



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Allerton Grange is ready to go for September:

I am delighted to be able to share with you that despite a national teacher recruitment crisis, particularly in the secondary sector, Allerton Grange is fully staffed with specialist qualified teachers to deliver our curriculum in September. There are currently 70 secondary teacher vacancies in Leeds schools alone. So, it is reassuring to know that at this point of the year we have already recruited all the teachers we require to run our curriculum next year.

Allerton Grange invests in Teaching and Learning:

This week, we have started a major investment project into IT developments at Allerton Grange. Over the summer, we will be investing £600,000, installing state-of-the-art digital screens in all our classrooms and office spaces (replacing projectors and whiteboards), and updating all staff and student laptops to support the roll out of Windows 11. These developments will mean that Allerton Grange students are not only taught by qualified specialist teachers but they are learning in a state-of-the-art environment.

Welcome to our new Parent Governor:

Thank you to all those parents and carers who voted in our recent Parent Governor election. I am delighted to announce that Ms Lees (who has a daughter in Year 9) was duly elected and will take up her post with immediate effect.

Parent survey – have your say:

Remember to take part in our annual parent and carer survey. The link to the survey can be found at [Edurio.com/poll/ocRqs7](https://edurio.com/poll/ocRqs7), and will be available for you to provide feedback until Friday 28 June.

Democracy in action at Allerton Grange:

Mr Dutton-Taylor and his A level Politics class will be running a mock election at Allerton Grange. Hustings will begin next week, where manifesto commitments will be shared with all students and questions taken during form time. This will culminate in a whole school election before the general election takes place.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 17 June - Inter Primary Sports Day

Tuesday 18 June - Year 9 DTP Vaccine catch up

Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 June - Sports Week (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)

Wednesday 26 June - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Wednesday 26 June - KS3 Play - All welcome

Thursday 27 June - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 28 June - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

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: 12,954

Negative points: 1,724

87% positive points ratio

Information for New Parents/Carers: Year 6 Transition

As we approach the end of the Summer term, it is a time of reflection and preparation for September. For students joining us for the first time, this can be exciting but there also may be nerves and worries.

The Transition Team has been visiting our new Year 7s at their primary schools to help them get ready for the move to secondary school.

We're excited to be welcoming new students to Allerton Grange for the Transition Days on Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 June.

Staff will be outside the school building to help you find where to go. You can use the pedestrian gates on Lidgett Lane or Talbot Avenue to access the school site. Parents are not permitted to use the Talbot Avenue entrance to enter the staff carpark to drop students off. There is a turning circle for drop offs, accessible from Lidgett Lane.

Meet the Transition Team

You may have already met members of our Transition Team:



Steve Fidler
Assistant Head
Director of KS3



Sarah Whittingham
Assistant Head
Behaviour & Welfare



Leanne Hosty
Progress
& Welfare
Leader KS3
Transition Lead



Connie Wright
Progress
& Welfare
Manager
Year 7



Michaela Child
Assistant Head
SEND & Strategic
Partnerships

Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 June - 8.45 am to 2.45 pm
Transition Days for new Year 7 students

Students should attend on both days and wear their Primary School uniform.

Staff will be outside to welcome and help new students.

Tuesday 25 June - New Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Please come to Main Reception.

The Transition & KS3 Team will talk to you about starting at Allerton Grange and answer your questions.

Welcome from Steve Fidler, Director of KS3

For those parents with whom I have not met, I am Steve Fidler, the Key Stage 3 Director at Allerton Grange School. I am extremely proud to be both part of the school's esteemed educational community and to lead a team of seven dedicated, diligent and compassionate pastoral staff members.

We are a team that is committed to fostering a positive and nurturing environment for our students. Our team setup is rather unique, in that all the pastoral staff are non-teaching which allows their time to be wholly committed to the wellbeing and the development of students. Together with you, we aim to embark on a journey of collaboration and growth that uses our KLAS Curriculum to empower your child to build trust, gain confidence and develop the competence to succeed.

