AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

We appreciate your patience in the mornings when students are arriving. To avoid congestion, we recommend students are dropped off a little further away from school, rather than outside the gate on Talbot Avenue.
A thank you to all parents and guardians for displaying their parking permit in their vehicle. Please only make use of the school car park at pickup/drop off if you have a medical need or access arrangement in place with the school.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of another busy fortnight, there is much for our school community to reflect on with pride. The energy, commitment and sense of purpose shown by our students, staff and families continue to make Allerton Grange such a special place to learn and work.

Last week, we welcomed hundreds of students and families to our **Sixth Form Open Evening**. It was a tremendously positive event, showcasing the breadth of opportunities, excellent teaching and strong pastoral support available in our Sixth Form. I was particularly proud of our student ambassadors who spoke so confidently about their experiences and aspirations. We hope to see as many of our current Year 11 students as possible continue their journey with us next year and take advantage of everything our thriving Sixth Form has to offer.

A huge thank you must also go to the many representatives from local companies, businesses and organisations who generously gave their time to support our **Year 11 Careers Interviews** last Friday. These conversations provide invaluable guidance as students begin to consider their next steps beyond school. I would also like to recognise our outstanding Careers Team for organising such a successful programme. The feedback from visitors was extremely positive, with many commenting on the maturity, engagement and professionalism demonstrated by our Year 11 students. They represented themselves, their families and the school exceptionally well.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended last night's **Year 9 Parents' Evening**. Strong home-school partnerships are vital at every stage of a young person's education, but Year 9 is a particularly important point in the journey as students begin to think carefully about their Key Stage 4 options. The conversations taking place between students, families and teachers will help ensure that informed decisions are made ahead of our upcoming **Year 9 Options Evening** on Thursday 26 November, 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

Finally, this week we carried out a planned lockdown drill as part of our ongoing safeguarding procedures. While we hope never to need these arrangements in a real-life situation, it is essential that schools regularly practise and review emergency responses to ensure the safety of everyone on site. The drill was conducted successfully, with students and staff approaching it with maturity and professionalism. This work aligns with the growing national focus on preparedness and public protection reflected in Martyn's Law, reinforcing the importance of robust procedures and regular training within schools and other public settings.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to provide our young people with outstanding opportunities, high-quality experiences and a safe, supportive environment in which they can flourish.

Kind regards,
Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Road Safety

Parents and Carers - We need your help to keep all members of our community safe as there have been a number of near miss accidents outside school.

If you are driving your child to school, particularly along Talbot Avenue, we ask that you take care, be considerate to pedestrians and other drivers, and follow the Highway Code (INDICATE BEFORE STOPPING AND BEFORE DRIVING AWAY; DO NOT STOP ON YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL; DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE TO TURN AROUND; DO NOT DO A THREE POINT TURN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL; DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK TO DROP OFF/PICK UP).

Where possible, please drop your child off further away so they can walk the last part of their journey to school. Thank you for your support.

Reminder for students

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.



Dates for your Diary:

Friday 20 November to Friday 4 December - Year 11 Pre Public Exams

Thursday 26 November - Year 9 Options Evening, 5.00 - 7.00 pm
Year 9 students and their parents/carers are invited to join us on Thursday 26 November 2026, 5.00 - 7.00 pm to find out about the Year 9 Options process and the subjects available to study in Year 10 and 11.

Friday 27 November - Training Day - School closed

Monday 30 November - School open as usual

Wednesday 2 December - BTEC Music Solo Performance Recording

Wednesday 2 December - Drama London Trip Parent Meeitng, 5.30 - 6.00 pm in Drama

Monday 7 December - Year 7 and Year 8 Careers Talk

Thursday 10 December - World of Music Concert, 6.30 pm Tickets are £5 from ParentPay

Friday 11 December - A Ghost Story for Christmas, After School in the Library

Monday 14 to Friday 18 December - Rewards Assemblies

Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2027 - School is closed - Christmas Holiday

Monday 4 January - Training Day - School is closed to students. School reopens on Tuesday 5 January.

Tuesday 5 January to Friday 15 January - Year 13 Pre Public Exams

Wednesday 20 January - Year 11 Advice and Guidance meetings, 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Thursday 21 January - Red Kite Battle of the Bands Competition

Wednesday 27 January - Year 11 Advice and Guidance meetings, 3.15 - 4.15 pm

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

Moortown Lights Switch On with Set List
AGS Alumni, Achie, Ben, Danny, Frank and Oliver, otherwise known as Set List, are performing on Thursday 26 November at the turning-on of the Moortown Christmas Lights from 6.30 pm next to Lans Coffee on Harrogate Road. If you are able, please come along to support them, we'd love to see you there!

