Our commitment to providing a rich and diverse educational experience continues to flourish through our Personal Development programme. It's been a joy to see our students going out on various trips and educational visits, broadening their horizons and gaining invaluable experiences. From the insightful GCSE Science Live event to the inspiring London Art Trip, and the eye-opening Boys Into Health Leeds programme, our young people have been actively engaging with the world beyond our school gates. Not to mention the numerous sporting fixtures that have seen our students showcase their athletic skills.

I'd like to thank all the staff involved in making these opportunities possible, with a special mention to our Assistant Head, Mrs Braim, who leads our Personal Development initiatives with such passion and dedication. It's a source of great pride that every student at AGS experiences at least one form of enrichment and attends one visit each year – a testament to our holistic approach to education.

Today, we celebrated our Service and Leadership Enrichment Programme. It's one of my personal favourites, and I always look forward to visiting these sessions and seeing the joy on our students' faces as they try everything from dance to camping skills. The breadth of activities on offer is truly remarkable and highlights the diverse talents within our school community.

I'd also like to thank staff and Year 10 parents and carers for their enthusiastic participation in this week's Parents' Evening. We value these evenings as a way of strengthening the partnership between home and school, for the benefit of our young people. Your engagement and support are so important, and I'm always impressed by the commitment shown by our entire school community.

As we look ahead, I'm filled with optimism about the continued growth and achievements of our students. The broad range of activities, both in and out of the classroom, is helping them to become well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in making Allerton Grange a truly special place of learning and development.

**Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13 February - Guys and Dolls, 7.00 - 9.00 pm Tickets from Parent Pay**

**Monday 17 to Friday 21 February - Half Term Holiday - School is closed**

**Monday 24 February - School reopens - First Day of Half Term 4**

**Wednesday 26 February - Health & Social Care Evening (Year 11), 5.00 - 6.00 pm**

**Monday 3 to Friday 7 March - National Careers Week**

**Monday 10 to Friday 14 March - National Science Week**

**Monday 10 March - HPV vaccine catch up session**

**Wednesday 19 March - Comic Book Workshop with Krystina Baczynski**

**Thursday 20 March - KS4&5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm**

**Thursday 27 March - Maths City Trip**

**Tuesday 1 April - Year 9 DTP Men MMR Vaccine catch up session**

## Reminder about the changes to 'Late' Detentions

From Monday 27 January 2025, any student late to school will be booked in for a social time detention at lunch time on the same day. For example, if a student is late to school on Tuesday, they will have a lunch time detention on Tuesday.

## 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**

## The Big Conversation

The Big Conversation is a chance for children and young people to have their say about the issues that are important to England's children.

The Children's Commissioner is really excited to hear what you think and to have the chance to share the stories of children and young people in this way, focusing on the issues that are most important to England's young people including education, climate change, online safety, knife crime and housing.

[Click here for more information about the Big Conversation, and to complete the survey.](#)

COMING SOON TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU



11, 12, 13 Feb 2025 7.00 pm

Tickets: £9 each from ParentPay

GUYS AND DOLLS  
A Musical Fable of Broadway  
Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by  
FRANK LOESSER

Book by  
JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MJI  
www.mjishows.co.uk

**Don't miss out on seeing the show of the year!**

Guys and Dolls is a classic Broadway musical, with the unlikely of love stories, set on the streets of Manhattan and the bars of Havana.

We hope you enjoy the show!

[Watch our students' guide to the 'lingo' used in Guys & Dolls.](#)

## Sports Fixture Results

### Cross Country

On Saturday, Ewan in Year 8 ran in the Leeds Schools West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at GSAL and came 6th. He will now go on to represent West Yorkshire in the National competition.

### Rugby

On Thursday 5 February, our **Year 7 Rugby girls** played in the Leeds Rhinos Indoor Touch Tournament held at Allerton Grange. Considering this was the first time since November the girls had played, they did really well. We lost the first game 2 tries to 1, with Maria scoring. The second game was hotly contested but unfortunately we lost 4 scores to 3, with Ndemazea and Natalia scoring.



## Acrobatic Gymnastics

Year 11 students, Lizzie and Freya, took part in a national Acrobatic Gymnastics competition at the weekend, finishing 11th out of 26 groups. Congratulations girls!



## Art Trip to London

Last week, GCSE and A level students visited London.

They went to see exhibitions at Tate Britain and the Tate Modern, as well as going on a river cruise on the Thames.



## Sixth Form News

After lots of hard work, we are delighted that our Year 13 students are receiving offers for university places.



This includes four offers for places at the University of Cambridge and one offer for the University of Oxford, as well as other offers to study at Durham University, University of Leeds, University of York, University of Manchester, University of Bristol, University of Edinburgh, Lancaster University, University of Plymouth, University of Exeter and Newcastle University.

Our Aim High group is supported through the rigorous application process, through seminars, help with application forms and practicing for interviews.

Year 13 students have also had success applying for very competitive apprenticeships, with one student receiving an offer for a Ernst and Young apprenticeship place.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and dedication our young people have shown in their studies and extra-curricular activities, and are applying this to their future plans for university, apprenticeships and careers.

## Primary Workshop

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had some excited Year 6 visitors from Highfield Primary in school for two Design and Technology sessions.

The children had worked on designs for musical instruments in class before coming to Allerton Grange to build their projects in the Technology workshops.

Mrs Hawkins (Curriculum Leader of Technology) demonstrated a range of techniques for the children to make drums, handbells, rainsticks and xylophones. They were incredibly focused and worked carefully using tools to make their instruments, as well as problem-solving and developing new skills.



We've received some lovely feedback from their teachers:

*"I just wanted to email and say a massive thank you for the wonderful DT mornings you delivered this week. Everyone involved thoroughly loved the experience!*

*For the children to see their designs come to life, in an actual DT workshop with proper tools, was invaluable. In addition, working in a high school was a great way to aid transition and some of our more anxious children really benefitted from seeing and hearing the machines."*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:starsteam@leeds.gov.uk)

## CYMPHS Crisis Call Line - Supporting students back into school after the holidays

Whatever your issue, big or small, they are there to listen and support you.

**Call 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, everyday: 0800 953 0505**

### 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/>



**LEEDS LOCAL OFFER LIVE**

The Leeds Local Offer website provides information about services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to find out more about SEND services in Leeds.

**WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025**

**10AM TILL 3PM (DROP IN)**

**PUDSEY CIVIC HALL**  
DANFORTH CORNER, PUDSEY, LEEDS LS28 5TA

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

[More information: leeds.gov.uk/LLOLive2025/](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/LLOLive2025/)

Logos for Leeds, Leeds for Learning, and NHS Leeds are visible at the bottom.

## Free School Meals

Eating a nutritious school meal is essential for pupils' health, growth, and learning.

In January 2024, 8,435 eligible pupils missed out on their free school meal which can save families up to £490 each year.



[Find out if you are eligible to apply for Free School Meals by clicking on this link.](#)

## WIRED online resource for girls, women and minority gender young people aged 11-25 years

As part of the WIRED project, funded by Youth Music, free resources are now available to help girls, young women and minority gender people aged 11-25 learn about all aspects of working with audio – from creating tracks to careers in the music industry.

To access these free resources, please use the link below to register:

[Register for WIRED Online · Yorkshire Sound Women Network](#)

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 Warning Bell	Timetable C Year 7	
8:25am				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	10:55am
11:05am	3	3	3	11:05am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	4	12:05pm
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	LUNCH	12:55pm
1:20pm	5	5	5	1:20pm
2:10pm	6	6	6	2:10pm
3:00pm	After School Provisions/Detentions begin			3:00pm

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.