



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of the first half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and energising eight weeks at Allerton Grange School. The start of the academic year has been filled with enthusiasm, achievement, and a strong sense of community, and I am incredibly proud of how our students and staff have embraced the term.

A particular highlight has been today's **Culture Day**, which brought together the vibrancy and diversity of our school community in a celebration of identity, heritage, and unity. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff who contributed to the success of the day, and especially to our **Student Leadership Teams**, whose dedication and creativity ensured a brilliant experience for everyone involved. Their efforts exemplify the values we hold dear at Allerton Grange.

We also celebrated sporting success this week, with our **Padel teams** achieving victory at regional level - an outstanding accomplishment! Full details of their performance and the tournament can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to all involved!

We couldn't be prouder of all our brilliant students who took part in last night's KS4/5 music concert.

It was a truly fantastic evening, showcasing an incredible range of talent, dedication, and passion. From powerful solos to beautifully coordinated ensembles, every performance was a testament to the hard work and creativity of our young musicians. Their confidence and professionalism lit up the stage and left the audience thoroughly inspired. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making it such a memorable night.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue strengthening our partnership with parents and carers. As part of our ongoing commitment to **Parental Engagement**, we will be working collaboratively with **ParentKind** later in the year, aiming to achieve **Parent-Friendly Schools accreditation**. This initiative will help us ensure that your voices are heard and that our school continues to be a welcoming and inclusive environment for all families.

If you would like to be kept informed and added to our prospective parent/carers group and mailing list, please register your interest by emailing agadmin@allertongrange.com.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the experiences and outcomes of our students. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Leeds City Council Admission Policy Consultation

Leeds City Council is consulting on the 2027/28 admission policy for Leeds Community and Voluntary controlled schools under the Admission Code. All the information can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations

You can share your views until 1 December 2025.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 27 to Friday 31 October - Half Term (School is closed)

Monday 3 November - Start of Half Term 2

Monday 3 November - Year 11 and Year 13 Year Group Photos

Monday 10 November - Year 9 DofE Parents Information Evening, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 13 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm [Book your place](#)

Monday 17 to Friday 21 November - Book Fair in the Library

Tuesday 18 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening - online appointments

Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December - Year 11 Pre Public Exams

Thursday 11 December - World of Music Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Monday 15 to Friday 19 December - Rewards Assemblies

Friday 19 December - Last Day of Term

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 5 January - Training Day (School closed to students)

Wednesday 7 January - Exam Certificate Collection, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Training Days 2025-26

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Parents' Information Evenings 2025-26

We have an online booking system for Parents' Evenings

<https://agrange.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For the 2025-26 academic year Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. You will receive a letter from school prompting you to book your appointments.

- 6 October 2025 - Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 18 November 2025 - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 4 December 2025 - Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 8 January 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 28 January 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 February 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm







Thank you to everyone who took part in Black History Month activities and celebrated our shared history.

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:
Arhaan, Sam, Zaki, Hedda and Jacob.

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.



Sports Fixture Results

Padel

On Tuesday, we had some amazing success at the inaugural **Leeds Schools Padel Tournament**. We took two teams to a competition event at Slazenger Padel hosted by JM Padel (Jason Manford).

Team 1: Jasper, Jude and Ryan

Team 2: Holly, Skye and Barney

In the morning, the two teams played in a group of four teams, with **Team 1** winning all of their games, finishing first in their group. The mixed team, **Team 2**, won two of their games and managed to finish in second place.

This meant that in the afternoon both teams made it through to the knockout event. Unfortunately, **Team 2** lost in the quarter finals.

Team 1 made it all the way through to the final, where they played Carr Manor, to see who would be crowned champions. After a slow start, where they went 0-1 down, they then went on to win 6 matches in a row to win the first set 6-1. They then won the second set 6-2 and were therefore crowned champions.

The team now get the opportunity to represent AGS at the national schools finals in July, with the winners of this then getting a Padel trip to Spain paid for by JM Padel!



Football

The **Year 10/11 girls' Football team** won 7-0 in their Cup match vs Ralph Thoresby.

Our **Year 7 boys' Football team** lost 2-1 against Garforth in the League, and lost 2-1 against Farnley in the Cup.



The **Year 9 boys' Football team** lost 9-3 to Benton Park.

Rugby

Our **Year 7 boys' Rugby team** won their Rhinos development group by beating Abbey Grange and drawing with Leeds West Academy.

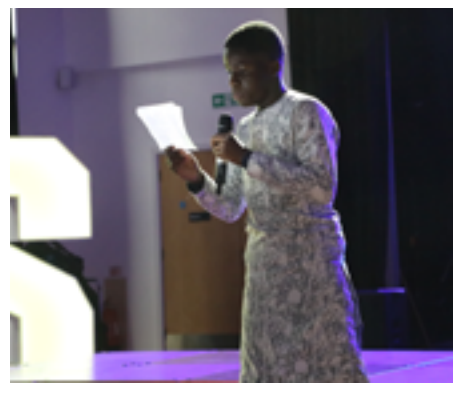


Thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students to have opportunities to take part in competitive sport.

Today, we celebrated the diversity within Allerton Grange School at Culture Day.

All students went to a Culture Day assembly, heard inspirational messages from other students, watched musical performances and saw a wide range of countries represented in the 'Catwalk of Culture'. There were opportunities at break times to visit a range of stalls to buy snacks, have a henna design painted or hair plaited, to name a few. In MFL lessons, Year 7 and Year 9 students did taster sessions in Urdu, Italian and Mandarin.

