



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

As we approach the end of another enriching term at Allerton Grange, I am delighted to share with you some of the achievements and experiences that show our commitment to excellence and holistic development.

Our Year 11 Geographers have recently taken part in field trips, demonstrating not only their academic skills but also their excellent behaviour. Their passionate engagement and representation of our school values have been commendable. Thank you to both our students and the dedicated Geography staff who provided these invaluable learning experiences.

This week, we also saw an extraordinary display of musical talent and composure. Joel G, Ben H, Nicholas S, and Aditya I participated in a piano masterclass with the esteemed concert pianist Richard Meyrick. Their performances, ranging from Chopin and Rachmaninov to Tchaikovsky and jazz standards, were exceptional. They embraced feedback with maturity and rose to the challenge of this high-pressure situation, a clear example of their talent, character and dedication. It is with great pride that I can announce that both Nicholas and Aditya have been offered the prestigious Piano Man Scholarship, giving them access to individual teaching from Professor Gabriele Baldocci and Richard Meyrick, experts in the world of classical piano.

Our commitment to sportsmanship and empathy was beautifully illustrated by our Year 8 Football team during their recent match at Ilkley Grammar. They embodied our core values, particularly in their support of an injured student, and received well-deserved praise from their hosts.

As we look ahead, I would like to remind parents of the upcoming Year 8 PGL residential and the Year 7 Bushcraft meeting next week. These experiences promise to be transformative for our students, developing resilience, teamwork, and a connection with the natural world.

Finally, I extend warm wishes of "Eid Mubarak" to all members of our school community who will be celebrating this significant occasion.

**Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

### **Pathway to 2030**

*Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed the questionnaire. The consultation closes today: 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.*

**There's still time to share your views** - please take a few minutes to give your valuable feedback to help us to shape the next steps of our educational journey.

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

## Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 1 April - Year 9 DTP Men MMR & HPV Vaccines catch up session**

**Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 April - Year 8 PGL Trip**

**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

On Wednesday, our **Year 12/13 Football team** played at Roundhay School. They unfortunately came away with a 4-2 defeat. Goals were scored by James and Umar.



### Swimming

Betsy in Year 7 represents the City of Leeds Swimming Club in the National Age Group Squad and competed in her first National qualifying gala on 14 March. She swam the 200m Butterfly in an amazing time of 2 minutes 50 seconds, ranking her 15th in the UK!

### KS4&5 Concert Review by Aizah (Year 7)

The Key Stage 4&5 Concert was an unforgettable experience that left the audience in awe. From the moment the first act took the stage, it was clear that the talent that would be displayed from then on would be exceptional. Each performance was infused with passion and energy, showcasing the hard work and dedication of the students. The variety of acts, ranging from solo vocals to group ensembles, created a dynamic atmosphere that kept everyone engaged. It was a true celebration of creativity and artistry, and you could feel the excitement in the air.

As the concert progressed, there were moments that truly gave chills, especially during the standout performances that highlighted the students' talent with their vocal and instrumental skills. The harmonies would take your breath away, and the emotional depth of the music resonated with everyone attending and cheering along. It was inspiring to see young performers shine on a stage, and their enthusiasm was contagious.

Overall, the concert was a remarkable showcase of talent that left an everlasting impression, reminding us of all the great potential we have at Allerton Grange School.

## Piano Man Scholarships

On Monday after school, Joel G, Ben H, Nicholas S and Aditya I took part in a piano masterclass with concert pianist Richard Meyrick. All students performed exceptionally well and took feedback from Richard in a mature manner.

Nicholas performed Chopin and Rachmaninov, Aditya performed Tchaikovsky, Ben played Autumn Leaves and Joel performed a Poissarde from the grade 5 syllabus.

Mrs Casey (Curriculum Leader for Music) said: *"I am extremely proud of the students' preparation for this rather nerve-racking experience but they definitely rose to the challenge and performed well under pressure."*

Congratulations to Nicholas and Aditya on being offered the Piano Man Scholarship for free lessons. This includes free one-to-one lessons - some online plus one in-person lesson each term at a London studio with both Professor Gabriele Baldocci ([Gabriele Baldocci - Concert Pianist - Official Website](#)) and Richard Meyrick.

Gabriele is a professor at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London and Richard Meyrick has spent his career as a concert pianist.

For more info visit:

<http://www.pianomanscholarships.co.uk>



**As You Like It -  
Coram Schools Shakespeare Festival  
By Mr Hansen, Curriculum Leader for  
Drama**

On the evening of Tuesday 11 March, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 performed their abridged version of **As You Like It** to a full house at The Carriageworks in Leeds.

