



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

The [safe@allertongrange.com](mailto:safe@allertongrange.com) email address will continued to be monitored throughout the half term holiday for students to get in touch if they need support. There are also resources available on the [Safeguarding pages of the school website](#).

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding half-term here at Allerton Grange, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on just how much has been packed into these past few weeks.

First and foremost, a huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. They've shown incredible focus and resilience as they've tackled their exams — we know how demanding this time of year can be, and their hard work and determination have truly been inspiring. It's a real credit to both them and the supportive environment we're proud to foster here at school.

Although this half-term has flown by, it's been filled with big moments and meaningful achievements. One of the major events was our recent OFSTED inspection. As you can imagine, it was a thorough and intense process, but also a brilliant opportunity to highlight the fantastic teaching and learning that takes place every day. Our students continue to impress us with their engagement in the KLAS curriculum — their curiosity and enthusiasm are a joy to witness as they tackle challenging ideas and make real progress.

Of course, education at Allerton Grange goes far beyond the classroom. Our students have continued to shine in sports — they reflect the teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship that are so important to us and to their development.

We're also delighted to report that the trip to Normandy is going brilliantly. The updates coming back from the group paint a fantastic picture of cultural exploration and hands-on learning. A massive thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make this trip happen — their time, care, and commitment make these kinds of unforgettable experiences possible.

Looking ahead, we'd like to give you a quick update on uniform. With the warm weather likely to continue, we're going to stick with our summer uniform expectations after the break. This means students can continue to wear their PE kits to school. We'll review this again once we're back, depending on how the weather holds up.

As we head into the break, I want to say thank you — to our students, our dedicated staff, and to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. It's this strong sense of community that makes Allerton Grange such a special place. We're proud of everything our students are achieving and excited for what lies ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term.

**Warm regards,**

**Andrew Norrington**  
**(Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

**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**

**Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 June - Valencia Trip**

**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**

**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**

### Yorkshire Visually Impaired Cricket Club

The Yorkshire Vikings visually impaired cricket club is holding an open day & taster event at Horbury Bridge CC on Sunday 25 May from 1pm to 4pm.

The event is open to VI people of all ages and abilities. This is a great opportunity to meet some members and to have a go at the great game of cricket.

Please feel free to call in at any time throughout the 3 hour event and stay as long as you like. Drinks are available and a food van will open at 3pm, with live music from 4pm after the cricket.

The ground address is: -  
Horbury Bridge CC  
Storrs Hill Road  
Horbury  
WF4 5PL.

Situated behind the Horse & Jockey at the bottom of the hill, with parking down the left hand side of the ground.

For further information, please contact John Garbett (Development Officer).  
Mobile: 07769 909906

Email: [johngarbett7@gmail.com](mailto:johngarbett7@gmail.com)

## 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:

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.

## Sports Fixtures

### Rounders

On Monday 19 May, it was the first of two rounders tournaments for **Year 9**.

Our **B team** played two games and scored 7 ½ rounders in total, coming third in their pool.

The **A team** took part in three games and scored an incredible 31 rounders overall, finishing first in their pool. The second round is on 11 June, and, if the A team win again, we will progress to the finals for the second year in a row.

On Wednesday 21 May, our **Year7/8 boys' Rounders team** played at Roundhay, winning all the four matches they played and are currently at the top of the league table.



### Cricket

On Tuesday 20 May, our **U15 Girls Cricket team** travelled to Hunslet Nelson CC to take part in the West Yorkshire round of the Chance to Compete competition.

Our first game was against Leeds West Academy and we chose to field first. We kept their score to 39 for 7, with Edie bowling one out, Skye catching two, Holly stumping one player and Amrit making two incredible catches and bowling one out. Our batting was superb in this game, securing the win with 87 runs.

Our next game was against Kettlethorpe. They set a great target of 90 and we could only score 77. However, we did progress in second place to play against Shelley College in the semi finals. This was a very tense game but we held our nerves and won by 4 runs, so into the final we went to play a local derby against Allerton High. Unfortunately, they beat us in the final. However, as second overall, we get to progress to the Yorkshire Finals at Ampleforth College on Friday 13 June. Superb achievement by the whole team, well done!

## Swimming Success

Earlier this month, Harrison in Year 8 competed, over three weekends, in the Swim England North East Regional Championships 2025.

Harrison made it to five finals and gained PB (personal bests) in all of them. On the last day of racing, Sunday 11 May, he won gold in the 200m Breaststroke final and is now North East Regional Champion. He now has a place in the Swim England ranking system and is expected to be invited to swim at the British Championships.

The whole event was streamed live on YouTube and it was amazing to see the hard work and dedication pay off for Harrison and his friends, including other AGS swimmers!





