



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

I would like to start with sending warm wishes to everyone celebrating this week and over the two week holiday - Wishing Eid Mubarak, Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all.

As this incredibly busy term comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the huge range of accomplishments and experiences that have enriched our school community.

Allerton Grange has been a hive of activity, with our students demonstrating exceptional skills and success across a broad range of disciplines - from the emotive power of our dramatic performances, to the excellence of our musical ensembles, and the athletic triumphs on our sporting fields.

A particular highlight that exemplifies the spirit of our school was the recent PGL Residential Trip. Our students, serving as ambassadors for Allerton Grange, conducted themselves brilliantly. Their behaviour was exemplary, embodying the values we strive to instil in all of our student community. Thank you to the staff members who facilitated this enriching experience - their commitment to our students' growth beyond the classroom is outstanding.

Thank you to our Year 8 Student Leadership Group who have raised £309.40 for St Gemma's Hospice through a raffle and the sale of Easter chicks and mini eggs.

As part of our ongoing stakeholder engagement, we are aware of minor concerns relating to the duration of our lunch period. SLT have completed a detailed review of the school day, and I am pleased to report that we are moving towards a revised model to be implemented from September 2025. While I can assure you that the start and end times of the school day will remain the same, we look forward to sharing the finalised schedule once confirmed.

As we look forward, it is important that our Year 10 students remain focused on the approaching Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) scheduled to start when we return from the holiday, from 22 April 2025. Each student has been provided with their individual timetable, and I encourage all students preparing for exams, including those in Year 11 and Year 13, to have a healthy balance between relaxation and revision during the break.

This term has been a testament to the vibrant tapestry of talent, dedication, and community spirit that defines Allerton Grange. As we temporarily pause our academic pursuits, I wish to say thank you for the collective efforts of our students, staff, and parents in cultivating such a rich and rewarding educational environment.

In closing, my warmest wishes to all for an enjoyable and rejuvenating holiday period. May it provide ample opportunity for reflection on your achievements and renewal of your aspirations for the term ahead.

Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Governors' Newsletter April 2025

As the academic year 2024/25 is approaching the final term of the school year, the governors applaud the hard work and dedication of the staff, students, parents and carers. After a very busy year, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone for their commitment to the values and ethos of Allerton Grange School! A huge thank you!

Once again, the governors have been proactive this year attending a variety of school activities and conducting face-to-face meetings with senior and middle leaders from all Key Stages, Safeguarding, Personal Development, Finance, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Special Educational Needs, and the Quality of Education.

As Chair of Governors, weekly meetings with Andrew Norrington and Mike Roper have continued to take place which allows the governing body to be kept informed of all developments including external reviews, extracurricular activities as well as planning for the next academic year. During my many visits I always enjoy accompanying a senior member of staff to observe lessons and walk around the different departments. It is always a pleasure to see the high-quality learning experiences that our students receive; they are engaged in motivational activities where behaviour and attitudes to learning are exemplary.

Governors were privileged to watch this year's school performance, 'Guys and Dolls', which was outstanding. The amazing costumes, music, props, mature attitudes and acting/singing skills/talent of the students, not forgetting the time and commitment of the many staff involved was nothing less than outstanding. Students have participated in numerous trips/visits and sporting events, which have provided fantastic learning opportunities and new experiences. As always, I am in awe of the talents of our students and staff. It fills me with pride and continues to remind me how privileged I am to hold the position of Chair of Governors at this wonderful school.

The school advertised nationally for a Deputy Headteacher to replace Mr Norrington, following his progression to Headteacher from September 2025. We received 13 applications and 4 candidates were shortlisted. After day 1 of a 2-day robust process, 2 candidates were selected for the formal interview and I am delighted to inform you that Ms Kate Moore, currently Acting Deputy Headteacher, has been appointed.

The Governors at Allerton Grange would like to wish you a pleasant Eid Mubarak, Passover or Easter.

We look forward to the new term and continuing to support and challenge the school in the planning for the next academic year when Mr Norrington takes up his substantive post as Headteacher.

Barbara Trayer

Chair of Governors

Sparx Maths

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 O, Sam, Eashaan and Jaimil.



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.

Dates for your Diary:

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

Tuesday 22 April - Year 10 Pre-Public Exams start

Tuesday 6 May - GCSE Exams start

Tuesday 13 May - A level Exams start

Tuesday 20 to 24 May - Normandy Trip

Monday 26 May - Bank Holiday

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

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

Monday 16 June - Inter Primary Sports Day

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 June - Sports Week

Friday 20 June - End of GCSE and A level exams

Monday 23 June to 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

Wednesday 25 June - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Thursday 26 June - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 26 June - Year 8 Public Speaking Competition

Thursday 26 June - Year 13 Prom

Friday 27 June - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 27 June - Year 7 Public Speaking Competition

Tuesday 1 July - Awards Evening

Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 July - Year 7 Bushcraft
Residential

Thursday 3 July - Sports Awards Dinner

Friday 4 July - Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Wimbledon Trip

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Year 11 into Sixth Form Transition
Days

Wednesday 9 July - KS3 Play, 6.00 pm

Thursday 10 July - Pre Tour concert, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Monday 14 to Thursday 17 July - Music Tour

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:

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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.