Parent/Carer Evenings

For the 2026-27 academic year, Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. Parents and carers will receive a letter from school prompting you to book appointments. Appointment times are 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

- 8 October 2026 - Year 13 Parents' Evening ✓
- 19 November 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening (information sent out on 22 October) ✓
- **1 December 2026 - Year 12 Parents' Evening (information sent out on 12 November)**
- **13 January 2027 - Year 11 Parents' Evening**
- **26 January 2027 - Year 7 Parents' Evening**
- **4 February 2027 - Year 10 Parents' Evening**
- **16 March 2027 - Year 8 Parents' Evening**

Have Your Say - Public Consultation on Admission Policy for Leeds Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Leeds City Council is running a public consultation on the 2028/29 admission policy for Leeds community and voluntary controlled schools.

You can share your views until 2 December 2026.
Find out more at:
www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations

Training Days 2026-27
The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2026 ✓
Friday 25 September 2026 ✓
Friday 27 November 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 22 February 2027

Sports Fixture Results

Cross Country

Last weekend, the **Year 8 boys' Cross Country team** competed in Leicester in the Northern Regional Finals.

In a very tough and misty competition, the team narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final after finishing 4th, with the top 3 qualifying for the finals in December. The team was Zac, Harry, Rory and Will.



Zac also completed a 10k Charity run at Bolton Abbey on Sunday. Zac finished 6th and raised over £250 for Sue Ryder which is a charity close to his heart. Well done, Zac!

Netball

Last weekend, we had numerous students attend netball trials for the **Leeds Schools District netball team**. This is an amazing achievement for those students who have been successful as they were going up against students from schools across Leeds. This now means they are part of this team throughout the year and get additional training at a high level as well as having the chance to compete against other district schools.

Those who were successful were:

Ava and Millie (Year 8) and Sophia, Betty, Bea, Natalia and Matilda (Year 10).

Swimming

This week we took the **Swimming team** to the second round of the team Super League competition at St Peter's, York. We took both the Junior Girls' team and Intermediate Boys' team who both have the potential to qualify for the national finals in Coventry in February.

Special shout outs to Isabelle, Harrison and the Junior Girls' medley team who all won their respective races.

We are now waiting on the results to see if these teams have qualified for the finals.



Odd Socks Day - 16 November 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November in support of Anti-Bullying Week.

Odd Socks Day takes place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year.



We celebrated what makes us all unique and students and staff wore odd socks to school, home, work and anywhere else they went that day.

[Find out more from the Anti-Bullying Alliance.]





Moira Buffini Visits AGS

On Thursday 12 November, we had an exciting visit from Moira Buffini, acclaimed playwright, screenwriter, director and author of The Torch Trilogy.



Students from Years 8, 9 and 11 were treated to inspirational assemblies where Moira spoke about her career and writing proces, and also answered questions.

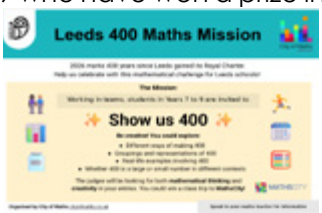
Moira also signed copies of her books for students (and a copy of her plays for Mrs Spencer-Matthews!).



Thank you to Mr Ellis, School Librarian for organising the visit, in conjunction with the Little Bookshop and Faber publishers.

Maths 400 Competition

Congratulations to Alex and Megan from Year 9 who have won a prize in the Leeds 400 Maths mission! Their entry is shown below.







Feedback from the judging panel was " we are pleased to inform you that Alex and Megan's entry was given Highly Commended by the judges who said ***some super interesting 400 facts!.***

Also, well done to Daisy and Ewan who also entered the competition and were finalists.

Young Writers' Competition Success

A Year 11 student entered a poem into the Young Writers' Poetry Competition (Unite - Pages of Imagination) for 11-18 year olds and has received confirmation that it will be published next year.

Different Rhythms

The world may move in steady lines,
Following rules and set designs,
But I hear music others miss,
In every thought, in every twist

My minds a sky of scattered stars,
Connecting points across great bars,
Of distance, time, and ways to see,
The hidden shapes of what could be.

