



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Update from the Board of Governors

Please see below an update from Barbara Trayer, Chair of the Board of Governors:

As promised in my previous communication, the following is an update of the governors' position regarding the possible conversion of Allerton Grange to academy status.

On 1 and 2 February 2024, the external consultant, Rob Robson, spent 2 days with governors and Mr Norrington, Associate Headteacher, interviewing each of the respective CEOs (Red Kite Learning Trust, Collaborative Learning Trust, and TEAL (The Education Alliance)) which averaged 3 hours each meeting with a common set of questions and assessment criteria. The governors are still waiting on the completion of the final report.

However, in a further development, at a meeting with the Department for Education (DfE), the CEO of TEAL referred to the meetings with Allerton Grange School, as well as local primary schools, and the possibility of these schools forming a 'Hub' within the TEAL Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The DfE confirmed that the Regional Director for our area will only support academisation of Leeds secondary schools into MATs that already have a secondary presence in Leeds.

This rules out TEAL as a potential MAT for Allerton Grange because they are based in East Yorkshire and currently have no secondary school provision in the city.

As you can imagine, this came as a huge surprise and as a result, we now need to revisit the options available to us, to ensure that should we move to academisation, we have chosen the best MAT to meet the needs of Allerton Grange School.

Once we have further discussed our options and agreed the best way forward there will be further information to share with you, but please rest assured that until then, no decision to join a MAT has yet been made.

On a positive note, this has been an extremely interesting, beneficial learning process for all parties.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Barbara Trayer
Chair, Board of Governors

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 11 to Friday 15 March - National Science Week

Tuesday 12 March - Debating Team at the Regional Final of the ESU Schools' Mace (Hosted at Allerton Grange School)

Thursday 14 March - Moor Allerton Hall Primary Talent Show

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 March - Year 11 Geography Field Trip to York

Friday 15 March - Talbot Primary Talent Show

Tuesday 19 March - GCSE Drama Exam

Wednesday 20 March - Culture Day

Thursday 21 March - KS4/5 Concert - Tickets £3 on ParentPay

ClassCharts

Positive points: 18,220

Negative points: 2,200

88% positive points ratio

Training Days 2023-24

The remaining Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Friday 5 July,

Monday 22 July and

Tuesday 23 July

Sports Results

Netball

The **Year 8 & 9 Netball teams** went to Allerton High on Wednesday, playing in rain and on a very slippery court. Both teams unfortunately lost, with Year 8 being beaten 11-3, and Year 9 9-4. There were some great performances from Mary and Isla.

Football

On Wednesday, Allerton Grange hosted a **Year 7 & Year 8 boys' football evening** against Temple Moor. A and B teams from both year groups played, spanning across all four of our pitches!

With the help of Mr Tomlinson, Mr Gaunt and the Temple Moor PE department, we ran an extremely successful and rewarding event. In doing so, we presented new opportunities to students who haven't been involved with extracurricular competitions, to experience playing against a different school.

All four of our teams won, and the results are as follows:

Year 7 A team: Won 5-2

Year 7 B team: Won 3-2

Year 8 A team: Won 3-0

Year 8 B team: Won 2-0

Special mentions for Year 7:

Harrison - for making his AGS debut and scoring a hatrick.

Logan - captaining the A team and scoring two goals.

Special mentions for Year 8:

Hamza - stepping up to captain and help organise the B team.

Will - for scoring his first header for AGS!



Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 8 March, with Ms Saunders (Deputy Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Raoul in Year 7 was nominated for throwing himself into Drama and even doing demonstrations in front of the class with the teacher. Last week, in his first drama lesson ever, he got up and showed his piece to the class. I am honestly so impressed with his approach to starting a new school, and his kind and positive nature and attitude.

Cienna in Year 8 has had an astounding term so far and has been awarded a significant number of Achievement Points to date. She is polite, friendly and hardworking, and a great addition to Year 8. Thank you, Cienna!

Moise in Year 9 was nominated for writing beautiful poems, along with other students, in their mother tongue, and then translating them to English.

Francesca in Year 10 was nominated for always being polite, kind and helpful, and for having the most Achievement Points in the Year.

Kany in Year 11 was recognised by Miss Walker for her resilience around her Health and Social Care presentation.



Rugby

Despite reaching the regional final, our **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** finished in second place in the Leeds and Hunslet Schools Cup, as they lost 22-14 to Cockburn.

The PE Team are so proud of the character, resilience and determination of the players, who kept battling until the final whistle, and they really pushed their opponents all the way. Well done.

Acrobatic Gymnastics Success

Massive congratulations to Year 10 students, Lizzie and Freya, who qualified at the weekend to represent Yorkshire at the British Acrobatic Gymnastics Finals in May.

They are also heading to Norway in July to represent Great Britain with the display squad.

