



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Heading towards the final half term of the year:

Every year seems to pass more and more quickly – I am sure this is a sign of growing old. It only seems like yesterday when we were welcoming all our students back from summer and yet this week we have dismissed our Year 11s and Year 13s as they begin their study leave.

We are also in the middle of visiting all our new Year 7s at their primary schools – I hope your SATs went well and I'm hearing great things about you from Miss Hosty and Mrs Wright.

There are a few notices to share as we come to the end of Half Term 5.

a) Attendance – thank you to all our parents and carers who get their children into Allerton Grange every day. Allerton Grange continues to buck the national trend with attendance. Nationally attendance to school is in decline. At AGS, we are recording attendance this year at 93.2% - this is 2% above the national average and 5% above the average for Leeds secondary schools.

b) Summer uniform code – thank you to all our families for reinforcing our uniform code throughout the year.

From Monday 3 June we revert to our summer uniform code:

- The wearing of blazers and jumpers becomes optional.
- Shirts must be tucked into trousers at all times inside the building and the school tie must be worn.
- AGS PE kit is permitted to be worn on a daily basis.

c) Goodbye, thank you and good luck:

At the end of every term we lose staff as they move onto pastures new and exciting adventures. This term we say goodbye to two colleagues:

- **Miss Seri-Baroan** has been a French teacher at Allerton Grange since 2018. She joined as a new trainee and since then has grown from strength to strength in the classroom. Miss Seri-Baroan is returning to her home city of London to work at a secondary school. Their gain is our loss and we wish her all the very best.
- **Mr Basser** has been a Deaf Instructor at Allerton Grange for 10 years. He has provided invaluable support for our Deaf and Hearing Impaired students throughout this time. He is a tireless advocate for the general teaching of British Sign Language and has in recent months taken students and staff through BSL qualifications. He is leaving Allerton Grange to start a new adventure in a similar role for the Wakefield Service.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 24 May - Last Day of Half Term, School is closed for the Half Term Holiday 27 - 31 May, reopening on Monday 3 June.

Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 June - Year 7 Trip to Fountains Abbey

Thursday 6 June - Year 7 Bushcraft Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Thursday 6 June - Art & Technology Exhibition, 6 - 8 pm - All Welcome

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

ClassCharts

Positive points: 14,430

Negative points: 1,950

86% positive points ratio

Sports Results Rounders

This week our **Year 7/8 boys' Rounders team** competed in a tournament at Roundhay. They beat Ruth Gorse but lost by half a rounder to Roundhay, Prince Henry's and Pudsey Grammar.

This was the first time some of the students had played the sport and performed brilliantly, representing Allerton Grange in an excellent manner.



Parent Governor Election Voting Information

We have had two nominations for the role of parent governor and will now hold a ballot.

Parents and carers will be receiving [a letter](#) and [ballot information](#) (via students today). This information is also available on the [school website](#).

Votes need to be returned to school, following the instructions in the letter, by 3.00 pm on Monday 10 June 2024.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 24 May, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Edward in Year 7 has impeccable behaviour and attitude to learning. He has made such positive progress since September.

Naveen in Year 8 has impressed the Behaviour and Welfare Team. He is articulate, mature and clear in his communication. An amazing young man and we are proud to have him in Year 8.

Catherine in Year 9 has had such a positive term, and has had really impressive feedback from her enrichment teacher, Miss Riley. Well done!



A message from the Board of Governors

When the discussions regarding the possible conversion to academy status was first shared with you in 2023, I promised to keep you updated. The last updates referred to the interviews which took place with the 3 Chief Executives of the shortlisted trusts, as well as the latest DfE information regarding which trusts secondary schools in Leeds would be allowed to consider. Unfortunately, due to the ill health of the consultant who was preparing the report for us following these interviews, we have not yet received the final document. Hopefully this should be with us ahead of our next Full Governors meeting in early July, after which I should be in a position to provide further information.

As a reminder, please bear in mind that, as Allerton Grange is a GOOD and improving school, we are in a strong position to make the best and right decision for its future when the time is right.