I notice patterns, small and bright,
Like constellations in the night.
A detail passed by everyone,
Can shine for me like morning sun.

My passions burn with steady flame,
Not fleeting sparks that quickly wane.
When wonder calls, I answer deep,
With treasures gathered, learned, and kept.

I feel the world in vivid hues,
In louder sounds and brighter views.
And though sometimes it overwhelms,
There's beauty hiding in the chaos.

The hum of leaves, a favourite song,
The comfort of where I belong,
The perfect word, the gentle sound,
The beauty hidden all around.

I'm not a puzzle needing repair,
Nor someone meant to fit elsewhere.
My mind grows branches wild and free,
A different kind of living tree.

And in a world of many ways,
To think, to dream, to spend our days,
The brightest gardens come to be,
When every mind can simply be.

So here's to paths that bend and curve,
To gifts we never have to earn,
To neurodivergent hearts and art -
Different minds, and every part.

A thread within humanity's design,
Different from yours, but just as mine.
Not less, not wrong, not incomplete -
Just dancing to a different beat.

Maths Trip
by Ms Atkinson, KS4 Maths Lead

On Wednesday 11 November, 40 of our mathematicians made their way to Leeds City Varieties to watch a brilliant show and talk on maths in everyday life. Students' behaviour was immaculate and all students represented the school beautifully whilst we learned about shapes and some maths magic!

Students engaged well with problem solving puzzles and games, and were lucky enough to witness a real-life smoke ring like those that appear from volcanoes!

Thank you to all students and staff who attended, I had a fantastic morning.

Maths Week England - Once Upon A Number Event

Saturday 21 November 2026, Leeds City Library, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

This week is Maths Week England and as part of these celebrations, you can join the City of Maths team for a day of family fun on Saturday 21 November at Leeds City Library, exploring the maths behind some of the nations most treasured stories.

[Find out more]

Leeds Children's Charity

We recently received a certificate from Leeds Children's Charity in recognition of the donation of £532 made by Year 8 students during their First Give Charity Day in October.

They commented on how it was so lovely visiting the school for the First Give event and seeing how engaged and enthusiastic the children were about Leeds Children's Charity and the work they do.



In addition to recognising the support our students made, the charity also shared information about our upcoming Christmas Gift Appeal, which aims to make sure children across Leeds who might otherwise go without have something special to open on Christmas morning.

As a school, we are supporting this initiative in addition to our annual foodbank donation campaign.

Further information can be found about the Leeds Children's Charity appeal here: [Gift Appeal Leeds 2026 | Every Child Deserves Christmas - Leeds Children's Charity]

[Read our Christmas Charity Collection letter and find out how to get involved].

Leeds North and West Foodbank

We are continuing to support the Leeds North and West Foodbank this winter.

If you are able to donate items to the foodbank, please bring non-perishable items into school between 23 November and 15 December.

Non-perishable items include:
breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, jars of pasta sauce, jars of curry sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, jam, long life fruit juice, tea, biscuits, snacks, toiletries.

[Find out more on the Leeds North and West Foodbank website]





Year 11 Careers Support

On Friday 13 November, Year 11 students took part in mock interviews with representatives from a range of industries to help them prepare for the future and upcoming Sixth Form and College interviews.







Medical Conference

This week, we hosted an event for students from AGS and other schools to help them prepare for their University Medical Interviews. The students took part in work experience interviews and data analysis interviews.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

Please book early so you don't miss out. Tickets are free but there are limited tickets available.



Year 9 King's Trust visit to Santander Head Office

By Mrs Sullivan, Year 10 Progress & Welfare Manager

On Wednesday 18 November 2026, a group of Year 9 Students visited the Santander Head office in Bradford.

This was a follow up to reinforce the skills they have learnt through their weekly session with the Kings Trust.

All the students showed great communication skills being able to articulate very confidently why the chose which side to stand in the "Would you rather" ice breaker activity.

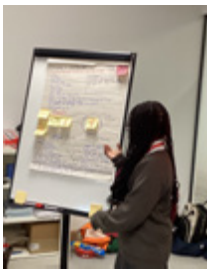


The students were then put into groups to design a mobile banking app which would appeal to young savers.

The Santander team were amazed by their initiative, team work and confidence shown by our young people.





Each team had to feed back their idea, and their presentation skills were professional and mature.

