



# AGS Weekly

## *Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

Dear Allerton Grange community,

What an incredibly busy and exciting week we've had at our school! It's been a whirlwind of activities, achievements, and opportunities for our students, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

First and foremost, I want to thank our dedicated staff team. Your unwavering support and commitment to our students is extraordinary. The enrichment opportunities you're providing truly make a difference in our students' educational journey.

Our A-level Drama students have been putting their skills to the test with their exams this week. The passion and creativity they've displayed is a testament to their hard work and the guidance of our talented Drama department.

World Book Day was a resounding success, igniting imaginations and celebrating the joy of reading across our school community. It was wonderful to see students and staff alike embracing the magic of literature.

As we dive into Science Week, our students have been treated to a spectacular Birds of Prey demonstration. This hands-on experience has undoubtedly sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for the wonders of the natural world, setting the perfect tone for the week ahead.

In celebration of International Women's Day, our Year 8 students went on a trip where they heard from inspirational leaders and took part in workshops looking at equality and the future of the workforce. Experiences like this one are crucial in broadening horizons and empowering our young learners to dream big and challenge stereotypes.

I'm also delighted to report on the success of our students in the Maths Feast 2025. Their problem-solving skills and mathematical prowess were on full display, showcasing the strength of our Maths department and the dedication of our students.

As we reflect on these achievements, I feel a strong sense of pride in our school community. Each event, each success, each moment of learning contributes to the vibrant tapestry that is Allerton Grange.

As we look forward to the coming weeks, I'm excited about the continued opportunities for growth and achievement that await our students. The energy and enthusiasm I've witnessed this week fill me with confidence for what's to come.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with our school community. It's through our collective efforts that we create an environment where our students can truly thrive.

Here's to another week of learning, discovery, and success at Allerton Grange!

**Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

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

**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 & HPV Vaccines catch up session**

**Thursday 3 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Parent Meeting 5 - 6 pm**

**Monday 7 April - Monday 21 April - Easter Holiday  
School reopens on Tuesday 22 April**

**Sunday 27 April - Tuesday 29 April - Social Science Residential, London**

**Tuesday 6 May - GCSE Exams start**

**Tuesday 13 May - A level Exams start**

**Monday 26 May - Bank Holiday**

**Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May - Half Term Holiday. School reopens on Monday 2 June**

**Friday 20 June - End of GCSE and A level exams**

**Monday 23 June - Tuesday 24 June - Transition Days for Year 7 students starting in September**

**Tuesday 24 June - New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening, 4.30 - 6.00 pm**

## 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 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.](#)



## Allerton Grange School Minibus

There is **1 place** 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 place will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.**



## Sports Fixture Results

### Netball

On Tuesday 5 March, our **Year 7 and 8 Netball teams** went to Cardinal Heenan to play their first game of the Spring season. Both teams were successful, they both played with incredible pace, commitment and flair. **Year 8** won 11-8 and **Year 7** won 12-1, with Amelia and Immy being voted girls of the game.

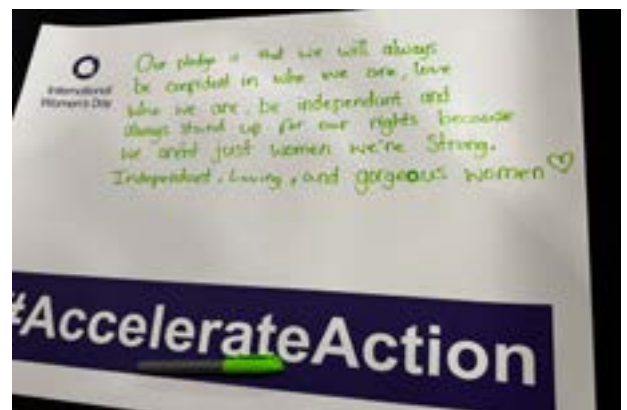
### Badminton

On Tuesday, Mr Nutch took the **Year 7, KS3 girls, KS3 boys and KS4 boys Badminton teams** to Leeds West Academy for a badminton fixture. We won all our fixtures! Shout outs to Marcus and Oliver who played for the first time for school.



## National Careers Week and International Women's Day

Yesterday, a group of Year 8 students celebrated International Women's Day with local employer, ASDA. They heard from inspirational leaders at ASDA, took part in workshops looking at equality and the future of the workforce, and met women from other schools. Possibly most importantly, Allerton Grange students came up with their own pledge for International Women's Day, which they would like to live by as they progress through school and into their future.



## Young Voices

Last Monday, 37 eager Allerton Grange students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Manchester's iconic CO-OP Arena to join the world's largest choir!

This exhilarating event was organized by Young Voices, a dynamic organization that hosts children's choir concerts across the UK. Over the years, these incredible performances have exploded in size, now filling the biggest arenas in the country.

Our students had the exciting challenge of rehearsing individually before coming together for the first time as one massive choir on the day of the performance.

The experience was a thrilling opportunity to learn new songs, master fresh skills, and be part of something truly extraordinary.

AGS students will remember this moment for years to come!





## Science Week Owl Adventure!

Allerton Grange started Science Week celebrations early with a visit from Owl Adventures, Falconry and Mobile Zoo.

Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in sessions in the Hall. They learnt interesting facts about the different species and had the chance to ask questions, including how do you get to work with birds of prey!

Some students even took part in the displays and held an owl or hawk!

Thank you to Dr Kyriacou and the Science Team for arranging this amazing experience.



## Youth Summit Trip

by Ms Williams

It was a privilege to be part of the Youth Summit trip, which was organised as part of 'Just One Day', where the Lord Mayor reaches out to organisations in the city to ask for their support in fundraising for the Lord Mayor's charity.

Our students were a credit and represented Allerton Grange to the highest standards.

The students took part in a democracy workshop, a Youth Activity Fund Consultation and a Climate Emergency Workshop.



After a fantastic lunch at the Rosebowl, the students entered the hallowed Council Chamber and took part in a question and answer session with the Lord Mayor, Councillors and Children's Champions. Lord Mayor Abigail Marshall Katung shared snippets of her life pre and post becoming the 130th Lord Mayor in response to the students' questions.

Former Lord Mayor, Eileen Taylor, is the only Lord Mayor to serve across a 2-year span from 2019-2021 (during the pandemic).

## Rise of Measles cases in Leeds

In January 2024 the UK Health Security Agency declared a national UK Measles incident and as expected we are now seeing a rise in measles in Leeds. This is mainly among unvaccinated children.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious complications including fits, damage to the brain or in severe cases, death.

## How to protect your child from measles

The MMR vaccination will have been offered to your child at 12 months and 3 years 4 months.

If you are unsure whether your child is up to date you can check their red book or speak to their GP. If they are not up to date it is not too late for them to catch up. They can get the MMR vaccination free from their GP.

## What to do if you think your child has measles

If you think your child has measles call NHS 111 or your GP surgery, it is important to call ahead to make them aware before visiting the surgery or emergency department.

*Do not send your child to school if you suspect they may have measles.*



## Measles: How to Stay Safe

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months.

If you have not had two doses, you can get them **free** from your GP surgery.

Know the symptoms! Keep people with symptoms away from others.

Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP.

### Symptoms

- Rash
- Temperature
- Runny Nose
- Red Eyes
- Cough

UK Health Security Agency graphic number: 202304. Download only from [www.gov.uk/government/collections/healthcare-symbols](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/healthcare-symbols)



## 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

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

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



## 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.



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.