



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Half term message:

Well, what a long half term!! After eight weeks, we have a lot of tired students and staff. This has been a half term when everyone has been adapting to our new daily schedule – an earlier start to the day and an additional lesson, meaning more changeovers.

Thank you to everyone in the Allerton Grange community who has made the transition to the new arrangements so seamless – thank you to:

- Our parents/carers who have ensured that our students arrive on time every morning, in full uniform and ready to learn. Our attendance this half term has been 94.5%, which is 2.5% above the national average.
- Our students who have shown themselves to be so adaptable to change and have already experienced an additional 13 hours of teaching time they would not have received in previous years. It is also remarkable how punctual students have been to lessons – lateness to lessons in every week of this half term has been less than half of 1%.
- Our staff community who are having to plan and deliver more lessons; supervise more lesson changeovers and build relationships with more classes and students.

Thank you to you all and I wish everyone a well-deserved rest and recharge over the half term break.

Congratulations to our premises team (Mitie):

Our premises team have just undergone their annual health and safety audit from Mitie, the parent company. They scored a brilliant 95% compliance score, putting them at the top of all school premises teams in Leeds. A great achievement and they are currently working on addressing the 5% below par.

Punctuality to school:

A reminder to all students and families that lessons begin at 8.30 am every morning, and therefore students must be in school before this time. If they arrive at school for 8.30 am, they will be late and will be issued with a consequence (behaviour point). Remember that a student accruing five lates over a half term will be issued with a day in the isolation room.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive points: 13,500
Negative points: 1,300
90% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November - Half Term (School is closed)

Monday 6 November - Start of Half Term 2

Tuesday 7 November - Year 11 and Year 13 Group photos

Thursday 9 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm - [Book your place to attend](#)

Friday 10 November - Year 11 Careers Interviews

Monday 13 November - Odd Socks Day in support of Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 15 November - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15 November - Music Careers Talk

Thursday 16 November - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm - Tickets available from ParentPay

Sports Fixture Results

Football:

Last Thursday, our **Year 9 Football** team won a thrilling local derby with Roundhay, in a game that finished 5-4. Tom and Oliver both made the most of their huge statures to tower over the Roundhay set piece defense to score a header apiece. Billy and Max completed the scoring for AGS.

Rugby:

The **Year 9 Rugby team** then faced off against Cockburn in a repeat of last year's Leeds Schools Final. Once again, AGS came out on top, winning the game 22-14 with some incredible defense on show. George was named player of the match for some outstanding defensive efforts.

The **Year 7 girls' Rugby team** also took part in a festival held at AGS involving ourselves and 4 other schools. We came 3rd overall, winning one and drawing one of our 4 games. The girls played some excellent rugby and more than matched some really strong and experienced rugby teams.

Netball:

This week our Netball team results come from Paris!



On Monday, our students completed a netball masterclass, with elite netball and professional players and coaches, before taking part in a tournament on Tuesday. They also visited Disneyland Paris!
(More to follow in the next newsletter)



Thank you to the PE Team and to Ms Hosty and Ms Seri-Baroan for supporting our students to take part in competitive fixtures and have these experiences.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 27 October, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Amaar in Year 7 has been nominated by Ms Barlow for his improvement in RS. His behaviour has changed completely from the beginning of the year and he is now very engaged.

Aryan in Year 8 was nominated for his resilience.

Tilly in Year 9 has had an incredible start to the year. So focused, and the progress she is making is phenomenal! She has taken up so many extracurricular activities including football, netball, conservatoire and clarinet! Amazing Tilly, well done!

Sam in Year 10 has had a terrific start this year. He is working so hard and has really taken control of his homework and revision. Sam, your attitude towards school work this year is a shining example to others. We are so proud of you!

Faizaan in Year 11 has settled in so well in RS and is trying very hard to succeed. Ms Turner-Lindley said she has been really impressed and is super proud.



Rewards Assemblies

This week, each Year Team held a Rewards Assembly to recognise the achievements of students across their year group.

Well done to all students who received prizes!

Selwyn College, University of Cambridge Visit

On Thursday 19 October, Ms Turner-Lindley and Ms Gillibrand took a group of Sixth Form students to visit Selwyn College at the University of Cambridge.

They had a full itinerary for the day including:

- A tour of Selwyn College with a student ambassador and the opportunity to ask lots of questions
- A visit to the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
- A tour of Cambridge where they saw the Mathematical Bridge at Queen's College
- A sample lecture with Dr J Stanley
- Lunch in the College's Refectory!

Thank you to Gordon for driving the school mini bus for this trip.



Romeo and Juliet Performance and Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 students watched a touring performance of Romeo and Juliet, presented by Acting and Actor Music students from Leeds Conservatoire, in partnership with Leeds Playhouse.



Odd Socks Day - Monday 13 November 2023

Mr Wall and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors would like everyone to put Monday 13 November into their diaries to remember to wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying Week.

Celebrate what makes us all unique by wearing odd socks to school!

The poster is purple and white with pink accents. It features the Anti-Bullying Alliance logo at the top left and the 'Andy and Steve's' logo at the top right. The main text reads: 'This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023'. Below this is the 'Odd Socks Day' logo and the text: 'Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!'. A speech bubble contains the text: 'If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ... The Safeguarding Team Your Year Team or Form Tutor An Anti-Bullying Ambassador or friend Any member of staff Email: safe@allertongrange.com'. At the bottom right, a pink speech bubble contains the hashtags: '#OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek #MakeANoise'. The bottom of the poster features logos for the Anti-Bullying Alliance, 'Make a Noise About Bullying', and 'Andy and Steve's'. Small text at the bottom left provides details about the National Children's Bureau and the company's registration.

Year 9 Sports Leaders

Last week, our Year 9 Sports Ambassadors took part in a Leeds School Games Leadership Day.