University of Leeds Science Trip

On Wednesday 2 April, Year 12 Physics students, along with Mr Knapp and Mrs Wraith, enjoyed a practical day experience at the Department of Physics at Leeds University.

They experienced a challenging undergraduate lab session using oscilloscopes and got experience of using capacitors that will be really helpful in Year 13.

The group were treated to lunch in the student canteen and a full campus tour to showcase the facilities that help make student life in Leeds so good.

Thanks to Erin McNeill from Leeds University for organising, and fingers crossed for a couple of our students heading back there in a couple of years to study!



Year 8 PGL Residential Trip

Mr Tomlinson reports that everyone had a fabulous time at PGL this week. The sun was shining and the smiles were beaming. Pupils used brilliant communication and teamwork skills to complete a variety of activities such as Archery Tag, High Ropes Courses, Laser Tag, Canoeing, Aeroball, Fencing and Frisbee!

Many pupils made new friends and encouraged each other to succeed, with support and guidance given when needed.



Faber and Faber Visitor

This week, Year 7 students had a visit from Faber and Faber publishers.

Judith Gates came to speak to students all about careers within the publishing industry and teach us how books go from being initial ideas to finished printed and published books.

Did you know that a lot of the books you own are actually printed as a pair, meaning someone else somewhere in the world had the other half of your printed book!



We learnt that whatever skills we have, they have a place within the publishing industry; from those who enjoy practical or engineering work and might like to work in the printing house, to those with the gift of the gab who could go out to sell the books to retailers, and of course, future authors with amazing ideas for new books! Thank you for your time and for sharing your industry with us, Judith.

Drama News

Our talented students have been busy outside of school.

This week, **Oliver in Year 9** is performing in a production of **Les Miserables** with Bradford Catholic Players.

Recently, **Alfie in Year 9** performed at York Theatre Royal as part of **The National Theatre's Connections Festival**.

Sara Belal, who left Allerton Grange at the end of Year 11 in 2023 to go to CAPA College in Wakefield, was on **Big Night At The Musicals** that's currently on BBC iPlayer.

Northern School of Contemporary Dance - Verve Day

On Wednesday this week, 12 passionate dancers from KS3 visited the Northern School of Contemporary Dance for an incredible day of dance. We started the day with a workshop, led by dancers from the Verve.



Students learnt a section of contemporary dance that required amazing focus and attention to detail. Contemporary dance was new to some of our students, but they rose to the challenge brilliantly and impressed the teachers with their eagerness to learn and their ability to move their bodies and use facial expressions as well as movement to tell a story.



We then heard all about careers within the industry, from on stage performers to teachers, administrators and everyone involved in the Conservatoire.

To finish the day, we watched a mesmerising performance by the Verve. Their strength, stamina, performance skills and the choreography was inspiring and we all felt very lucky to see them perform.

It was a truly special day and one which our students learnt a great deal from.

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
Samba @ lunchtime! For anyone who loves drums & rhythm. Music pot Share 9	Sax club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers. 3-4.15pm M007	Junior Concert Band Grade 2-5 Musician - M005	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS1 - Coding Club Week 8 E02
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 9-11 Adrenaline Rockers 3-4.15pm M001/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musician - M005	Latin Club- All year groups 3.30	KS4 - Software Development Club Week 8 E03
KS4 Theory Club BYOTE 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 in a group 3-4.15pm M008	<div>ALL YEARS</div> <div>KS3</div> <div>KS4</div> <div>KS5</div>
KS5 Theory Club BYOTE ONLY 3-4pm	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Club Sports Hall 3-4pm	Years 9 & 10 Table Tennis Club 3-4pm Sports Hall 3-4pm	Years 7, 8 & 9 Netball (teams only) 3-4pm	
	Yr 7 & 8 Girls Football	Year 8 Trampoline Sports Hall K001 3-4pm	Years 8 & 9 Fitness Fitness Suite K04 3-4pm	
	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall CCA/CCA 3-4pm	Years 7 Fitness Fitness Suite K04 3-4pm	Year 9 & 10 Girls Football	
		KS4 Science drop-in K007 Chemistry, N011 Physics, N009 Biology 3-4pm	Boys Basketball Years 7 & 8 M018 A Years 9, 10 & 11 M006 B Sports Hall D02 3-4pm	
		Year 11 English Lang. & Lit. revision L02 3-4pm	Year 9 & 10 Trampoline Sports Hall CCA 3-4pm	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	
		KS4 - Art catch up A001/3	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch up T002/T018	Product Design year 10/11 T002 3-4pm	
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L03	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L03	
			EPQ Club Year 12 K001 3-4pm	



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

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

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		Timetable B		Timetable C	
Years 10/11/12/13		Years 8/9		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	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3		2		10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	4	12:05pm
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	LUNCH	12:30pm
1:20pm	5			5	12:55pm
2:10pm	6			6	1:20pm
3:00pm		After School Provisions/Detentions begin			2:10pm
					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.