Thank you to the Sixth Form Leadership Team, all the Student Leaders in KS3 and KS4, and Mrs Mills, Mrs Braim and all the other staff who supported Culture Day.





After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm (30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm (60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm (90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.

Sixth Form Physics Trip

On Wednesday, Mr Knapp took Year 12 and Year 13 Physicists to the Royal Institution's Youth Summit at Leeds University.

In the morning, the students were able to watch lectures from University academics about space science including the quest to find life on other planets and how penguin poo can be spotted on satellite images by glaciologists! In the afternoon, they took part in discussions with leading thinkers on a range of topics regarding our attitude to space, its exploration and resources. Over the day, their attitude and opinions were recorded and will help shape the script for this Christmas's Royal Institution lectures with Dame Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

Keep your eyes peeled for interviews with Benji, James, and Matthew!



Allerton Grange School: Park and Stride

Help us to keep our students and local community safe, as well as encouraging your children to develop independence and healthy habits by walking part of their journey to and from school.

Drop your child off further away from school to reduce congestion and improve safety

Park and Stride is an easy way to change travel habits. Parents and carers are encouraged to park a 5 to 10 minute walk away from school and allow children to walk the rest of the way.

Benefits of Park and Stride

- ✓ Reduces traffic and congestion near school entrances
- ✓ Improves safety for children
- ✓ Lowers pollution levels
- ✓ Shows courtesy to local residents by avoiding blocked driveways and pavements

Safety Reminders

- ⊗ Do not park on zig-zag lines or pavements
- ✓ Avoid blocking driveways or junctions
- ✓ Use designated crossings & hold hands with younger children



Thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe.

SEND Support

Family Hubs SEND parent drop ins

Family hubs are designed to support families by bringing together a range of services into one easy-to-access space. Whether you need parenting advice, health support, education guidance, or help navigating local services, our family hubs are here to help.

Family hubs act as a vital link between families and community support, offering a holistic approach to meet individual family needs. They are also a space where families can connect with others in their community.

The SEND Coordinators within the Family Hubs are hosting SEND parent drop in:

Outer West Family Hub

Last Thursday of the month, 9 am till 12 pm at Horsforth Library.

Inner West Family Hub

Last Wednesday of the month, 9.30 am till 12 pm at Armley Community Hub.

Book your place now

Book your place by calling 0113 535 0185 or emailing family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk quoting the drop in you would like to book a place for, upon booking you will be given a time slot.

Parent carer support group network event

Thursday 23 October, 10 am till 12.30 pm at Pudsey Civil Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley LS28 5TA

The event is for parents and carers to hear from the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, find out about the new Family Hubs, learn about RADAR and Short Breaks, and network with other parent carer support groups and hear about their groups, activities and events for families.

Book your place at:

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

Preparation for adulthood: friends, relationships and community

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop healthy friendships and relationships. We will be exploring the factors that can present challenges for autistic and ND children and young people and how to effectively promote positive social inclusion, consent and how to navigate the social world safely in the early years through to early adulthood. We will be exploring and sharing key resources and approaches to promote healthy social opportunities for children and young people.

STARS training (parents and professionals)

These workshops aim to provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

For parents, to book, please email send@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Sensory support in the home

Wednesday 5 November 2025, 9.45 till 11.15 am

This session will give a brief introduction to sensory processing and regulation, exploring its importance in supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people. The session will also offer advice around sensory support strategies that can be implemented in the home.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 1 – September to December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9) (onch/lines) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music god Store 9	Years 8-11 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M005 TCa & DNa	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R005 LMO/CBa *
Little shop of Horrors PR Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDe	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R002 LMO/ CHu *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDe	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	Year 7 School of Rock- for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	* Each term the club will explore a different programme ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D003 KSp/ CHu	Years 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	Girls Football Field 3-4pm KAI	Years 7 & 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm ECa	
	Years 7 Boys Football Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Badminton Sports Hall 3-4pm SNo	Year 9 Football Field 3-4pm DTo	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd	Years 8 Boys Football Field 3-4pm DTo	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa		Year 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	
	Little shop of Horrors Male Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm U002 SDe	
	Years 7 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm U006 Dna			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop in session for KS3 L15 3-4pm M004			



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 9/10/11 Netball	MUGA	JAD
	Girls Rugby	Fields	ECA
	Year 7 Boy's Football	Fields	SNO
	Year 9 + 10 Rugby	Fields	JGA
WEDNESDAY	Girl's Football	Fields	KAI
	All Year's Badminton (SNO)	Sports Hall	SNO
	Year 8 Boys Football	Fields	DTO
THURSDAY	Year 7+8 Netball	MUGA	ECA
	Year 9 Football	Fields	DTO
	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby (JGA)	Fields	JGA

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS
Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.
These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Little Shop of Horrors Musical Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

Extra Curricular Drama

We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become
(Augusto Boal)



MONDAY

Little Shop of Horrors
Dance

Invite only

3-4

D001



TUESDAY

Year 7 Drama Club
All Welcome

3-4

HALL



TUESDAY

Little Shop of Horrors
Main parts

Invite only

3-4

D002



WEDNESDAY

Year 8 and 9
Drama Club
All Welcome

3-4

D001



FRIDAY

Little Shop of Horrors
Full Company
Invite Only

3-4

HALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MRS SPENCER-MATTHEWS OR MISS HULLOCK

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26

