



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see everyone back in school this week after the half term break.

Here is a reminder about the start of the school day and the importance of being on time.

- The **school site opens at 8.15 am** and **students are expected to be in school by 8.25 am.**
- **Registration starts at 8.30 am. Students need to be in their form room, at their desk, ready to learn BEFORE 8.30 am.**
- **If students are arriving to school at 8.30 am, they are already late.**
- In line with the PPD, students arriving late to school will receive a behaviour point. Three behaviour points within a seven-day period results in a Stage 1, 30 minute after-school detention.

Being on time helps children and young people start the day settled, relaxed and ready to learn. Help your child have a good start to the day by leaving more time for the journey to school. If you drive your child to school, keep in mind that traffic is often busier during the winter months and darker mornings, so please plan ahead and drive carefully, especially near the school site.

Studies have shown that being late to school can negatively impact children and young people. Arriving late means a student is missing out on time in school and disrupting their learning, as well as impacting on opportunities to connect with their peers. Students may feel stressed and embarrassed, and this can have a negative effect on their mental health and sense of wellbeing.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts
Positive points: 14,000
Negative points: 1,250
92% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 13 November - Odd Socks Day in support of Anti Bullying Week.
Students are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks!

Tuesday 14 November - Year 13 Drama students present The Bloody Chamber by Angela Carter, 6.00 pm. Tickets are free - please see the Drama Department to collect tickets.

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

Thursday 16 November - Year 9 English Trip to see the Merchant of Venice



Academisation Update from the Board of Governors:

Further to the information provided before half-term, as promised, the following is a brief summary of what the governors agreed as to the next steps at the EGM held on 25 October 2023:

- To produce a comparison of the services/costs currently provided by the LEA (Local Education Authority) and the MAT (Multi Academy Trusts)
- To invite the ASCL (Association of Schools and College Leaders) consultant, who specialises in providing schools with independent and impartial advice/guidance regarding academisation, to spend 2 further days with us to:
 - (a) Meet with each of the shortlisted MAT's CEO's (3-hour sessions) on 1st and 2nd February 2024, where they will each be asked the same questions
 - (b) The Governors will be producing the questions including those raised at our parent/carer information evenings
 - (c) To receive verbal feedback followed by a written report
 - (d) FGB (Full Governing Body) meeting to formally to discuss the findings and decide the next steps.

As stated previously, we are not in any hurry to convert to become an academy and will only do so if it is in the best interests of the students, staff and wider community.

The next update will be after we have discussed the findings from the meetings in early February and hopefully will be around February half term.

Barbara Trayer
Chair of Governors



An Audience with Jennifer Saint

On Thursday 23 November, AGS students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will be attending a Classics lecture with author, Jennifer Saint, discussing Greek mythology, specifically the role of women in myth.

As well as the students attending the lecture during the day, we are also holding a free community event that evening from 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

This talk will be longer and aimed at an adult audience. Jennifer Saint will share her insights, research, and inspiration behind her work. She will explore the hidden depths of mythological heroines, their triumphs, struggles, and the timeless relevance of their stories.

The evening event is open to all members of the school and wider community.

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

Sports Fixture Results

Football:

The Year 9 boys' Football team won their match on Tuesday 6-1, in the English Schools FA cup third round against Mirfield Grammar.



Unfortunately, our Year 8 boys' Football team was defeated 3-1 by Trinity Academy, Barnsley, in their English Schools FA cup match.

Netball:

On Wednesday 8 November, both **Year 8 Netball teams** played against Roundhay at Allerton Grange in two very competitive games.

The B team managed a 3 -3 draw, with Temi scoring all of our goals, and Hana being named player of the match.

Our A team had to dig deep in the last quarter to claw back some points, but unfortunately ended on a loss at 9-7 to Roundhay, Holly was named player of the game. Two very tough games after the half term break.



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

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 10 November, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Rio in Year 7 has had an exceptional start to Year 7, helped at the Open Evening and Careers Fair, and is an all-round incredibly helpful person.

Alex in Year 8 has been at Allerton Grange for a month and has settled in so well, made lots of friends, gained lots of positive behaviour points, and is always polite and respectful to adults. A positive addition to the Year 8 cohort!

Aliyan in Year 9 was nominated by the Maths Team because since September his work ethic, engagement in lessons and attitude has been amazing. He is making really good progress and is generally performing really well.

Rayan in Year 10 volunteered to cut Mr Goodfield's hair, despite having very little experience. Afterwards, Mr Goodfield said it was the best haircut he had ever had in school. Miss Riley inspected it and agreed that it was faultless!



Congratulations to our Community Ambassadors

This week, a group of students who have been outstanding ambassadors at our school Open Day and Open Mornings, were presented with Community Ambassador badges.

Congratulations to:

- Temi, Josiah, Amelia, Sam, Freya and Florence (Year 8)
- Sukhleen, Dan, Alex and Sofia (Year 10)
- Isaac (Year 11)

AGS International Netball Tour 2023

Ms Caisley reports:

At the end of half term, 42 students and 4 staff travelled to Paris for an International Netball Tournament and coaching with the Elite Netball Academy.

Netball Masterclass

The Elite Netball Academy and their fantastic coaches provided our young players with their guidance and expertise to fine tune and develop their skills and we also got the chance to see some famous faces.

Founded by Anna Carter, the Elite netball team bring a passion for the game with extensive experience and knowledge to support young players to reach their goals, be that excelling in their club, secure a place on a pathway programme for Super league clubs or simply improve their game play.



