



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

I am delighted to be able to celebrate with you Allerton Grange's very first Culture Day. When the idea for this day was first mentioned to me, by Uzma, one of our Sixth Form students, I knew it would be a huge success, and I want to thank:

- The Student Leadership Group and the Student Council for their leadership in arranging this day.
- Miss Mills for supporting our student leaders.

We are such a diverse school community with so many different cultures represented. This is one of the many things that makes Allerton Grange so special – growing up and learning surrounded by people from different cultures and backgrounds makes us all better human beings. It makes each of us more tolerant, more respectful and more inquisitive.

There is a quote in the dining hall by Maya Angelou, a famous poet and civil rights activist, she says ...

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel". This is so true and at Allerton Grange we should always make people feel part of our school community – we are a diverse and inclusive school community and we should be proud of that.

So today, when you are celebrating your personal culture remember how fortunate you are to be part of a school community that welcomes you doing that. Have a great Culture Day everyone!



Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive Points this week: 7,100
Negative Points this week: 900
89% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

National Careers Week - Monday 6 to Friday 10 March

Year 9 Parents' Evening (online appointments) - Wednesday 8 March, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Careers Fair - Thursday 9 March, 4.00 - 6.00 pm (KS4&5 students)

KS4&5 Concert - Thursday 23 March, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Macbeth Theatre Visit



On Saturday 25th February, Ms Ryding and Ms Halaka took a group of Y11 students to see a fantastic production of Macbeth at Harrogate Theatre. The theatre company 'imitating the dog' put an incredible twist on the play: rather than medieval Scotland, the setting was in the world of Japanese organised crime, with Duncan (and subsequently Macbeth) the 'oyabun' rather than the king. There were fast cars, gunshots, lots of action, and even more swearing! Both Macbeth and Lady M, as they called her, were given interesting backstories of abandonment, loss, and abuse, making their heinous crimes perhaps more explicable.

The witches operated video cameras, which were usually trained on the faces of the eponymous tragic hero and his wife, projecting their faces up onto huge screens at either side of the stage. This added an incredible dimension to the experience, allowing the audience to see both the overall action on stage and a close up of the actors' faces, revealing more subtlety of emotion than can usually be seen in the theatre. In addition, the witches - who also played other roles such as Ross and Angus - broke the fourth wall, speaking directly to the audience and even explaining some of their choices - often in a funny (sometimes rude) way!

In a dramatic twist, the original prophecy delivered by the 'weird sisters' to Macbeth and Banquo, was here delivered to Macbeth and Lady M: Macbeth turned to her and said: 'Our children will become kings' (rather than using the second person address to Banquo as in the original play). This set the plot up for a dramatic ending, which we won't reveal in case you get the chance to see it yourself. The play is touring, and the next nearest production is in Huddersfield in May - we would all highly recommend you try to go and see it if you possibly can. It truly was an amazing experience.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 3 March, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Aysha in Year 7 has impressed us by her attitude towards her school life, she repeatedly gets excellent feedback from teachers for being helpful and kind.

Lily in Year 8 is a brilliant student who persistently goes above and beyond to work hard in all of her subjects. I had been notified that she was the stand out performer in the latest girls' rugby tournament, impressing the staff who watched and ultimately guiding the team to 4th out of 16 teams when they had only played together once! Massive effort, Lily.

Matthew in Year 9 is an outstanding student. Miss Young has singled him out for the following reason: 'Matthew took part in the student voice for Biology and was able to articulate his own knowledge and understanding of Biology and outshone students in the two tiers above him.'

Abdulrahman in Year 10 always tries hard and often gives insightful answers in this unit.

Eve in Year 11 was nominated for helping some Year 7 students on Friday after school and demonstrating great role model skills. A parent commented on how reassuring it was knowing the older children are looking out for the younger ones.

Katie in Year 12 was nominated by Miss Camidge as she has made a huge amount of progress this year already and consistently demonstrates unflagging hard work.