Mrs Barbara Trayer (Chair of Governors)



Good Luck to Year 11

It has been heartwarming to see Year 11 students wearing their Leavers hoodies with pride in school this week.



As they near the end of Year 11 at Allerton Grange, we wish them well in their remaining exams.

[Year 11 students started their study leave on Thursday 23 May](#), after the GCSE Language Exam.

After this date, Year 11 students only need to attend school for their exams.

Good luck and you know where we are!

Ms Davis and Mr Wall
Year 11 Team



Prom Tickets

Don't miss out, there's still time to get your Prom tickets from ParentPay!

The Year 11 Team and Prom Committee warmly invite you to celebrate your success at your:

'City of Stars'

Prom Night 2024

Date: 5 July 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Dress Code: Suits & Dresses

Venue: Allerton Grange School

Tickets: £40 from Parent Pay

School Uniform Exchange

As we approach the end of the school year, please consider donating outgrown uniform to the Allerton Grange School Uniform Exchange.

Please drop clean donations off at main reception.

If you are looking for any uniform items, please email agadmin@allertongrange.com.

There are some items available but hopefully they will be more sizes by the end of term.

YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE

[Year 13 students start their study leave on Monday 3 June.](#)

From 3 June, Year 13 students only need to attend school for exams.

New Head Students

I am pleased to confirm our new Head Students for 2024/25 - Maryam and Harry.

I am looking forward to working with them and the Student Leadership Group, and seeing the positive impact they will have in school.

Mr Macrow, Director of KS5

Hello, I'm Maryam.

As Head Student, I am committed to leading with compassion and respect; cultivating a safe, positive, and inclusive environment where both the Student Leadership Group and the entire student body feel empowered to voice their opinions.

I aspire to dedicate my time, effort, and skills into creating and promoting initiatives, events, and collaborative projects that champion acceptance and diversity, whilst also tackling key issues that the SLG and I feel strongly about.

I hope to represent Allerton Grange in the best possible way and serve as an active member of our school community and promote the ethos - *Aspire, Grow and Succeed*.



Hi, I'm Harry.

Here at AGS, we strive to represent our school's values – not just to *Aspire, Grow and Succeed*, but also to celebrate our diversity, unlock the power of reading and pursue high aspirations with confidence.

As a new Head Student, I am excited to help the school achieve these aims as best I can. My experiences in teaching music, tutoring debate club and plain and simple listening to other students have served as a call to action for me - making positive changes to people's lives is not just an interest but an integral part of who I am.

The areas that I want to emphasise in my tenure are engaging students with topics pertinent to them (getting a job, a mortgage, insurance), promoting reading for pleasure in Sixth-Form and overall building students' confidence in and out of their school lives.

This I hope will galvanise positive changes to students lives and enrich the community we have.

When students look back on their time here, I don't want them to feel that they went to any old High School or Sixth Form, I want them to feel pride in that they went to Allerton Grange High School and Sixth Form.

SPARX Maths This Half Term

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:

Aleena (11ag3),
Evan (7ag3),
Ethan (7ag7),
Hanna (8ag5) and
Serena (9ag6).

These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to the weekly homework.

Well done to these, and every student, for their hard work this half term.



Art & Technology Exhibition Thursday 6 June, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

All are welcome to join us to celebrate the work of our GCSE and A level Fine Art, Photography, Textiles and 3D Design Students.

A poster for the 'End of Year Summer Exhibition' at Allerton Grange School. The poster features a grid of 20 small images showcasing various art and technology projects, including portraits, abstract designs, and 3D models. The text on the poster includes 'GCSE and A Level Fine Art, Photography Textiles and 3D Design', 'Thursday 6th June 2024 6:00pm - 8pm', and 'Allerton Grange School'. The school's crest is also visible in the bottom right corner.

GCSE and A Level
Fine Art, Photography
Textiles and
3D Design

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6:00pm - 8pm

Allerton Grange School

End of Year Summer Exhibition

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		DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1	1		1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3	3		3	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	4	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	LUNCH	12:05pm
1:20pm	5	5		5	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	6		6	12:55pm
3:00pm					1:20pm
	After School Provisions/Detentions begin				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)