The winning team were Sam, Amir Ali, Kal, Loukas and Ewan with their Money Orca Banking App idea.

I was really proud of the students who were fantastic ambassadors for AGS.

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was lovely to see lots of familiar faces, as well as many students from other schools, at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11 November.

Year 11 students and their families were able to find out about post-16 study at Allerton Grange.





















Our Sixth Form Team, Mr Macrow and Mrs Knox-Renshaw, and Mr Norrington, along with Student Leaders, Shanveer and Mae, welcomed visitors and spoke about what makes Allerton Gragne Sixth Form a supportive and inclusive place to study and development new skills.

Subject teachers and current students spoke to prospective students and their families about the courses on offer.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. Year 11 students can talk to their subject teachers or Sixth Form Team to help them decide on their next steps and subject choices. You can also email sixthform@allertongrange.com.

Road Safety Week

This week, it was Road Safety Week. The theme was ***Safe People on the Move*** - we all have a responsibility to be safe road users, whether we are walking, cycling, scooting or driving. Please join us is trying to keep our school and community as safe as possible.





School Uniform

As you will be aware, we have adjusted our school uniform in line with the national guidance set out in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. These changes are designed to reduce the overall cost of school uniform by limiting the number of compulsory branded items and increasing flexibility in where uniform items can be purchased. We remain fully committed to a uniform that promotes pride in our school community, while also being affordable, practical and inclusive.

The only changes were to the PE kit. All students need to have an AGS branded polo shirt and an AGS branded long sleeved top. All other PE kit does not need to be AGS branded eg plain navy football socks, plain navy shorts.





Allerton Grange School Uniform Exchange

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our School Uniform Exchange to help us to recycle and avoid clothing going into landfill.

The School Uniform Exchange is available for all Allerton Grange families. There is no charge and some items are practically brand new.

We know that children grow very quickly, so if you need a new pair of trousers, a blazer or some PE kit, please get in touch to see what's available before you buy new uniform.

We have lots of uniform items available at the moment.

Please email:
agadmin@allertongrange.com
to check what uniform is available with the following information:

- **Student name and Year Group,**
- **What items you're looking for**
- **Sizes (chest size, age of uniform they usually wear, leg length if trousers)**

The Year Team will check if we have what you're looking for and either give the uniform to your child or let you know so you can pick it up from reception.

Lost Property

Please remember to label ALL belongings and uniform with the student's name and form. This helps us return lost items to students.

If your child has lost something, please remind them to check lost property. Thank you.

380kg of lost property was donated to charity last term!

Cash For Kids Recycling Bank at AGS

We 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.
Thank you for your support.



Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar- Term 1: September to December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Silent Study- Library 3-4pm JEI	Silent Study- Library 3-4pm JEI	Silent Study- Library 3-4pm JEI	Silent Study- Library 3-4pm JEI	Dungeon & Dragon Club Invite only 3-4pm L20 BFI
SEND Homework Club 3-4pm L34	SEND Homework Club 3-4pm L34	SEND Homework Club 3-4pm L34	SEND Homework Club 3-4pm L34	Coding Club Week A ONLY 3pm - 4pm I001 and I002 Mr Morris, Mr Barnett, Mr Matloob
We Will Rock You Pit Band (invite only) 3-4pm M001 TCa	Junior Concert Band (Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians) 3-3.30pm M003 ACu/CRo	Jazz Band (Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers) 3-4pm M003 ACu/PPi	Choir (Chamber choir) 3-4pm M002 ASh	
We Will Rock You Musical Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4pm M022 ASh	Senior Concert Band (Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians) 3-4pm M001 TCa	Year 7 School of Rock! (Suitable for students who can play a rock based instrument / sing) 3-4pm M001 NDu/AMa	Year 8-13 Advanced Rockers! (Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock based instrument/sing) 3-4pm M001 DSu/ AMa	ALL YEARS
We Will Rock You Lead & vocals- invite only 3-4pm D001	Grade 5 Theory Club (All GCSE & BTEC students) 3- 4pm M001 ASh	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club- ALL welcome 3-4pm Hall	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS3
	Years 7 Drama Club- ALL welcome 3-4pm D001	Spectrum 3-4pm S004 CNe	AGS Dance – All welcome 3-4pm Hall	KS4
	Year 9/10/11Netball MUGA JAD	Year 9/10 Football Field DTO/ KOr	Year 7/8 Netball MUGA ECa	KS5
	Year 7 Boy's Football Field SNo	Girls Football Field JAd	Girls Rugby Field KGo	
	Year 8/9 Rugby Field JGa	All Year's Badminton Sports Hall SNO / ECA	Year 7 Rugby Field JGa	
	KS3 Art Club 3-4pm A001 ETa	KS3 Art Club 3-4pm A001 ETa	Year 8 Football Field DTo	
	KS4/5 ART/PHOTOGRAPHY- Drop in sessions' 3:00-4:00pm with PFI/KCR/JVM- A002- 4	KS4/5 ART/PHOTOGRAPHY- Drop in sessions' 3:00-4:00pm with PFI/KCR/JVM- A002- 4	War Hammer Club 3-4pm L18 SLo (date to commence TBC)	
	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	KS4 Technology Drop-in sessions 3-4pm Technology Pod	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
	KS4 Technology Drop-in sessions 3-4pm Technology Pod			
	Pokemon Club ALL Welcome 3-4pm L8/9 DWa			



