



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we draw towards the end of another term, it has been yet another busy and enriching week across school. The energy and commitment shown by our students, staff and wider community continue to be a real strength, and it has been a pleasure to see so many positive moments as the term moves towards its conclusion.

A particular highlight of the week was Thursday evening's **Music Spring Concert**, which was a truly uplifting celebration of talent, dedication and creativity across our school community. The standard of performance was exceptional, showcasing not only the musical ability of our students but also the commitment, discipline and confidence they bring to their craft. My sincere thanks go to all staff who gave up their time to support rehearsals and the event itself, as well as to the staff band for their stunning performance on the night. I would also like to make special mention of our Year 13 musicians and technicians, who have given so much back to AGS over the years through their leadership, expertise and willingness to support others. Their contribution to the life of the school and our wider community has been immense, and the concert was a fitting reflection of that legacy.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended the **Year 8 Consultation Evening** this week. It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout and to witness the constructive and supportive conversations taking place between home and school. These opportunities to work together are invaluable in ensuring every student continues to make strong progress, and your engagement is very much appreciated.

Our Year 9 students have also enjoyed another highlight of the week, making the most of the improved weather as they embarked on their **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition**. Experiences such as these play a vital role in developing resilience, teamwork and independence, and the enthusiasm shown by students was clear to see. As always, my sincere thanks go to all staff involved for their time, commitment and careful planning in making these opportunities possible.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support in helping us to maintain **high standards of uniform**. These expectations are very clear and are outlined in student planners and on the school website should anything need clarification. Your support in this area helps to reinforce our shared commitment to high standards and a strong sense of school identity.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, hard work and partnership. There is much to be proud of, and I look forward to sharing more celebrations with you as the term concludes. Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 30 March - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, CATCH Leeds LS8 3QY

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 March - Easter Treats sale during KS3 breaktimes - Raising money for St Gemma's Hospice

Thursday 2 April - Non-uniform day - £1 suggested donation for St Gemma's Hospice

Friday 3 April - Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday 6 to Friday 17 April - Easter Holidays (School Closed)

Monday 20 to Thursday 30 April - Year 10 PPEs (Pre Public Exams)

Tuesday 21 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Wednesday 22 April - Social Science London Trip Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Thursday 23 April - German Trip Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start

Wednesday 6 May - Year 12 Next Steps Day

Friday 8 to Saturday 9 May - KS5 Music Trip

Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 May - Social Science Residential

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

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Monday 30 March 2026

9.30 am to 11.00 am

at CATCH Leeds, ARK, Hovingham Avenue, Leeds LS8 3QY

We are holding an informal coffee morning to give Allerton Grange School parents and carers the chance to meet members of our team, get to know us and ask questions.

During the session, we will be able to help you get set up on ClassCharts, to help you keep in touch with school.

Members of the KS3 and KS4 team will be available to talk about how we can support your child in school.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Join Us For

A 4 Weeks Training Workshop On Neurodiversity & Inclusion

An interactive training aimed at community leaders, professionals, educators and parents to increase knowledge on neurodiversity and provide tools and strategies to support neurodiverse children from minority ethnic communities.

WHY JOIN?

- Gain a deeper understanding of neurodiversity and its impact on individuals and communities especially from minority ethnic communities.
- Learn to adopt a strengths-based approach when supporting neurodivergent individuals.
- Explore cultural nuances that influence how neurodiversity is perceived within ethnic minority communities.
- Develop skills to engage parents from diverse backgrounds in meaningful conversations about their neurodivergent children.
- Learn how to break cultural barriers and misconceptions to provide better support.



STARTING
APRIL 3RD, 2025
EVERY THURSDAY | 7:30PM - 9PM

SPONSORED BY:
Leeds Community Foundation
St George Marsh Trust



<https://bit.ly/AfriKindnessNeurodiversityTraining>

Allerton Grange School Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



All welcome - join us for a chat over tea/coffee & biscuits

Monday 30 March 2026
9.30 am to 11.00 am

CATCH Leeds
ARK, Hovingham Avenue, LS8 3QY

Sports Fixture Results

Football

Congratulations to Seth in Year 8 who will be representing Academy One, a Junior Premier League Football Team, at an international tournament in Barcelona next week.