After much hard work they produced an outstanding performance for such a young cast. Each character was well considered and performed with flair and understanding. The feedback from the appraiser was effusive.

*"This was a truly joyful production of As You Like it. From the very beginning I enjoyed your fight sequence, the physical comedy, how the music introduced the characters and the role the ensemble played in building these moments. This lightness and humour continued throughout. I enjoyed your concept and the contrast of the preppy characters we saw at the start and the freedom they found in the Forrest of Arden.*

*This was, at its heart, a love story told with warmth and maturity, and you captured both the romance and the comedy of the narrative beautifully. The final moments, with attentive shaping as the cast listened to Le Beau, led seamlessly into a proper Shakespearean jig - a joyous and fitting ending.*

*This was a clear, funny, and joyful As You Like It from a dynamic and professional company."*



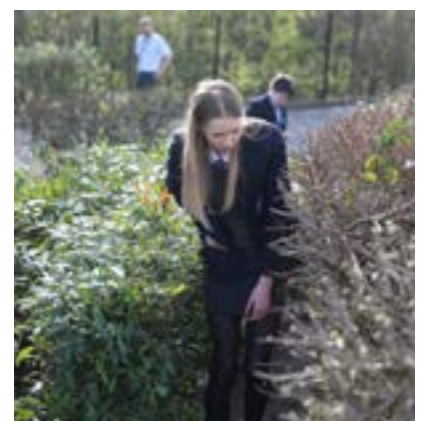
### KS3 Egg Hunt

On Wednesday after school, KS3 students took part in an Egg Hunt, organised by the Year 9 Student Leadership Group.

Earlier this term, students coloured in lots of egg templates during break and lunchtimes. These paper eggs (almost 1000 of them!) were hidden in the playground.

Students worked together in teams or individually to collect the most eggs and see if they would be lucky enough to find a golden egg. When all the paper eggs had been found, the winners received chocolate eggs as prizes. It was lots of fun!

Thank you to the Year 9 Student Leadership Group, Mr Whincup and all the other AGS staff who supported the event.



# Please see below for updates to the After School Activities Timetable.

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

## Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 2 – December to April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Samoa [Lunchtimes] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Make your own!	Jazz Club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M002	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M001/001	KS3 - Coding Club Week 8 002
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-11 Advanced Lockers 3-4.15pm M005/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	Latin Club- All year groups 120	KS4 - Software Development Club Week 8 002
KS4 Theory Club (MUTT) ONLY 3-4pm	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- For all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- For all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Year 7 School of Rock For anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoy playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001	<p><b>ALL YEARS</b> <b>KS3</b> <b>KS4</b> <b>KS5</b></p>
KS5 Theory Club (MUTT) ONLY 3-4pm	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Club Sports Hall 06a 3-4pm Y7 & 8 Girls Football	Years 9 & 10 Table Tennis Club 06a Sports Hall 3-4pm Year 8 Trampoline Sports Hall 02H 3-4pm Year 7 Fitness Fitness Suite 05a 3-4pm	Years 7, 8 & 9 Netball (teams only) 3-4pm Years 8 & 9 Fitness Fitness Suite 05a 3-4pm Year 9 & 10 Girls Football	
		KS4 Science drop-in S002 Chemistry, S001 Physics, S003 Biology 3-4pm Year 11 English Lang. & Lit. revision 1.17 3-4pm	Boys Basketball Years 7 & 8 WEEK A Years 9, 10 & 11 WEEK B Sports Hall 01a 3-4pm Year 9 & 10 Trampoline Sports Hall 05a 3-4pm	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	KS4 - Art catch up A001/1	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch Up 1002/1018	Product Design year 10/11 T002 3-4pm	
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in 151	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in 151	
			EPQ Club Year 12 1001 3-4pm	



## WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE?	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 7 Trampoline	Sports Hall	ECA
	Y7/8 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
	Y7 & 8 Girls Football	Fields	ADE
WEDNESDAY	Year 8 Trampoline	Sports Hall	BCA
	Y7 Fitness	Fitness Suite	JGA
	Y9/10 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
THURSDAY	Year 9/10 Trampoline	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 17<sup>th</sup> March until the Easter Holiday.

**ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.**

**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	Timetable C Year 7		
8:25am		Warning Bell		8:25am	
8:30am	REGISTRATION				8:30am
8:50am	DEAR	DEAR		8:50am	
9:15am	1	1		9:15am	
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	10:05am	
10:55am	BREAK	2		10:30am	
11:15am	3	3		10:50am	
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	11:15am	
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	12:05pm	
1:20pm	5	5		12:30pm	
2:10pm	6	6		12:55pm	
3:00pm				1:20pm	
				2:10pm	
				3:00pm	

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.