With 14 years of experience in education and over 4 years with the Senior Leadership Team, I am committed to supporting the vision of Allerton Grange and your child's success. My background includes a strong focus on curriculum development, student engagement, and school improvement initiatives.

I believe in open communication and collaboration between educators, students, and parents. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching learning environment that empowers students to reach their full potential. Please feel free to reach out to me at stevenfidler@allertongrange.com with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. I am looking forward to working with you to best ensure that your child maximises their attendance and furthers the academic excellence within the Allerton Grange School community.

Transition Project Concert

Friday 21 June 2024,

5.00 - 6.00 pm

Allerton Grange School Hall

All Welcome

The Allerton Grange Music Team are delighted to announce that the Transition Project concert will take place next Friday, 5.00 - 6.00 pm.

Students from Years 7-9 at Allerton Grange have been working alongside students at Gledhow Primary to showcase a performance for an audience, in preparation for transitioning into secondary school.

All are welcome to attend. Parking will be available in the school car park, accessible from Talbot Avenue.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 (in cash) upon entry. All funds raised will go towards future music projects.

KS3 Drama students present: 'Tuesday'

Wednesday 26 June 2024,

6.00 pm

Allerton Grange School Hall

All Welcome

This year our KS3 Drama students have been preparing a performance of the intriguing play 'Tuesday'

'It happened on a Tuesday, which is surprising coz nothing decent ever happened on a Tuesday'

Come and find out how the students at Lane End School cope with a meteorological event that has surprising consequences.

Tickets are £5 and are available on ParentPay. If your child hasn't started at Allerton Grange yet, please email vikimciver@allertongrange.com to book tickets.

Science Visit

On Friday 7 June, we hosted 120 Year 4 and 5 pupils from Moortown and Moor Allerton Hall primaries.

The students were really excited to see the secondary school Science facilities (especially the upstairs labs!). They enjoyed the practical investigation, identifying mystery solutions. One student said the school was "amazing" and they were really looking forward to coming here in the future!

Thanks to the fantastic Year 8 Community Ambassadors for helping.

Pre Tour Concert

Thursday 11 July 2024

6.00 - 7.30 pm

All Welcome

Music students taking part in the Music Tour to France are performing at a Pre Tour Concert on Thursday 11 June.

Tickets are £2 each and this will go towards future music projects.

We would love to see lots of family and friends supporting our musicians at the concert!



Sports Results

Rounders

On Monday 10 June, our **Year 8 Rounders squad** went to Carr Manor to take part in their second area tournament. There are no other words than AMAZING! We played 4 games and won every single game, including beating Roundhay and Allerton High. The team not only batted really well, they were superb in the field, with some fantastic catching by Jemima. Amrit and Daisy were formidable as backstop and bowler. Well done to the whole team, we now move onto the Finals Night on 26 June.



Cricket

Our **Year 8 Girls' Cricket squad** played Allerton High on home turf this week. AGS batted first and reached 48 runs from 10 overs with the loss of 5 wickets. Amrit leading the way on 22 runs and Skye scoring 18. Amrit made an amazing start, claiming 2 wickets in the first over, Skye another wicket in the second and we were feeling positive. However, their next two batters proved impossible to remove and as the last over drew near, they only needed 11 runs to win. Up stepped Skye, who on the last ball made a pin point throw to hit the wicket and keep Allerton High to 40 runs! We, therefore, won by 8 runs. Congrats to the whole team as it was definitely not cricket weather.

Basketball

On Wednesday 12 June, the **KS3 Girls' Basketball squad** travelled to Leeds Beckett University to participate in a basketball tournament organised by the City of Leeds Basketball Club. This was an amazing experience for our students and they were in awe of the facilities. The girls were exceptional, winning all of the games, including beating Ruth Gorse Academy 24 points to 2 and Allerton High A Team 26 points to 4. We placed first overall and won the competition. There were many outstanding performances from the whole squad, well done girls you were outstanding!

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 14 June, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Aahil and Tom in Year 7 were nominated for qualifying for a Maths competition.