They joined 15 other Leeds schools in learning new skills from a variety of activities including basketball, netball and rugby. They also worked on developing leadership skills and delivered sessions to other pupils within these sports.



Maths Homework Heroes

This year in Maths, Years 7-10 are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most.

The top five students are Nur (10ag7), Thomas (7ag10), Ethan (7ag7), Evan (7ag3) and Umar (10ag8). These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to their homework.



Well done to all students for their hard work this half term.

Frankenstein Theatre Trip

Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English reports:

It was an absolute pleasure to take a group of English Literature students from Years 11, 12, and 13 to see 'Frankenstein' at York Theatre Royal on Thursday 26 October.

The play was a creative reworking of Mary Shelley's classic novel and was a captivating stage show.

Here's what some of our students named as their favourite thing about the play:

Harry - how the play explored the value of human intellect and the hell it can create.

Sophie - the lighting and the staging in general.

Shayaan - the portrayal of the monster - the search for himself and how he doesn't feel human.

Isobel - the way the monster is never given a name and his struggle with identity and never being able to find peace within himself.

Maya - the dehumanisation of human construction and the motif of vision and light.

James - the theme of isolation and the cyclical structure of loneliness and how isolation is one of the biggest causes of human suffering - the way the monster physically doesn't belong in the world but also how the doctor doesn't fit in with society either.

Sasha - the way they presented Frankenstein as a woman and the way she had to overcompensate as a female scientist in a man's world.

Lily - how the play explores what it means to be human and how humans try to control humanity and play god.

Taslina - that Frankenstein was a woman - the diversity in terms of casting - the lighting and set useful to see the characters embodied on stage ...

Rimsha - ...especially the monster - the way he articulated himself, his physicality.

Zaahra - a different take, how she was female and her reaction to the monster she created - I thought they portrayed the doctor as more sensitive - I was disappointed they cut out the De Lacys.

Mohid - I thought it was a good performance - I liked the fact there was a female Frankenstein.

Grace - the passionate acting and the lighting and music - it was all very scary but it was a good experience! It made me think about the message of the story and the ethics of what they were trying to do.

A big thank you to all of our students for being such incredible ambassadors for AGS when out and about, and to Ms Gillibrand, Mr Goodfield, and Ms Ludlow for their support with the trip.



Sixth Form Open Evening



9 November 2023
6-8pm

Online Bookings - Now Open

Year 11 students are invited to join us to find out about the options for studying at Allerton Grange Sixth Form.

For more information please visit our Sixth Form website or email:
sixthform@allertongrange.com



THE CLASSICS DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

AN AUDIENCE WITH
JENNIFER SAINT

23 NOVEMBER 6PM

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT AT
ALLERTON GRANGE SCHOOL

SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF

ARIADNE
ELEKTRA
JENNIFER SAINT

[Book online to attend An Audience with Jennifer Saint](#)

KS4&5
Thursday 16 November 2023
7.00 pm
Concert

Tickets - £3 - available via parent pay

WORLD OF MUSIC
Monday 20th November and Tuesday 21st November
3:15-5pm in M001
All students welcome! (Solo or Groups)
You will need to prepare a piece of your choice that would like to perform in the Christmas concert.
If you need accompaniment, please let Miss Shrimpton know in advance.
Students auditioning should be available on
Thursday 14 December 5:30-9pm for the concert.
AUDITIONS

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 1 – September - December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All Years – M003
Girls Basketball All years - Courts	Badminton All Years	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years – L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall
Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Girls Rugby All Years	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK B) KS4 and KS5 – I001
	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Boys Basketball All Years	Netball Year 9	<p>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>KS5</p>
	Girls Football Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Netball Year 8	Netball Year 7	
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Girls Football Year 7	
	Boys Football Year 7	Boys Rugby KS3	Boys Football Year 8	
	Netball Year 10 and Year 11	Boys Football Year 9	Coding Club (WEEK A) KS3 – I002	
		Maths GCSE Drop-in KS4 – L035	Boys Football Year 10 and 11	
		Geography A-Level Drop-in KS5 – L022	EPQ Club KS5 – I001	
		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	



PHYSICAL EDUCATION		AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS	
WEEK A	SPORTS CLUB	WEEK B	SPORTS CLUB
MONDAY	GIRLS BASKETBALL (JGA)	MONDAY	GIRLS BASKETBALL (JGA)
TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCG & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGF) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)	TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCG & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGF) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)
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If you DO NOT have PE on the above days you can still come to school in your PE kit!

STARTING TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Please check with your child if they are staying for an after school club so you know what time they will be leaving school.
Thank you for your support.

Don't start your day by being late to school!
Students need to be in school , in their form room, at 8.25 am
ready for the register to be taken at 8.30 am.

Timetable A		Timetable B	Timetable C	
Years 10/11/12/13		Years 8/9	Year 7	
8:25am		Warning Bell		8:25am
8:30am	REGISTRATION			8:30am
8:50am	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1	1	1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2	BREAK	10:25am
11:15am	3	3	3	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	4	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	LUNCH	12:05pm
1:20pm	5	5	5	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	6	6	12:55pm
3:00pm		After School Provisions/Detentions begin		1:20pm
				2:10pm
				3:00pm

All students should leave the school site by 3.10pm unless attending a session 7 or working with a member of staff. There is to be no waiting in the cafe after school. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, a session 7, or isolation/detention.

(Monday) Stage 3 - SLT Detentions – 3:05pm – 4:30pm (85 minutes)

(Tuesday - Friday)

Stage 1 Detentions – 3:05pm - 3:35pm (30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detentions - 3:05pm – 4:00pm (55 minutes)

Isolation takes place between 9:00am-3pm/3.30pm/4.00pm (Depending on Behaviour)