Cross Country

On Saturday, Year 7 students Zac and Harry represented West Yorkshire Schools in the Year 7 & primary schools cross country championships at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. The West Yorkshire team were 2nd in the team competition, behind Hertfordshire in the 10 to score competition. Zac was 23rd (2nd West Yorkshire scorer) and Harry 79th (10th West Yorkshire scorer).



UK Health Security Agency

MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.

New Head Students

Congratulations to Rabiya and Shanveer who have been appointed as Head Students after a competitive application and interview process.

We look forward to working with them over the coming year.



Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email sixthform@allertongrange.com

KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish. To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.

Year 7 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ

YEAR 7 duolingo COMPETITION

www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!

Not yet on your profile? Then click on the settings menu to create Duolingo for Schools and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 8 duolingo COMPETITION

www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!

Not yet on your profile? Then click on the settings menu to create Duolingo for Schools and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 9 duolingo COMPETITION

www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ

Already using Duolingo on your phone? Add the school code to your account!

Not yet on your profile? Then click on the settings menu to create Duolingo for Schools and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

KS4&5 Spring Concert

Wow! What a concert! Our Spring Concert is always a highlight of our year, where our student musicians showcase their talents with their exam performances.

Last night, there were exceptional performances from students in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 across a range of genres, along with songs from the School of Rock, Choir, Chamber Choir and Concert band, as well as a surprise performance from our staff band.

We also marked the last concert performance for Year 13 students Ben, Oscar, Archie, Oliver, Hannah, Indigo, Danny, Aditya, Lenny, Frank, Amelia, Molly and Charlotte.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support. Our final concert of the year will be the pre-tour concert on Thursday 9 July from 6.00 pm.





Concert Photos by Lilia, Year 12

Year 8 Celebration Breakfast

This morning, Year 8 students attended a celebration breakfast to recognise their achievements this term. Well done everyone!



Music News

We are incredibly proud of Daniel in Year 13 who has been awarded the prestigious ABRSM (Associate Board of the Royal Schools of Music) scholarship by the Royal Northern College of Music for his undergraduate studies from September.

Congratulations to Archie in Year 13 who also has a place to study at the Royal Northern College of Music next year.

Sam in Year 10 achieved a grade 6 distinction in his piano exam.

Easter Holiday Promotion from Hollywood Bowl



Hollywood Bowl would like to offer all parents and families of Allerton Grange School an Easter holiday offer of 50% off bowling when booked online and before 11am.

To take advantage of this incredible offer, simply make the booking online using the promotional code: BUNNY50. (T&C apply, offer only available during Easter break and online bookings only).

Inclusion Advisory Team

Parent, Carer, Professional Workshops

These workshops provide information for parents and carers of children and young people living in Leeds who are autistic or who are believed to be neurodivergent. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Preparation for Adulthood - Employment Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9.45 - 11.15 am

This online Teams session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting young people to identify their strengths and interests and how this can inform their aspirations for the future. We will be exploring resources and approaches to plan the steps to employment such as preparing for an interview through to opportunities in employment and how to effectively self-advocate in the workplace and request adjustments.

Please email SEND@leeds.gov.uk to book your place.

Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Routine child immunisation prevents 5000 deaths and 228,000 hospital admissions every year in England. Vaccination is one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water.

Find out more <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

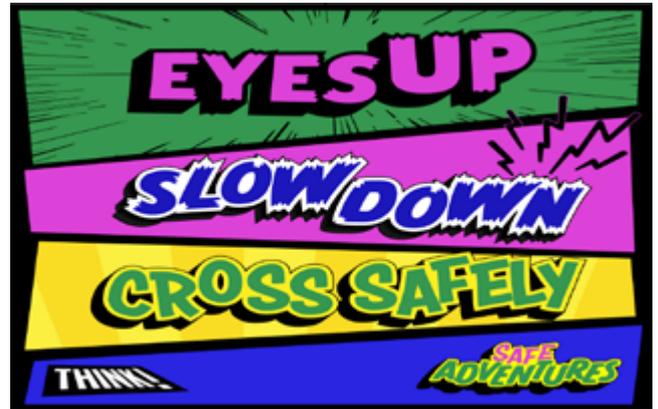


Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	
	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Latin Club - All year groups L20	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/CBa *
	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu	Years 9, 10 & 11 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JGA	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	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ CBa *
	Years 7 & 8 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD	Years 8 & 9 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa	* Each term the club will explore a different programme
	Basketball Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			
	Debate Club - students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

