



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding week at Allerton Grange School, it is a pleasure to reflect on the many positives across our community.

The **summer examination series** has begun strongly, and I would like to commend our students for the mature and thoughtful manner in which they are supporting one another. Our adjusted end-of-day exit routines have been met with real understanding and kindness, ensuring that those sitting exams can do so in a calm and respectful environment. Thank you to all students for embodying these expectations so well, it truly reflects our values as a school community.

We were also delighted this week to receive the **Red Kite Alliance RED Award**. This recognition celebrates our work in promoting equality, diversity, respect for individuals and strong community cohesion.

I am particularly proud that our Deputy Headteacher, Lucy Saunders, was presented with the award on behalf of the school. This is a testament to the collective commitment of staff and students alike in creating an inclusive and supportive environment.



A heartfelt thank you goes to all our staff, who continue to go above and beyond for our students. This week's **Year 12 Next Steps Day** was a great example, providing invaluable guidance on UCAS applications, careers pathways and essential life skills as students prepare for Year 13.

Our wider enrichment programme has also been thriving. We were pleased to host a fantastic **University of Law workshop for our Year 10 students**, giving them an insight into potential future pathways.

Finally, I had the privilege of ending the week **litter picking in the local community with our Year 7 students**. They demonstrated our core virtues of respect and responsibility with pride, well done to them all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

We are here to support students to be able to achieve their best in their exams. Outside of school, there are [resources available from Mind to help with managing exam stress](#)

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 May - Social Science
London Residential

Tuesday 12 May - A level Exams start

Wednesday 13 to 15 May - Year 8 PGL Trip

Monday 25 to Friday 29 May - Half Term Holiday -
School Closed

Monday 1 June - School reopens

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June - Year 8 End of Year Trip

Monday 8 to Friday 12 June - Year 8 & 9 Rhineland
Trip

Thursday 11 June - Art & Technology Exhibition, 6.00 -
8.00 pm

Monday 15 to Friday 19 June - AGS Sports Week

Friday 19 June - End of GCSE and A level exams

Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 June - New Year 7
Transition Days

Tuesday 23 June - Parents Information Evening for
New Year 7 students starting September 2026, 4.30 -
6.00 pm

Wednesday 24 June - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June - Year 7 End of Year
Trip

Friday 26 June - Year 11 Prom - Tickets available from
ParentPay

Tuesday 30 June - Awards Evening

Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 July - Year 7 Bushcraft
Residential

Monday 6 July - Music Transition Project Concert

Monday 6 to Tuesday 7 July - Wimbledon Trip

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July - Year 9 End of Year Trip

Friday 10 to Thursday 16 July - Lake Garda Music Trip

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July - Year 10 End of
Year Trip

Friday 17 July - Last day of Summer Term
(Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July - Training Days)

Sunday 19 July - Leeds Pride Parade

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



University of Leeds Classics Competition

The Classics department had the fantastic opportunity to take eight of our Key Stage 3 students to the University of Leeds to compete in a competition based on recreating Classical myths. The event brought together schools from across Yorkshire including Batley Girls School, Kelmscott School, Bradford Grammar and Abbey Grange.

During the morning, students participated in engaging taster sessions in Greek and Latin followed by a short lesson in mythology. Here, our students truly shone, confidently sharing their impressive knowledge of mythological stories and characters with Emma Stafford, Professor of Greek Culture at the University of Leeds, who was wonderfully encouraging and enthusiastic about their ideas.

In the afternoon, the competition reached the final stages as our two finalists performed their original poems and stories to an audience that included a panel of judges from the University of Leeds. Daisy in Year 8 performed her poem on the myth of Cupid and Psyche and Navanpreet in Year 7 performed her own retelling of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. Both students delivered creative and engaging pieces, making us incredibly proud.

A special congratulations goes to Navanpreet, who won in her category! The judges commenting on her confidence as well as her unique and creative take on the story of Orpheus and Eurydice.

Well done to all eight students for representing us so brilliantly and for embracing the challenges of the day with confidence and enthusiasm.

Happy Birthday to Sir David Attenborough

Today, the Geography department is celebrating the very special milestone of Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday.

Sir David has spent his life inspiring generations to explore, respect, and protect our planet. His work has transformed our understanding of the natural world and highlights why environmental responsibility has never been more important.