Lizzie and Freya both train around 12 hours a week with Leeds Gymnastics Club, and also do voluntary coaching as young leaders.

Ms Caisley, Curriculum Leader for PE said: *"I'm really proud of what they have achieved alongside their schoolwork."*



Alumni News - Jasdeep Singh

Jasdeep Singh is one of our past students who is making it very big in the world of music. Not only has he composed and performed in the most prestigious of venues, such as The Royal Albert Hall, he received an Arts fund to create his own album, and now he has made history by becoming 'the first sitar player to win a Royal Philharmonic Society Award'.

Additionally he is signed to Peter Gabriel's Real World Records Label.



After leaving school, he studied in India for 6 months alongside a sitar master, and since then has been composing his own albums and doing lots of collaboration work.

[See his website for more information.](#)

World Book Day: The Big Book Swap

Thank you to all who joined our first big book swap - it was a huge success! This was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their love of reading and discover exciting new books.

Happy reading!



Enrichment Update

KS3 students are continuing with their enrichment sessions, on Fridays of Week B. It has been lovely to see our young people trying new things, making new friends, working together and having fun at the end of the week.



Above: Students from the Hairdressing Mood Board and Model Group.

Below: Students taking part in a Braiding session using model heads.



As part of the KS3 enrichment sessions, Mr Hanif's group of students are focusing on 'Charity Fundraising'. The students decided to raise money for Age UK and organised a bake sale for staff on Friday 8 March.



Above: Students from the Strategy Board Games Group.

Below: Students taking part in a Music and the Deaf session.



KS4 & 5 Concert

On Thursday 21 March, our GCSE and A level musicians in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will be showcasing their talents at the KS4&5 Concert.

For some of the students, this will be their final concert performance at Allerton Grange.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown.

All are welcome to join us for the concert. Tickets are £3 each and available from ParentPay.



Culture Day is Back!

For the second year, we are delighted to be holding a Culture Day at Allerton Grange School, on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

[Please see the Culture Day letter on the school website.](#)



Lost Property

Please help your child by making sure their name is in all of their belongings, particularly coats.

If your child loses something in school, they should retrace their steps and check they haven't left it in a classroom, or the dining room, before checking with their Year Team or Lost Property.

We have a large number of items in Lost Property at Main Reception, including coats and school uniform items without names.

Please check the Lost Property before the end of term as unclaimed items without names will be donated to charity.

Macbeth Trip

This week, KS4 students have been immersed in the world of Shakespeare through trips to Leeds Playhouse to watch Macbeth being performed. This has made their learning experience even more engaging and enjoyable by seeing the words brought to life!



Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 2 – January to April

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	PE Band Rehearsal M002
Girls Basketball Sports Hall	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years - M002	Juniors Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years - L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Art Club Art	Spars Maths All Year - Maths Pod	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall
Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	All Years Badminton Sports Hall	Boys Basketball Sports Hall	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK 8) KS4 and KS5 - 1001
Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Year 8/9 Trampoline Sports Hall	KS3 Table Tennis Sports Hall	Product Design Drop-in T002
Product Design Drop-in T002	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Year 7 Fitness Fitness Suite	Year 8 /9 Fitness Fitness Suite	GCSE Music Revision M003
	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall	<p>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>KS5</p>
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Politics Club KS3 - L053	Coding Club (WEEK A) KS3 - KS7	
	Writers' Collective KS3 - L011	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	Physics Olympiad KS4 - S11 (from March)	
	Darts Club Year 8 - L024	Foundation French GCSE Revision L002	Product Design Drop-in T002	
	KS4 Fitness Fitness Suite	Product Design Drop-in T002	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15.	
	Physics Drop-in Year 11 - S004	GCSE PE Revision L044	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	
	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop Art	Geography A-Level Drop-in KS3 - L022	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15.	
	Geography GCSE Drop-in KS5 - L022	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051	EPQ Club KS5 - 1001	
	Product Design Drop-in T002		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L011	
	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051			



[Click here to open a PDF version of the Extra-Curricular timetable](#)



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	All Years Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	BCA
TUESDAY	All Years Badminton KS3 Netball Club KS3 Girls Football	Sports Hall MUGA Fields	SNO BCA & JAD KAI
WEDNESDAY	Boys Basketball Y7 Fitness Y8/9 Trampoline Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball (teams only)	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall MUGA	DTO JGA KAI BCA & JAD
THURSDAY	Year 7 Boys Football Year 8/9 Fitness Year 7 Trampoline Year 11 GCSE PE revision	Fields Fitness Suite Sports Hall L44	DTO SNO KAI BCA

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 19th February until the Easter Holiday.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

This is a new PE After-School timetable starting on 19 February 2024. Please refer to this timetable rather than the combined version above for PE clubs.

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.

The School Day 2023-2024

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