



# AGS Weekly

*Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

Dear Allerton Grange community,

Welcome back to a new half-term! I'm delighted to share some updates and celebrate our recent achievements. First and foremost, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring an excellent start to this week.

At Allerton Grange, the target is for all students to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. Evidence shows that regular attendance is crucial for academic success and personal development. We've seen encouraging improvements in this area and we will continue to work with you to maintain this positive trend.

I'm thrilled to report significant improvements in morning punctuality with the majority of students arriving to school on time each day. The number of students arriving late has decreased, reflecting our collective commitment to a culture of responsibility and respect for learning at Allerton Grange.

On Thursday, we held our Year 8 Parents' Evening. Thank you to all staff involved for your dedication, and to parents and carers for your active participation. Engagement and support from parents and carers is vital to students, helping them to make progress in school. *In our continuous effort to improve, I'd love to hear your thoughts on how we can enhance our Parents' Evening experience. Please share your views by emailing:*

[admin@allertongrange.com](mailto:admin@allertongrange.com).

Our Personal Development Programme continues to thrive, with exciting trips and enrichment activities taking place each week across all key stages. Highlights from this week include a Drama trip to Leeds Playhouse; students representing the school at the Leeds Youth Summit; a Health & Social Care careers trip to the University of Huddersfield; KS3 students taking part in a Northern School of Contemporary Dance workshop; and our sports teams competing against other schools. I'd like to express my thanks to all staff members who dedicate their time and energy to organising these invaluable experiences for our students.

Lastly, it's with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Ms Jess Walker, our Key Stage 4 Leader. Ms Walker has been an integral part of our school community for nearly a decade, providing immeasurable support to students, staff, and parents alike. We thank her for her outstanding service and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement in making Allerton Grange a vibrant and nurturing learning environment.

**Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

Monday 3 to Friday 7 March - National Careers Week

Tuesday 4 March - Maths Feast Competition

Tuesday 4 March - Sixth Form Art Trip

Saturday 8 March - International Women's Day

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

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

## Free School Meals

Eating a nutritious school meal is essential for pupils' health, growth, and learning. Don't miss out, it could save £490 a year!

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



Leeds SEND Local Offer



BOOK YOUR PLACE

## 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

DAWSONS CORNER, STANNINGLEY, LS28 5TA



<https://fourways.leeds.gov.uk/s/LLDLive2025/>



## 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

## 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:

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.

## Allerton Grange School 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 send an email to [michaelachild@allertongrange.com](mailto:michaelachild@allertongrange.com) to request a place.

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



## Sports Fixture Results

### Netball

This week, our **Year 9 girls' Netball team** secured a 12-2 victory against Mount St Mary's. The woman of the match was Lucy for a dynamic performance as Goal Shooter.

### Football

The **Year 8 boys' Football team** secured a 4-2 win against Wetherby High. Isaac, Logan and Ethan all gave strong performances. Allerton Grange is now top of the league with 16 points. With two weeks remaining, we hope to maintain our charge for the league title!

### Diving

Congratulations to Hakim in Year 9, who won gold and bronze medals at the Armada Cup in Plymouth at half term, and has been selected to represent Team GB.

### Swimming

We're really proud of all the Allerton Grange students who swam for the City of Leeds Swimming Club at the Yorkshire Championships.

Well done to:

**Year 7** students Barney, Betsy and Danny;

**Year 8** students Harrison and Hogan;

**Year 9** students William and Hayden;

and any other students who took part.

## Maths City Trip

Before Half Term, Miss Atherton took a group of enthusiastic Year 7 students to Maths City for an exciting day of hands-on mathematical exploration.

From interactive puzzles, to immersive exhibits, students engaged with maths in a fun and creative way.

A highlight of the trip was the Leonardo Dome workshop, where students worked together to construct a self-supporting dome using only wooden sticks - an inspiring challenge that showcased the power of geometry and teamwork!

## UKMT Maths Challenge

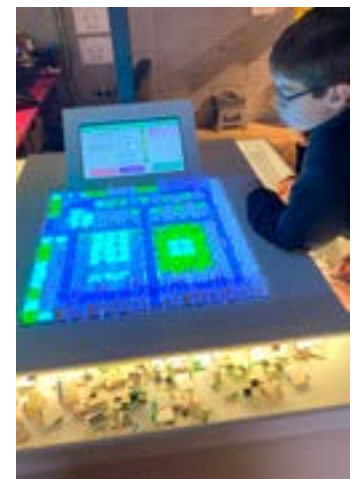
On the last Friday before half term, Mr Gardner took four students to the annual UK Mathematics Trust Year 8 and 9 Team Challenge.

Gracie, Thomas, Josh and Imogen competed brilliantly against 15 other schools from Yorkshire, over 4 rounds of problem solving.

They finished in 2nd place, missing out on 1st place by the narrowest of margins!



Well done to Team AGS!



## Health & Social Care Student Exhibition

On Wednesday evening, Year 11 students showcased their Health & Social Care project work at an exhibition in the Hall.

Families, friends and Allerton Grange staff were invited to come along and talk to the students about their projects.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, listened to the student presentations and took part in games and activities. It was such a valuable experience for the students, and they collected in lots of feedback that they will use in the next phase of their project.



## Drama Theatre Trip

On Monday, a group of GCSE and A Level Drama students visited Leeds Playhouse to see a production of *The House Party* by Frantic Assembly and Headlong. This gritty modernisation of Strindberg's classic was very powerful, with a mixture of intense pressure cooker scenes and high impact physical theatre. Carys in Year 11 commented that the performance from the actor playing Christine was particularly powerful, making the audience feel sympathy as the events of the story unfolded.

Mrs Spencer - Matthews and

Mrs Neilson were incredibly impressed with the mature attitude from all students and have very much enjoyed post show conversations with students this week.



## Northern School of Contemporary Dance Workshop

Sophie from the Northern School of Contemporary Dance visited us this week to deliver a Centre for Advanced Training workshop to a group of Year 8 and 9 students.

The workshop focused on technique, routines and creative skills for students interested in developing their dance skills further.

The students showed a professional level of focus and commitment to gain an insight into the CAT scheme, should they wish to audition.

Mrs Spencer-Matthews said:

“We are really proud of our partnership with NSCD and the opportunities they provide for our students. All involved in the workshop were fantastic - we can definitely see any of them exploring creative careers in the future.”



## Health & Social Care Trip to the University of Huddersfield

This week, a group of Year 9 students attended an Allied Health Professionals day at The University of Huddersfield. Students learnt about a wide range of Healthcare careers, including Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Midwifery and many more. It was a great opportunity to see the university's facilities, hear from a wide range of professionals and university students, and explore what options are available to those who are interested in medicine and healthcare careers.



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.