Mohammed in Year 13 was nominated by Mr Anderson as he is working really well in Chemistry. He often seems to be one of the first to finish my questions. Often helps others when he's finished.



Sports Fixture Results

Netball

The **Year 8 Netball team** travelled to Prince Henry's in Otley to play in the Leeds Schools Netball Tournament.

Ms Caisley said: "We played really well, and I am proud of the team, as the weather was horrific, and the courts extremely wet. We beat Horsforth, Abbey Grange C, PHGS C and Farnley but, unfortunately, narrowly lost to Abbey Grange B, PHGS B and Allerton High.

However, as we scored more goals than Allerton High, we came third overall. Well done team!"

Football

The **Year 7 boys' Football** team lost 2-1 to Crawshaw in the quarter final of the Leeds Cup.

The **Year 7 girls' Football** team drew 0-0 with Carr Manor.

The **Year 8 boys' Football** team beat Roundhay 4-3.

Rugby

The **Year 8 girls' Rugby Team** came fourth in the Leeds Rhinos Indoor Touch Rugby Finals.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a governor who reflects the diverse community we serve. This is an exciting opportunity to make a difference in your local school, as a parent or carer of a child at Allerton Grange.

More details and the nomination form are attached below. Please return completed nomination forms in a sealed envelope to: Mrs B Manfredi, Headteacher's PA by 3.00 pm on Monday 13 March 2023. [Find out more](#)

Current Vacancies

Mini Bus Driver Vacancy

We are currently recruiting to our casual pool of mini bus drivers.

Candidates must be confident drivers, hold a clean driving licence, enjoy interacting with students and be willing to undergo the MiDAS Minibus Training course, that we will fund.

Hourly rate: £10.50 per hour

The role mainly consists of driving students to and from external provisions, to support their learning. The hours would be split, with a morning session from approximately 8 am for up to 2 hours, and then the afternoon from 12.30 pm, again for up to 2 hours.

The opportunity for more hours may be possible from time to time.

Teaching Assistant

Salary: £14,481 - £15,437

We are looking for a talented individual to join our teaching assistant team to support our SEND students. The role is term time plus five days, 30 hours per week.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is skilled in this area and passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people.

This is a full time, permanent vacancy, starting as soon as possible.

Find out more

Closing date: 12 March 2023

If you are interested in finding out more, please phone 0113 393 0304 or email agadmin@allertongranger.com

Art & Technology students visit London

Art, Product Design and Textiles students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been on trips to London to the Natural History Museum, the Tate Modern, the Tate Britain, as well as a boat trip on the Thames, travelling by underground and seeing famous landmarks. For lots of students this was their first time in London and it is so wonderful to hear their reactions. For some, it was their first time in an art gallery!





"I really enjoyed the boat ride between the galleries as it gave me a chance to see London from a different perspective."
Sienna, Year 11

"We really enjoyed Cildo Meireles' Babel, which was a tower of Radios all playing at once in different languages. It addresses the ideas of information overload and failed communication. It was an exciting installation."
Ashlee, Hannah & Tilly Year 10



"I really enjoyed people watching as we travelled around, it is so busy in London, it was really interesting to see all the different people."
Mary, Year 13

"I really like the textiles quilt work in the Tate Modern. I really enjoyed that gallery the most."
Charlie, Year 11



DAHIT Students report on their visit to London



Israa:

It was so exciting to go to London! The buildings and bridges were amazing.

I enjoyed going on the underground! The handles to hold while standing were so high up! I couldn't reach them... It's okay I got a seat.

I liked the Natural History Museum - the room where you can experience an earthquake.

Asad:

I took over 210 pictures, it was really interesting, looking at the different shapes and design.



Yaman:

I took 500 pictures! I liked the dinosaur the best - it was massive!



Allerton Grange Culture Day

We've had a fantastic day celebrating the many cultures within the Allerton Grange community.

There have been wonderful musical performances, amazing lessons including language and linguistics taster sessions, stalls, food and friendship.

Thank you to everyone for taking part and embracing the spirit of Culture Day wholeheartedly!