Safaa in Year 7 was nominated for being the winner of the Year 7 book review competition.

Aysha in Year 8 was nominated by Miss Riley, her form tutor, for making positive improvements to her attitude to learning, timekeeping and her behaviour. Well done, we're very proud of you.

Hafsa in Year 9 was nominated by her Physics teacher for being proactive and asking for help planning for a test.

Umar in Year 10 was a district finalist in The Rotary Club of Roundhay Young Writer Competition 2023/24.



Football Scholarship Success

Huge congratulations to Elton in Year 11 who has signed a two-year scholarship with Leeds United, and is expected to feature in the club's Under-18 squad next season. As well as continuing his football journey, he also has the opportunity to undertake a variety of educational programmes.



Rebuilding by Umar (Year 10)

The Senior Winner: Rotary Club of Roundhay Young Writer Competition 2023/24

In the echoes of a broken dawn, whispers rise.
A symphony of resilience in the quiet skies.
Shattered fragments on the canvas of fate.
Rebuilding the soul, casting off the weight.

The rubble of yesterdays, a mosaic unfolds,
A story untold, in whispers and in holds.
From the ruins, courage sprouts anew.
Rebuilding the dreams that once withdrew.

Brick by brick, under the sun's warm gaze,
Hope emerges from the darkest maze.
Foundations tremble, but they stand,
A testament to strength, a crafted plan.

Beneath the moon's tender silver sheen,
Rebuilding the spaces where shadows had been.
The labyrinth of pain, a winding road,
Yet through the cracks, resilience is bestowed.

Bridges may crumble, but hearts entwine,
Over tumultuous rivers, love will align.
Hands clasped in unity, scars to mend,
A journey of rebuilding, where spirits ascend.

Through the chaos, a garden will grow,
In the fertile soil of lessons, we sow.
Not just rebuilding what once fell apart
But weaving a tapestry of a hopeful heart.

A symphony of effort, a dance of grace,
Rebuilding dreams in an open space,
In the quiet moments, a cathedral's rise
A testament to strength, reaching for the skies.

Threads of determination weave the design,
In the vast fabric of time, a story aligns.
Mending not just what was torn,
But the spirit's resilience reborn.

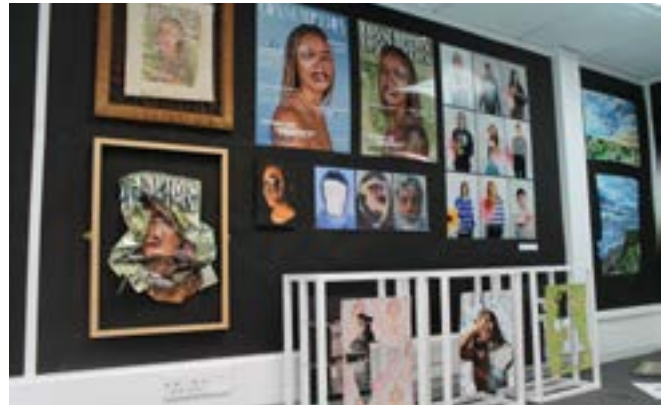
In the architecture of second chances,
Emerge the pillars of hopeful advances
Gazing at horizons, where dreams reside,
A city rebuilt, in resilience, we confide.

So let us rebuild, with hands and will,
A masterpiece of healing, a journey uphill.
In the art of rebuilding, we find our might,
A symphony of hope, bathed in resilient light.

Art & Technology Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Art & Technology End of Year Exhibition last week.

It is always an impressive event, showcasing the talents of our GCSE and A level students in Fine Art, Photography, 3D Design and Textiles. Well done to all students who exhibited their work.



Year 8 Visit Malham Cove

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 8 students took part in their End of Year Trip to Malham Cove.

From learning about algae and the formation of the limestone pavement, to dramatic readings of poems by William Wordsworth and Josie Whitehead about the beauty of the surroundings, to having to navigate cows and sheep on footpaths, as well as hike up or down 400 treacherous stone steps, the students were able to participate in a huge array of experiences.