Clubs run from 3-4pm starting from January

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Fitness Y7/8 Basketball	Fitness Suite Sports Hall	JAD DTO
WEDNESDAY	Trampoline Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11	Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite	KAI SNO JGA
THURSDAY	Trampoline Y7 Table Tennis 9/10	Sports Main Hall	ECA SNO

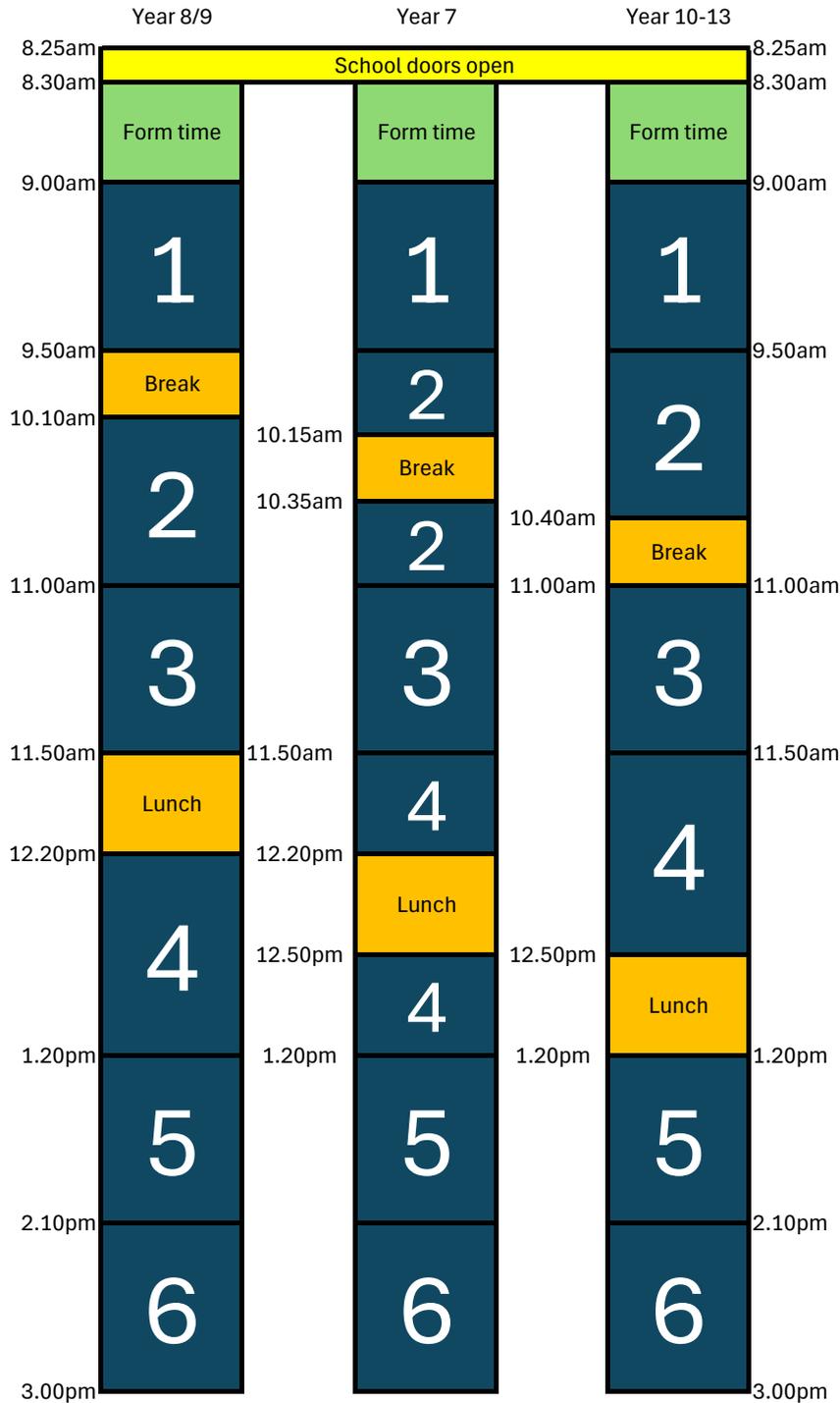
YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS
Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.
 These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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)
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

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



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.