To mark the occasion, we're sharing the BBC's tribute to his incredible life and legacy with KS3 today. [Attenborough at 100 - BBC iPlayer](#)

Alumni News

A former student has been in touch to share news on what they've been up to:

Annabel reports that she recently completed her EPQ, for which she designed and made a historically accurate 16th-century Tudor gown from scratch! In September, Annabel will be going to Wimbledon College of Arts (University of the Arts London) to study costume.



Sports Fixture Results

Football (girls)

Year 10/11 girls' Football team played the semi final vs Horsforth high school. Unfortunately, they lost 6-0 but the team have done amazingly well to reach this stage of the competition and show they are one of the 4 best teams in Leeds.

Rounders

Year 9 girls went to Roundhay to compete in a **Rounders** tournament against other local schools. The team did brilliantly and performed with great etiquette and sportsmanship. They managed to finish 3rd out of a hard group of teams.

Rugby (boys)

We hosted the Rhinos try 9's event at Allerton Grange. Our **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** won 1 and lost 4 of our 5 games. However, Logan did get scouted for the Leeds Rhinos Talent Pathways! Well done to all the players.

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



 www.autismarena.org.uk

Regulation & relaxation sessions for parents and carers

 Thursday 23 April
Thursday 30 April
Thursday 7 May
Thursday 14 May

 7-8pm

 Online via Zoom

 Scan the QR code or search for the Autism Arena Eventbrite page



 Led by Audrey from Step into Sophrology

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 www.autismarena.org.uk

Wellbeing walks in nature for parents and carers

 Led by Candice from Calm in the Wild CIC

 Tuesday 5 May
Tuesday 12 May
Tuesday 19 May
Tuesday 2 June

 12:30-2 pm

 Leeds parks

 Scan the QR code or search the Autism Arena Eventbrite page



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SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 13 May	10.30 till 12.30	The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

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



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email LLO@leeds.gov.uk



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 Microsoft Teams.

Keeping Autistic Children and Young People Safe Online (co-delivered with Prevent Team) 3 June 2026, 9.45 to 11.15 am

During this workshop we will explore the importance of online media to autistic identity and wellbeing - to build positive connections and communities. We will also discuss how to monitor the safe use of online platforms and understand vulnerabilities when young people access these. There will be a focus on the current themes present in harmful online content and how to support young people to navigate these safely.

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

Paws in the Park

LEEDS CITY COLLEGE RSPCA LEEDS, WAKEFIELD & EASTFRET BRANCH

Saturday 13 June, 10am-3pm
Temple Newsam Leeds, LS15 0BG

The day will feature

- Dog show
- Food and drink stands
- Stalls offering a range of exciting merchandise
- Face painting
- Guided tours of Home Farm with members of the Leeds City College Animal Care & Land Management department

FREE ENTRY

Perfect for all the family

For more information visit:
leedscollege.ac.uk/events/dog-show

A member of Luminate Education Group

Cash For Kids Recycling Bank Now at School!

We now have a Cash For Kids Recycling Bank in the school car park for donations of clothing, shoes and textiles.



If you're having a clear out, please consider donating textiles and clothing here.



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LL@leeds.gov.uk
https://tinyurl.com/LLOWhatsApp

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Thurs 21 May 2024	4.30pm till 8.30pm	The Viney Centre, Leeds, LS9 7UU

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

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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, dizziness
- 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.

SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

Meet Leeds City Council's Family Hub SEND Coordinator Amanda to access information and advice about the services, support and resources that are available to Families with children with SEND in Leeds.

Moor Allerton Community Hub, King Lane, Leeds LS7 5NY, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm

Monday 20 April ✓	Monday 14 September
Monday 18 May	Monday 12 October
Monday 15 June	Monday 16 November
Monday 13 July	Monday 14 December

The Reginald Centre Community Hub, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3EX, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm

Tuesday 7 April ✓	Tuesday 1 September
Tuesday 5 May ✓	Monday 5 October
Monday 1 June	Monday 2 November
Monday 29 June	Monday 7 December
Monday 20 July	

DEX (Deaf Experience) free groups for young people

DEX (Deaf Experience) are inviting deaf and hard of hearing young people (11 to 30 years old) from Yorkshire to join their free groups and activities.

- DEX Deaf Youth Hub (ages 11–17)
- DEX Deaf Youth Council (ages 17–30)
- FREE events, outreach sessions, advocacy support & travel help
- Open to all deaf young people, with any communication method

Want to join or find out more?

Website: www.dex.org.uk

Email: contact@dex.org.uk

Tel: 07482 228429

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?