## Celebration of Oracy Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English

I was incredibly lucky to get to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 14 May. The event was a celebration of those working in Education and Skills. I was invited by the English Speaking Union (ESU) in recognition of the work I've done with them and for the focus we have on oracy here in the AGS English department.



On that note, speech season is in full swing here at AGS, with all students from Year 7 through to 10 working on their speeches. KS3 have their Public Speaking Competitions coming up and Year 10 are preparing for their GCSE Spoken Language assessment. They've all been learning about the Aristotelian triad of ethos (establishing connection and credibility), pathos (using emotion and tugging on the heartstrings of the audience), and logos (using logic and reasoning to be convincing and compelling) as they craft their speeches. It is joyful to hear our students' voices reverberating around our classrooms! I always love finding out what students have chosen to speak about - and why. Please do discuss with your young people and help them to practise at home. As we all know, public speaking can be daunting, but the key to success is in lots and lots of practice, getting feedback and trying again, and of course making sure you've done your research fully before you write your speech so that you know what you're talking about and feel confident in doing so.

Our fabulous team of English teachers are supporting students through this process so if there are any worries please encourage them to speak to their teacher. We are so excited to hear our students speak and we know they'll be just brilliant, even if they are worried about the experience.

I'll leave you with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt (who was not only an outspoken advocate for civil rights but also a powerful and highly-respected public speaker):

*"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."*

## Sparx Maths

This year in Maths, years 7-10 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: Sam, Zoe, Arman, Thea and Emaan. 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.



## Travelling to School Consultation Have Your Say by 11 June 2025

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would like to have your views on how they can best support travel to school.

As a parent or carer of a pupil currently attending secondary school, they want to understand you and your child's needs, to help shape future plans.

The consultation opened on 23 April and you have until 11 June 2025 to participate. The survey is open to those aged 13 and over, so we encourage eligible pupils to also take part.

To find out more and complete the survey, visit:

[yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel](https://yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel)

[Read the consultation letter here.](#)

Transport for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and school bus services to primary schools are not part of this consultation and will remain unaffected.

GCSE and A Level  
Fine Art, Photography  
Textiles and  
3D Design

Thursday 5th June 2025  
6:00pm - 8pm



## End of Year Summer Exhibition

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS

### SEND Next Choices

Getting ready for adult life



**Tuesday 24 June 2025**

Leeds first direct arena

Scan the QR code to book your  
free ticket or visit [bit.ly/send25](https://bit.ly/send25)



This event will bring together a wide range of organisations who can answer your queries about what to do next if you have a special educational need and/or a disability. Find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, supported internships, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, benefits and organisations who can help you.

Young people, parents, carers, teachers and support workers are all welcome!



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### School Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year, and for Year 11 the end of GCSEs, please consider donating outgrown uniform, particularly blazers, ties, jumpers and PE kit to our Uniform Exchange. Please bring any uniform items to main reception.

### Lost Property

As ever, we have a lot of lost items at main reception. If your child has lost something in school, please ask them to check Lost Property by Friday 6 June 2025. After this date, it will be emptied and donated.

Please remember to put your child's name on their belongings to help lost items be returned to them.

Thanks for your support.



## 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

#### Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Samba [Lunchtimes] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	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 M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week A & B I002
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	Latin Club- All year groups L20	<b>ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5</b>
KS4 Theory Club INVITE 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 enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001	
KS5 Theory Club INVITE ONLY 3-4pm	Year 7 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Years 9 & 10 Rounders Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 7 Cricket Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Years 7 & 8 Girls Rounders Field 3-4pm Eca & Ade	Years 7 & 8 Boys Rounders Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Athletics Field 3-4pm DTo, Ade, Eca	
	Years 8 & 9 Girls Cricket Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 8 & 9 Boys Cricket Field 3-4pm DTo	GCSE Revision L44 3-4pm BCa	
	Years 7 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	KS4 Science drop-in S002 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S009 Biology 3-4pm	KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	
	Softball Field 3-4pm SNo	Year 11 English Lang. & Lit. revision L32 3-4pm	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	Years 10 & 11 Product Design T002 3-4pm	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch Up T002/T01B	EPQ Club Year 12 I001 3-4pm	
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		



## WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 7 & 8 Rounders (Girls) Y7 Boys Rugby Softball Y7/8/9 Girls Cricket	Field Field Field MUGA	ECA & ADE JGA SNO BCA
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Year 9 & 10 Rounders Y7 & 8 Boys Rounders Y8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Field Field Field	BCA SNO DTo
<b>THURSDAY</b>	All Years Athletics Y7 Boys Cricket  GCSE Revision	Field Field  L044	DTo, ADE, ECA JGA  BCA

**YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.**

**Sheets are outside the PE Office.**

**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.