



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I am reflecting on the many accomplishments and experiences that have enriched our school community.

Yesterday's KS4&5 Music Concert is a shining example of the exceptional talent and dedication of our students. This event not only showcased their musical prowess but also served as a poignant farewell to our Year 13 musicians. These students, having been integral to our school for seven years, have made such an impact on the Music department at Allerton Grange. Their contributions have been transformative, and their legacy will undoubtedly inspire future generations of performers.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have invested their time and insight into shaping our 2030 School Vision. Your engagement in this process is invaluable, and I am pleased to see common themes in the responses so far from across our diverse school community. This feedback will be used to create a vision that truly represents the aspirations and values of Allerton Grange. I look forward to sharing this refined vision with you in the near future.

Pathway to 2030

The consultation is still open and will close on Friday 28 March 2025.

Parents and carers are invited to complete the online questionnaire to provide their feedback about Allerton Grange and contribute to the school's future. Your perspectives, as parents and carers, are invaluable in shaping the trajectory of our educational journey.

[Click on this link to complete the online questionnaire](#)

It is with great pride that I recognise our Year 9 students for their recent Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. These young adventurers have proven themselves to be outstanding ambassadors for our school, embodying the resilience, teamwork, and character that we nurture via our KLAS curriculum. My heartfelt thanks to all staff members who supported them to take part in the expeditions - their dedication to our students' all-round development is truly commendable.

Furthermore, the success of our in-school Language and Business competition highlights the breadth of talent and academic excellence within our student body. (You can find out more about the University of Leeds Language and Business competition on page 4.) Our students' achievements show the linguistic and entrepreneurial acumen of our young people and also reinforces the importance of interdisciplinary learning in preparing them for the challenges of an increasingly globalised world.

Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

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**

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

Sunday 8 June - Tuesday 10 June - Social Science Residential, London (Date change)

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

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

Minibus Driver Wanted



Find out more and apply:

0113 393 0304

agadmin@allertongrange.com

Lost Property

If your child has lost anything in school, please ask them to check in Lost Property at Main Reception.

We once again have lots of coats and school uniform items.

Please make sure your child's belongings are labelled with their name to help us return lost items to them.

Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Reporting a Student Absence

This is a reminder that when a student is too unwell to attend school, a parent or carer must contact school using ClassCharts before 8.30 am on each day of absence.

Please provide evidence wherever possible.

We can accept:

- a copy of a prescription,
- an appointment confirmation
- advice sought from a pharmacist.

Please do not send photographs of the ailment as we cannot accept this as proof.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Fixture Results

Football

Last week, the **Year 7 Football team** played against Garforth and we won 9-3.



Our **Year 7 team** also played and won last night against Brigshaw 7-0. It was an excellent performance against a team who finished above us in the league.



Badminton

On Tuesday, we played the last **Badminton** fixture of the year against Allerton High.

The **Year 7 team** drew 4-4, **KS3 boys** won 6-2 and **KS3 girls** lost 6-2.



Football News

Ethan (Year 8) is a member of the Leeds Schools FA U13's District team that reached the ESFA National Cup Semi Final, beating teams such as Salford, Harrogate and Liverpool. Sadly, they lost the Semi Final match, but it was an amazing achievement making it to the last four Districts in the Country. They have also reached the Yorkshire Cup Final, where they now face Rotherham.

At Easter, they will be going on tour to one of Europe's biggest tournaments, the Mare Nostrum Cup and hope to bring further success.



Rugby

On Tuesday evening, our **Year 7 boys' Rugby team** played their first full game of 13 a side rugby against Abbey Grange.

A fantastic team performance, littered with countless outstanding individual efforts, ensured that the boys won 28-12 with George scoring a hat-trick of tries. Other try scorers were Max and Seth.

A huge well done to the boys who continue to show plenty of promise as a rugby team.

A big thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students to play sport competitively against other schools.

Comic Book and Zine Workshop by Mr Ellis, School Librarian

On Wednesday 19 March, we were visited by professional comic book artist and illustrator, Kristyna Baczynski, who held a comic book and 'zine' creating workshop with a group of Allerton Grange students.

Kristyna told us about her career journey as a creative professional and explored with us the many different techniques and approaches to comic book art.

Students were then given guidance on creating their own comic book characters and layouts.

I am pleased to say she left highly impressed by the standard of work produced by our very talented students!



Language & Business Competition by Ms Quarmby

Yesterday, a group of Year 9 Spanish pupils and a group of Year 10 German pupils took part in the Language and Business Competition at the University of Leeds.

Pupils had spent the last two months creating and designing a product, with a logo and slogan, and completed market research to show why their product would be successful.

Our Year 9 group created a product that treats wastewater in Venezuela to tackle the issue of unsanitary drinking water, and our Year 10 group created an interactive static bike using real trails that had been scanned with lidar. Both groups presented very well and received fantastic feedback.

Pupils then had a campus tour, a taster session in Mandarin and a marketing workshop.

BHRAJ España from Year 9 came second out of nine, a fantastic result!

Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors have launched this year's Anti Bullying Badge, designed by Laasya in 7ag9. Laasya helped to make the badges along with her friend Daisy.



There will be more news from the Anti Bullying Ambassadors soon!



KS4&5 Concert

Last night, we were treated to a fabulous evening of musical performances at our KS4&5 Concert.

Our students were superb, performing pieces from a range of musical genres - from Radiohead to Fleetwood Mac, Beethoven to Sondheim, and Elton John to Chopin, to name a few.

Thank you to Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Mr Bullock, Al, Ian, Ben and Mr Goodfield, and also the Student Tech Team (Annie, Amelia, Charlotte, Daniel, Lars, Izzy, Jacob and Owen).

A huge thank you to all the Year 11 and Year 13 students about to complete their studies - you've been absolutely amazing and we can't wait to see what you go on to do!



Secondary Singing Day

Last Friday, the Music Team took 12 of our choir students to Pudsey Civic Hall for the Secondary Singing Day 2025.

They took part in singing with 218 other students from local secondary schools.

They all had so much fun and learnt new songs, lead by the wonderful Craig Lees.



Please see below for changes to the PE After School Timetable.

This starts on Monday 17 March and will run until the Easter holiday.

You can click on the PE schedule below to visit the After School Clubs page on the school website.



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE?	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 7 Trampolineing	Sports Hall	ECA
	Y7/8 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
	Y7 & 8 Girls Football	Fields	ADE
WEDNESDAY	Year 8 Trampolineing	Sports Hall	BCA
	Y7 Fitness	Fitness Suite	JGA
	Y9/10 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
THURSDAY	Year 9/10 Trampolineing	Sports Hall	ECA
	Year 8/9 Fitness	Fitness Suite	JGA
	Boys Basketball (Week A Y7&8 Week B Y9, 10 & 11)	Sports Hall	DTO
	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Netball (teams only)	MUGA	BCA
	Y9 & 10 Girls Football	Fields	ADE

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 17th March until the Easter Holiday.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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 the www.gov.uk/government/collections/graphics website.



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:

- 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.

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.