Tournament Day

AGS Angels won the 5th place

playoff. Finishing 3rd in their group stage, the Angels progressed into the Semi-Finals. The Angels won their first game against Lincroft Academy 7 goals to 1, playing their best netball of the tournament. In their next game, they met Burges Hill but were beaten 4 goals to 1. Progressing to the 5th place playoff and playing a very close game with Stars Lincroft coming out on top 5 goals to 2.

Marauding Moortown Mavericks

Having beaten Burgess Hill school for Girls 9-1, our other Year 9 team were off to a flying start in the second game against Claremont Fan Court School. We were victorious winning 2-0 and confidence was high. Unfortunately, tiredness and a lack of experience started to show, and the Mavericks were beaten by Queens Wyverns and Taunton School. However, they managed a very respectable 3rd place in their pool.

AGS Assassins AKA Year 10 faced some extremely tough and very experienced opposition who were a year above. When you are losing it is very easy to give up, however the team kept playing and remaining positive, demonstrating a very strong character and resilience. Getting better with each game, they beat Bohunt Giants 7 goals to 5. I am so proud of their positivity and never give up attitude, well done girls.



Final Day at Disneyland, Paris!

What a great way to finish a superb trip, nothing better than a visit to Disneyland Paris. Having tickets to travel between Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios meant that students could go between the two parks as many times as they wanted. Rides included Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain, Avengers Assemble, Ratatouille, Twilight Zone Tower of Terror and It's a Small World - although the latter was mainly the staff favourite.



Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain, where you are enlisted in the Rebel Alliance and launched into space. In the Twilight Zone a little ghost girl haunts this elevator. But she is the least of your worries. Finally, we became Avengers and teamed up with Iron Man and Captain Marvel to help them save the world from an intergalactic threat. Board one of Stark Industries' new hypersonic vehicles and blast off on an epic adventure full of thrilling twists and turns!

This was without a doubt one of the best trips I have ever organised. Thank you to all the pupils, you were polite, enthusiastic, great fun and a pleasure to be around. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Smith, Ms Hosty and Miss Seri-Baroan, without you volunteering to help this trip would not have been possible. What's next I hear you say.... Well you will have to wait and see!!



Fish Masterclass for Hospitality & Catering Students

On Tuesday 7 November, Liam Tarbett from local fishmongers Tarbetts popped into the Year 10 and Year 11 Hospitality and Catering GCSE class. He brought fresh whole mackerel to give a masterclass on how to fillet a whole fish.

Liam was impressed by the level of skill shown by the students so he also gave extra demonstrations on fine boning. He also brought in fresh cod tails to demonstrate how to skin and make fish goujons.



Music Students visit Leeds Conservatoire

On Wednesday, a group of Music students from KS3, Year 10 and Sixth Form, visited Leeds Conservatoire for a Leeds Lunchtime Chamber Music Concert.

They were wowed by award-winning musicians Emma Baird (violin) and Ryan Corbett (accordion), both studying postgraduate courses at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

The programme included:

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) The Four Seasons:
Concerto No 4, 'L'inverno' (Winter)
i Allegro non molto
ii Largo
iii Allegro

Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992) *Histoire du Tango:*
ii Cafe, 1930
iii Night Club, 1960

Pyotr Ilyich (1840-1893) *Souvenir d'un lieu cher*
(Memory of a cherished place):
i Méditation
ii Scherzo
iii Mélodie

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937) *Tzigane*



Thank you to Mrs Casey and the Music Team, and to Gordon and Howard, our mini bus drivers, for making this trip possible.

We've received some lovely feedback about our students who attended the concert: "I just wanted to say how lovely it was to see your students at Leeds Conservatoire on Wednesday. Well done to them for their superb attention and to their teachers for giving them the opportunity."



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 9 November, we welcomed prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening to explore their post-16 options.

There was a presentation from Mike Roper (Headteacher), Jordan Macrow (KS5 Director), Liz Braim (Head of Sixth Form) and our Head Students Abby and Luke.

Subject teachers, as well as student ambassadors, were on hand to answer questions about studying at Allerton Grange Sixth Form, along with information about Enrichment opportunities.

[Applications for Year 12 entry in September are now open online.](#)

Year 11 students have been sent an email to their school email address and need to follow the instructions on how to apply.



Year 11 Careers Sessions

This week Year 11 have taken part in post-16 planning sessions.

Leeds City College in Thursday talking to all of Year 11 in assembly about their post-16 offer. They then ran two targeted workshops to support students further with their options and choices.

On Friday, all of Year 11 took part in a mock interview which they have been preparing for. Over 20 volunteers from local businesses and industries spent time with each student, conducting an interview in order to support them with their upcoming college/apprenticeship/job interviews.

All students will receive feedback on how they performed.



Allerton Grange School
Sixth Form

THE BLOODY CHAMBER

BY ANGELA CARTER

A new adaptation
by AGS Y13 Drama

Tuesday 14th November - 6.00pm
See Drama Department for tickets

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

With the support of **Odd Socks**

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

Odd Socks Day

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

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

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#MakeANoise

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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE
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PARTNER

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

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!

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 (BCG)	MONDAY	GIRLS BASKETBALL (BCG)
TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCG & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (GFG) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)	TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCG & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (GFG) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)
WEDNESDAY	VR 8 NETBALL (BCG) GIRLS RUGBY (GGR & Leeds Rhinos) BOYS BASKETBALL (DTG) KS3 BOYS RUGBY (JGA) VR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL (SNO)	WEDNESDAY	VR 8 NETBALL (BCG) GIRLS RUGBY (Leeds Rhinos) BOYS BASKETBALL (DTG) KS3 BOYS RUGBY (JGA) VR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL (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)