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 9/10/11Netball	MUGA	JAD
	Year 7 Boy's Football	Fields	SNO
	Year 8/9 Rugby	Fields	JGA
WEDNESDAY	Year 9/10 Football	Fields	DTO/ KOr
	All Year's Badminton	Sports Hall	SNO / ECA
	Girls Football	Field	JAD
THURSDAY	Year 7/8 Netball	MUGA	ECA
	Girls Rugby	Field	KGO
	Year 7 Rugby	Fields	JGA
	Year 8 Football	Fields	DTO

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.

If the PE club is on a day you don't have a PE lesson, you will need to bring your PE kit with you and get changed after school.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs 2026-27 (starting on Monday 14 September 2026)

Students don't need to sign up, clubs are free to attend. They can store their instruments in the Music Department during the day. Any questions, come to the Music department and ask any members of the Music Team.

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M001	**We Will Rock You Pit Band** (Invite only)	Mrs Casey
Monday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M002	**We Will Rock You Musical Vocal Rehearsal** (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M003	**Junior Concert Band** (Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians)	Ms Cunningham/ Ms Robinson
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M001	**Senior Concert Band** (Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians)	Mrs Casey
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M002	**Grade 5 Theory Club** (All GCSE & BTEC students)	Miss Shrimpton
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M003	**Jazz Band** (Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers)	Ms Cunningham/ Miss Pillow-Charlesworth
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M001	**Year 7 School of Rock!** (Suitable for students who can play a rock based instrument/sing)	Mr Dutton-Taylor/ Al Matthews
Thursday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M002	**Choir** (Chamber choir)	Miss Shrimpton
Thursday	3.00 - 4.00 pm	M001	**Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers!** (Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock based instrument/ sing)	Mr Sumroy, Al Matthews, Mr Onyechi

Extra Curricular Drama & Dance

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

MONDAY

We Will Rock You.
Leads and vocals
Invite only

3-4
D001

TUESDAY

We Will Rock You
Full Company
Hall
3-4

Y7 Drama Club
All Welcome
Drama 1

WEDNESDAY

Y8 and 9 Drama Club
All Welcome

3-4
HALL

WEDNESDAY

We Will Rock You
Core Dancers
Invite Only

3-4
D001

THURSDAY

NEW FOR 2026!
AGS Dance
All Welcome

3-4
HALL

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

Social communication and interaction (including autism) team parent / professionals training

This session is free to both parent and professionals.

Parents can book their places by emailing leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk.

Sensory Support in the Home

- 14 January 2027, 10am to 11.30am
- 14 January 2027, 5pm till 6.30pm

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. This session is for parents and professionals supporting children of any age.

