



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21-23 March - **Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam**

24 March - **KS4&5 Concert**
(7.00 - 9.00 pm)

31 March - **Moor Allerton Hall has Talent**
(6.00 - 9.00 pm)

4 - 18 April - **Easter Holiday**

19 April - **Summer Term starts**

21 April - **Battle of the Bands Audition**
(M001)

Attendance

Are you ensuring your child attends school every day and on time?

AGS Attendance this week: 91%
2% above national average

ClassCharts

*Are you a regular user of ClassCharts?
Are you tracking your child's achievements and behaviour in school?*

This week:

Positive points issued = 12,000

Negative points issued = 1350

89% positive ratio

The weather is looking good for the weekend – I hope you and your family are able to enjoy the beginning of spring.

Physics Roadshow

What a delight it was this afternoon, at the end of a very busy week, to witness our Year 7 and 8 students, so enthralled and excited, in a Particle Physics lecture. We had (controlled) explosions and a water gun, as well as shrieks and applause. A fantastic end to the week!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

We have a total of 150 students following the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme this year (120 in Year 9 and 30 in Year 10). It was a pleasure, earlier this week, to welcome back our first set of Year 9 Bronze Award students from their overnight expedition. They had a great time and the weather was good – always a bonus. If you are interested in getting involved please see the notices around school or speak directly to Mr Morgan.

New Key Stage 4 Director

On Monday we have a new member of the Senior Leadership Team joining us – Miss Drew, is our new Director of Key Stage 4, and joins the school as Assistant Headteacher. We are very much looking forward to working with her.

Finally, please be alert to a letter coming out next week, to all of our families, regarding changes being made to the school detention system.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

BBC 'Share Your Story' Schools Tour



On Monday 14 March, students from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in sessions with Dean McCullough (Radio 1 Presenter), Ellie Colton (Presenter/Producer BBC Radio Manchester/BBC Radio Sheffield) and Lizzie Hyland (Social Media Executive, BBC Childrens).

Students: If you've been inspired to 'Share Your Story', you can enter the [BBC Young Reporter Competition](#) and have a chance for your story to be shown on a BBC channel or online.

Spotlight on the Curriculum

In this section we will provide updates on the curriculum and some of the topics year groups are studying during this half term.

In this issue we focus on Year 9:

Computing

This half term students are working on 'Computational Thinking'. All Year 8 and 9 students are participating in the [iDEA \(Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award\)](#) as part of the Computing curriculum.

Languages

Spanish - Healthy living use of past, present and future tenses.

French - Town and local area with a focus on past and future tenses.

German - Environmental problems and solutions using all three tenses (past, present and future)



Academic Vocabulary

'Words Matter' is a programme designed to improve literacy levels in KS3. Students need to learn these words to be able to fully access the curriculum, examinations, and a wide range of academic texts.

English vocabulary words include:

Atmosphere – the feeling (not necessarily emotional) of an environment created by a writer's description.

Mood – how the reader feels; this might be created by the atmosphere of an environment in a text.

Descriptive detail – things the writer chooses to focus on in detail e.g. characters, sounds, objects.

Setting – an environment in a text, the place(s) the writer has chosen for a narrative to take place in.

Genre – a style of writing with a set of conventions (typical features) we would expect

Gothic – a genre which focuses on extremes and transgressions (going beyond what is expected and allowed).

The Orwell Youth Prize 2022

Students are invited to take part in the '**Coming Up for Air: Writing the Climate Crisis**' competition.

You must be in Years 8 to 13 and can write in any form - journalism, essays, short stories, blog posts, poems and plays are all welcome. Submit by Friday 22 April to receive feedback before the final submission deadline of Friday 3 June.

Find out more on the [Orwell Foundation website](#).

Music Grade Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students who have passed instrument grades this term:

Aditya (Year 9) - Grade 3 Flute

Jolyon (Year 9) - Grade 3 Guitar

Grace (Year 9) - Grade 3 Flute

Joseph (Year 9) - Grade 3 Flute

Freya H (Year 9) - Grade 5 Clarinet

Freya M (Year 8) - Grade 4 Clarinet

Lucy (Year 8) - Grade 4 Clarinet

Reuben (Year 8) - Grade 3 Guitar

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 11 March, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

Anoushka in Year 7 was nominated for her detailed and scientifically accurate Biology homework about the digestive system.

Gopal in Year 9 has been brilliant in French and also did a great job taking part in the 'Student Voice' for Ms Hosty.

Gurman in Year 10 was nominated for being invited to an exciting event where she will be opening the debate with the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Imran in Year 11 has been so much more focused and engaged in his studies and the Year Team are impressed.

Henry in Year 12 comes into school every day, applies himself and is a credit to Allerton Grange. He puts in a lot of effort in class and is on track to succeed.

Haseeb in Year 13 has an amazing attitude to his learning. He is working incredibly hard and has been offered a degree apprenticeship with Grant Thornton. We would like to invite him back to AGS once he has started his degree apprenticeship to inspire other students.



Sports Fixtures

Netball

Our girls were out in force last Thursday (10 March) and the Year 9 Netball team beat Cockburn 15-5.

Basketball

Our KS4 Basketball team beat Allerton High 56-41, in a very competitive game this week.

Football

Earlier this week, the Year 11 boys' football team beat Carr Manor 5-1.

Cross Country

Isaac (Year 10) took part in recent Leeds Schools Cross Country events. He did superbly and came 2nd out of 25. More importantly he gained a 2nd place in the LSAA Trials. This means he could be selected to represent Leeds for cross country!

Shakespeare Festival Review

by Alex (Year 8)

On the 2nd of February 2022, we performed at the Leeds Playhouse alongside other schools.

We went to the Leeds Playhouse at 5.30 pm and we watched the other groups before performing ourselves at 7pm. The performances were each 30 minutes long which was enough time for each group to show off their individual take and acting style of their play. This performance length also made it feel like we had enough time so that it didn't feel like we were under pressure, but also was not too long-winded and slow.

The set-up of the event was calm and well planned out, both by the Allerton Grange staff and the Playhouse staff.

Each school had a tech and dress run earlier in the day so we, as performers, felt like we had confidence and familiarity around the stage. The Shakespeare Festival staff were very kind and completely unjudgmental to all the groups.

During the actual performance, we all had lots of fun and felt no pressure from anyone. We did our scenes, went to the wings and then did our next part. At the end, we all bowed, and all schools, staff and guardians showed respect and clapped which made the night more rewarding for all of us.

To summarise, the night at the Playhouse was a great one and schools of both Primary and Secondary, should try to take part in this festival. I'm very thankful to Allerton Grange for giving us this opportunity and will definitely be taking part next year.

Trips and Clubs

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On Tuesday 15 March, Year 9 students (group 1) went on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is open to all students when they are in Year 9.



If you would like to find out more, speak to Mr Morgan or email dofe@allertongrange.com

Art Club

Students taking part in our after-school Art Club have been working with clay and produced some lovely pieces. Well done to Adan, Amber, Evie, Leo and Marianne from Year 7 (pictured below with their work).

