



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As this half term comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the many incredible experiences and achievements that have taken place within our school community. The past weeks have shown the vibrant spirit of Allerton Grange, showcasing the dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our students.

Our KLAS curriculum has proven to be a resounding success, fostering positive experiences both inside and outside the classroom. It's been a joy to witness the engagement and growth of our students as they embrace new learning opportunities and challenges. The curriculum's impact has been evident in the enriching trips and activities that have complemented our students' academic journey, providing them with valuable real-world experiences.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to our PE Department for their unwavering commitment and hard work. Their efforts have resulted in a diverse range of sporting opportunities for our students, allowing them to explore their athletic potential and develop important life skills. It fills me with pride to see Allerton Grange represented across such a wide range of sports, highlighting the talent and determination of our students.

Our Behaviour and Welfare Team deserves recognition for their exceptional work. Their tireless efforts in supporting our students and maintaining positive relationships with our parent and carer community have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and supportive environment. The Team's dedication to maintaining open communication and addressing individual needs has significantly contributed to the well-being of our school community.

A highlight of this half term was undoubtedly our production of "Guys and Dolls." The three performances were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our students. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff members involved in bringing this production to life. Your dedication and creativity have provided our students with an unforgettable experience and a platform to shine.

To our parents and carers who attended the performances, thank you for your support and enthusiasm. Your presence and encouragement mean the world to our young performers and contribute immensely to the vibrant atmosphere of our school events.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 24 February.

Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

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

Thursday 27 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening - Online appointments, 4.30 - 7.30 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.](#)

Has your child lost something in school?

Please help your child by labelling their belongings with their name so any lost items can be returned to them.

We have lots of lost property at Main Reception, including a lot of coats.

If your child has lost something in school, please ask them to check what's been handed in.

Minibus

There are **2 places** available on the school mini bus for the North of the Ring Road route at a cost of £3.10 a day.

Please email michaelachild@allertongrange.com to request one of the two places.

The two places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.



Sports Fixture Results

Basketball

Our **Year 8/9 Basketball team** beat Carr Manor 46-25 (pictured right)!

Our **Year 7 Basketball team** beat Carr Manor 8-5 but lost to Allerton High 9-8.

Football

It's not been our week for Football.

On Tuesday, the **Year 7 team** played at Cardinal Heenan, and played exceptionally well in terrible conditions, but unfortunately came away with a 2-0 loss.

The **Year 10 Football team** lost 2-0 to Cardinal Heenan.

On Wednesday, the **Year 10 team** played Garforth. The score somehow was 4-3 to Garforth even though we were by far the better team and played some fantastic football! Goal scorers were Josh, Laith and Xander.



SPARX Maths Challenge

This year in Maths students are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most.

The top five students are:
Ethan, Evan, Orbem, Amelia and Zoe.



KS3 Reward Breakfast

On Thursday morning, the KS3 team held a Reward Breakfast for their students.



These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to the weekly homework.

Well done to these, and every student for their hard work this half term.

Guys and Dolls

AGS Performing Arts staff and students have worked hard for 9 months to prepare for this year's school musical, Guys & Dolls.

Guys & Dolls takes us from the bustle of Times Square, to the dance clubs of Havana, to the sewers of New York City, as it demonstrates the great lengths to which a "guy" will go when he truly falls in love with a "doll".

Congratulations to all the students involved in the show. You created something truly incredible!

Thank you to everyone who came along to each performance to support our talented student actors, musicians, stage crew, technical team and front of house team.





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

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/SEND/LocalOffer2025/](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/SEND/LocalOffer2025/)

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	2	11:05am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	3	12:05pm
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	4	12:55pm
1:20pm	5	5	LUNCH	1:20pm
2:10pm	6	6	4	2:10pm
3:00pm			5	3:00pm
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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.