Autism and identity

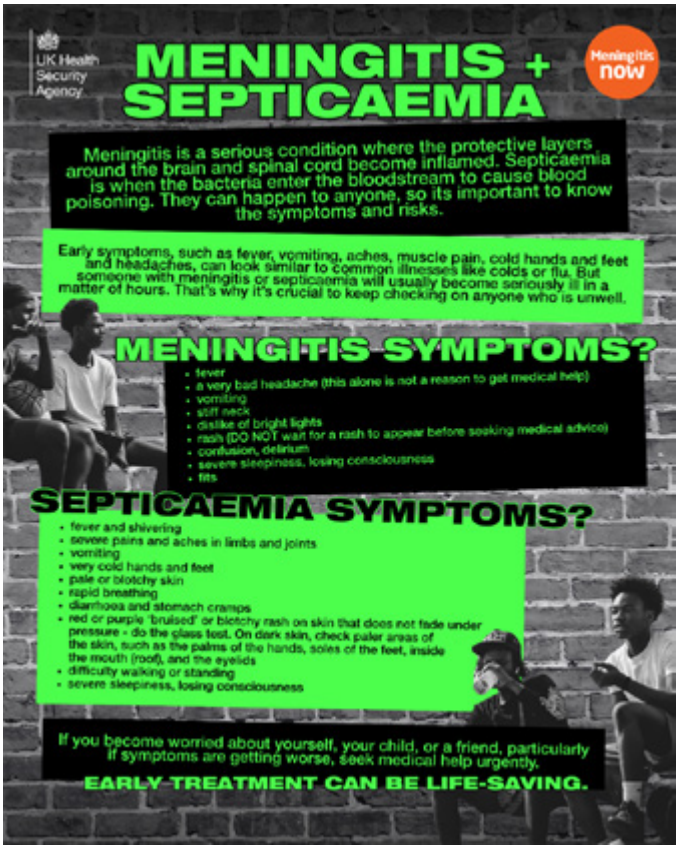
- 29 April 2027, 10am till 11.30am
- 29 April 2027, 5pm till 6.30pm

This session will explore the value of supporting your child or young person to understand what autism is and what autism means to them. The session will provide a range of resources and strategies that you can adapt to meet the needs of your child or young person when exploring autism?; thinking about their own unique strengths, abilities, motivators, differences and challenges.

Keeping autistic children and young people safe online

- 5 May 2027, 10am to 11.30am
- 5 May 2027, 5pm till 6.30pm

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to navigate the online world safely. 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.



0 to 19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service (0 to 19 PHINS)

The 0 to 19 PHINS is a team that supports children and families to stay healthy. They offer a wide range of support and services for children, young people and families in Leeds. They provide routine health contacts through the Healthy Child Programme and can also offer additional support for children and families who need it.

Contact 0 to 19 PHINS:

Phone the Single Point of Access (SPA) from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm.
Phone: 0113 843 5683

If you 11 to 19, you can contact them via ChatHealth.

Text a 0 to 19 specialist public health nurse on 07520 619 750

NHS Healthy Start Scheme

The NHS Healthy Start scheme helps families on low incomes buy healthy food and milk.

Women more than 10 weeks pregnant or families with a child under 4, may be entitled to access the scheme. Eligible families receive a prepaid card which can be used to buy fruit, vegetables, pulses, milk and infant formula. They can also receive free Healthy Start vitamins.

The card is topped up every four weeks. Eligible families receive £4.65 per week during pregnancy and for children aged one to four, and £9.30 per week for children under one.



Families can find out if they are eligible and apply online at www.healthystart.nhs.uk.

Leeds Local Offer Annual Report

Each year, Leeds City Council responds to all feedback and comments about the Leeds Local Offer. The report explains what actions have been taken based on what families said.

The annual report shares:

- Information about the Leeds Local Offer web-site and how families can access it
- How the voices of children, young people and families have been heard
- Next steps and plans for improvement

The 2026/27 annual report can be found **here**.

SEND parent carer monthly information drop-ins

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

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

Dates and times of drop ins:
Wednesday 13 January 2027, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Kentmere Children's Centre, LS14 1BN
Book your place at the drop in here.

If you require further information about the drop in sessions email **LLO@leeds.gov.uk**, follow the Leeds Local Offer facebook page or WhatsApp channel.

My Leeds, My Way

A community activities programme for young people aged 14–17 with SEND, across Leeds. Giving young people the opportunity to participate in enjoyable, age respectful outings across Leeds, shaped around what each young person likes, wants to try and hopes to become more confident doing.

Every young person is different. The programme deliberately blends active, social and creative outings so that there is something each young person can look forward to, and so that families can see how one balanced programme meets a wide range of needs and personalities.

Who can join?

Disability: SEND
Age: Young people aged 14–17
What young people can look forward to:

- Real teenage experiences: bowling, cinema, eating out, accessible sport, theatre, pool, city exploration and seasonal events.
- Choice and control: young people influence the venue, pace, food, seating, communication method and future calendar.
- Belonging: small compatible groups create space for friendships to develop naturally without forced interaction.
- Confidence for adulthood: ordering, budgeting, travelling, navigating public places, making decisions and asking for help are practised naturally.
- A predictable experience: clear information, visual itineraries or social stories are available in advance for anyone who benefits from them.
- Support that respects dignity: personal, communication, mobility, sensory and health needs are planned around the individual.