There was good fun had by all and the weather was kind to us for both days!

Thank you to Ms Ryding, Mr Morgan and the other staff who made this trip possible.



Dance Workshop

This week, a group of students from Years 7 to 10 participated in a Northern School of Contemporary Dance's Centre for Advanced Training taster workshop. It is designed to give a flavour of the level required to be accepted on to the CAT scheme, where students receive intensive specialist dance training. Mason from NSCD was seriously impressed, especially by our youngest students who gave it their all. For more info contact katiespencermatthews@allertongrange.com



Computer Science Careers Workshop

A group of Year 12 Computer Science students participated in a Cyber Security webinar conference on Friday 7 June, organised by STEM. This involved listening to guest speakers from the industry in companies such as Microsoft and HSBC.

It provided our students with the opportunity to listen to pathways into cyber security and to ask the experts questions. The students are now inspired to try many of the extra-curricular ideas and suggestions in the coming months.

SEND Events:



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SEND Next Choices

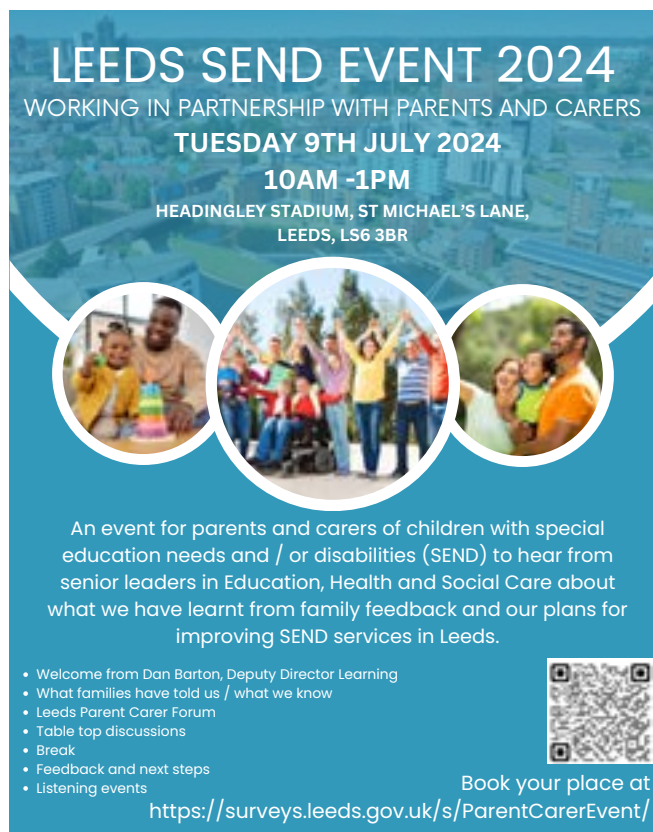
Getting ready for adult life

Tuesday 25 June 2024
Leeds first direct arena

Scan the QR code to book your free ticket or visit bit.ly/SEND2024

This event will bring together a wide range of organisations who can answer your queries about what to do next if you have a special educational need and/or a disability. Find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, supported internships, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, benefits and organisations who can help you. Young people, parents, carers, teachers and support workers are all welcome!

Leeds first direct arena



LEEDS SEND EVENT 2024

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024

10AM -1PM

HEADINGLEY STADIUM, ST MICHAEL'S LANE,
LEEDS, LS6 3BR

An event for parents and carers of children with special education needs and / or disabilities (SEND) to hear from senior leaders in Education, Health and Social Care about what we have learnt from family feedback and our plans for improving SEND services in Leeds.

- Welcome from Dan Barton, Deputy Director Learning
- What families have told us / what we know
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Table top discussions
- Break
- Feedback and next steps
- Listening events

Book your place at <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/ParentCarerEvent/>



Year 11 Prom Tickets

Don't miss out, if you're quick, there's still time to get your Prom tickets from ParentPay! **If you are paying in two instalments, please remember to make your second payment as soon as possible.**

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.

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.**

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				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)