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

STARTING

APRIL 3RD, 2025
EVERY THURSDAY 7:30PM - 8PM

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<https://bit.ly/AfrKindnessNeurodiversityTraining>

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: Summer Term – April to July

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	Rounders (Girls) Years 9/10 3-4pm	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 *
	Athletics All Year Groups 3-4pm	Rounders (Boys) 3-4pm	Rounders (Girls) Years 7/8 3-4pm	* Each term the club will explore a different programme ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	Cricket (Girls) All Year Groups 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Years 7 & 8 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Year 9/10 3-4pm	
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	Rugby (Boys) Years 7/8 3-4 pm	
	Debate Club - students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SL0	
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			

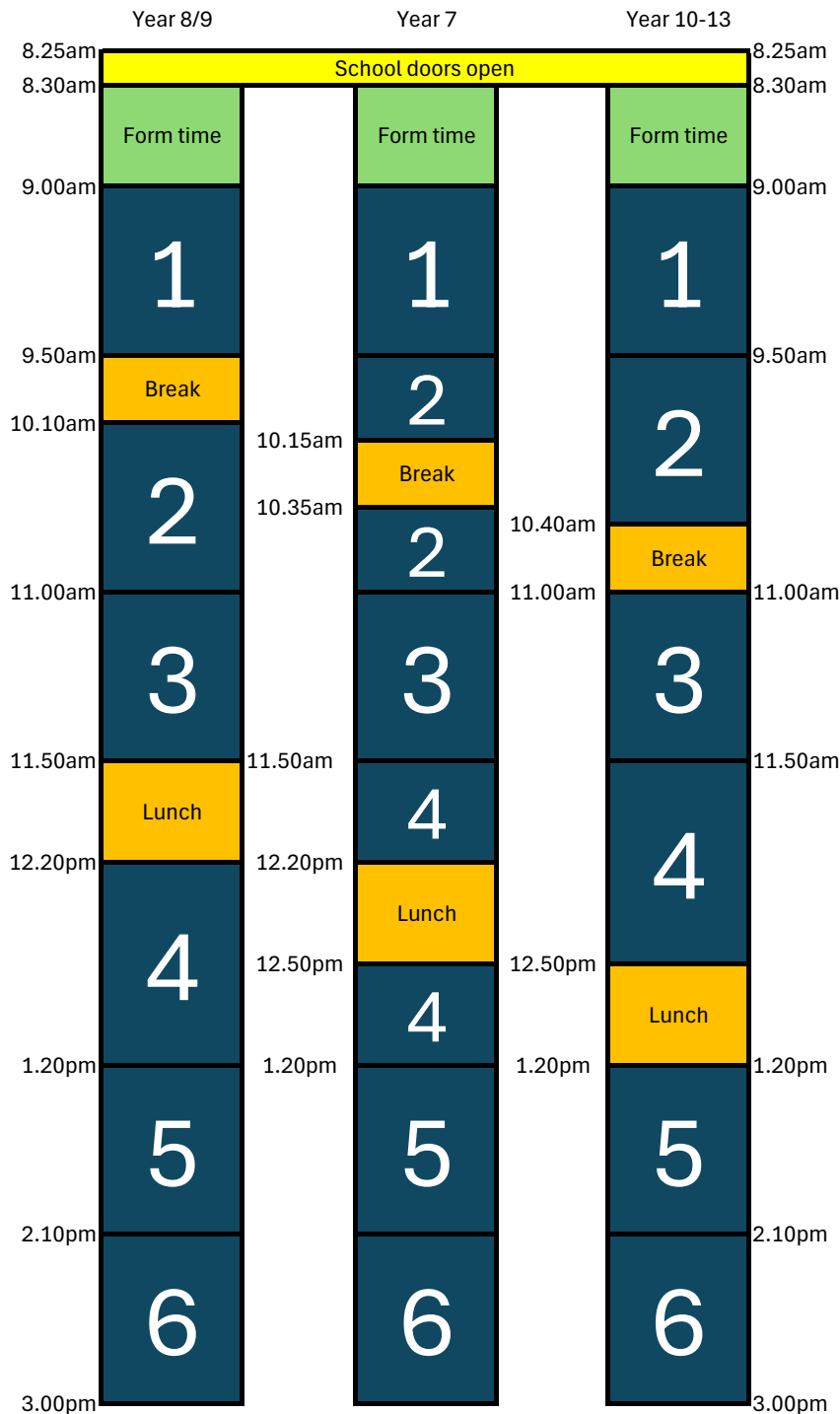


Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

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.