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SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

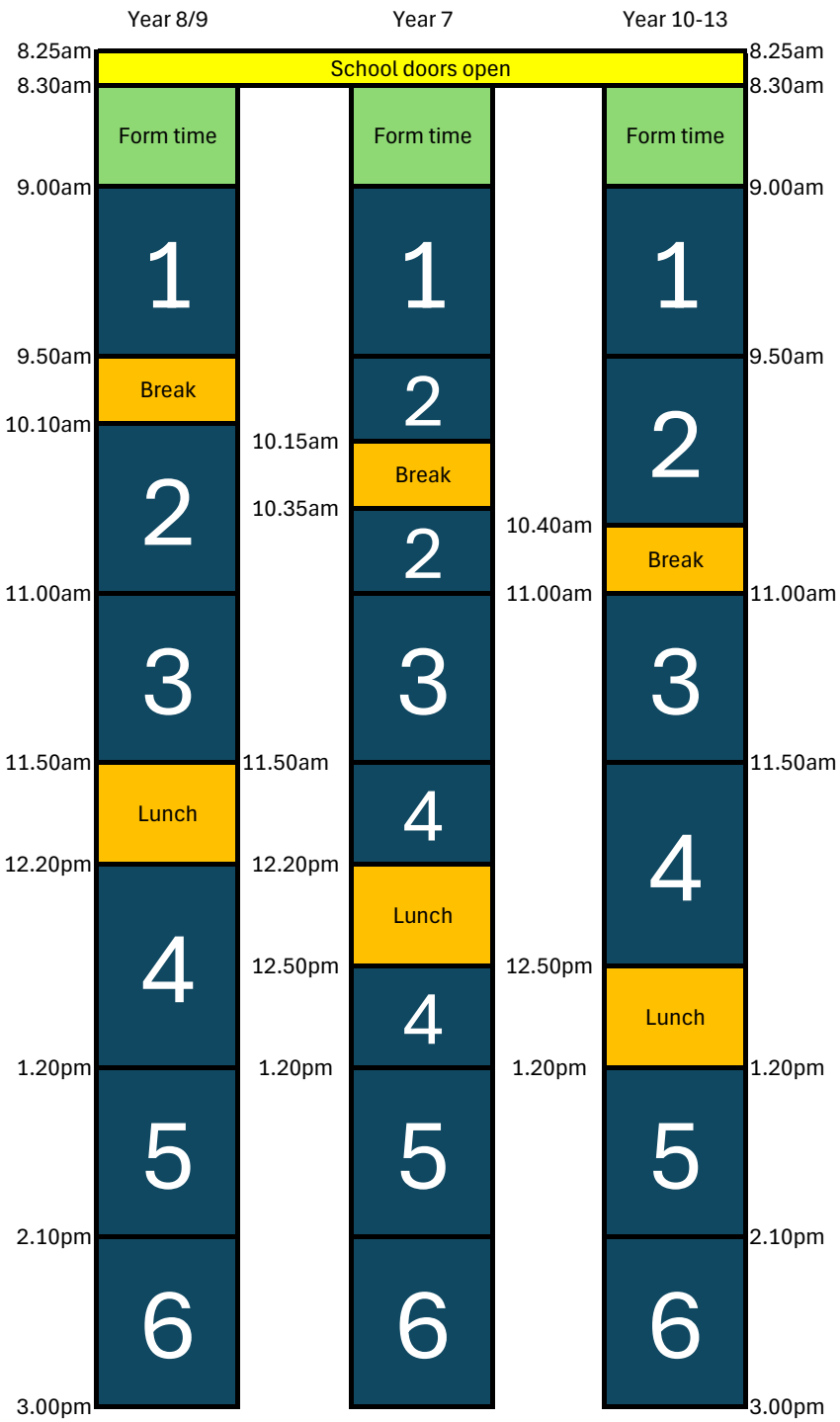
Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

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.

- Monday 14 December
  Moor Allerton Community Hub, King Lane, Leeds LS7 5NY, 9,30 am to 12.00 pm

- Monday 7 December
  The Reginald Centre Community Hub, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3EX, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm

SCHOOL 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 depening on behaviour.