



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

### Celebrations and Trips galore!

As we approach the end of the very busy summer term, there is always a lot to celebrate.

We've been in the midst of saying goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, getting ready for the Year 11 Prom, and celebrating the achievements of students across all year groups at the annual Awards Evening and the Sports Awards Dinner.

At the start of this week, 161 Year 7 students and 19 staff went on the wild-camping Bushcraft residential; on Tuesday 20 Year 10 students set off for their two night Silver Duke of Edinburgh exhibition; and, on Thursday, Year 9 students went on their End of Year Trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

Over the past few weeks, during Form Time, students have been learning about the election process and political parties, so that all students had the opportunity to be

informed so they could make their own decisions in the Allerton Grange Mock Election that took place on Thursday 4 July.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 8 to Friday 12 July - Year 12 Work Experience Week**

**Monday 8 July - A level Music Opera Trip to London**

**Tuesday 9 - Wednesday 10 July - Wimbledon Trip**

**Wednesday 10 July - Primary Maths Challenge**

**Thursday 11 July - Year 8 Public Speaking Competition**

**Thursday 11 July - Pre Tour Music Concert, 6.00 - 7.30 pm**

**Friday 12 July - Year 7 Public Speaking Final**

**Friday 12 July - Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents, 9.15 - 10.15 am**

**Monday 15 - Thursday 18 July - Music Tour to France**

**Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 17 July - Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day**

**Thursday 18 July - Year 10 End of Year Trip to York**

**Thursday 18 July - Year 12 End of Year Trip to Liverpool**

**Friday 19 July - Last Day of Term**

### ClassCharts

**Positive points: 10,230**

**Negative points: 1,570**

**85% positive points ratio**

### Training Days 2023-24

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

**Monday 22 July and  
Tuesday 23 July**

# Allerton Grange Senior Leadership Team



**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

Mr Roper has been Headteacher at Allerton Grange for 9 years and has overall responsibility for the school.



**Andy Norrington**  
Associate  
Headteacher

Mr Norrington deputises for the Headteacher and is responsible for Personal Development which includes the Aspirational Enrichment and Social Mobility part of the KLAS curriculum.

He has worked at Allerton Grange and been on SLT since he joined the school in 2017.

He says: " I love being a leader and working with



**Lucy Saunders**  
Deputy  
Headteacher

Ms Saunders is responsible for the Quality of Education at Allerton Grange

She has worked at AGS and been on SLT here for 3 and half years and says: *"I feel very lucky that I have lots of opportunities to visit students' lessons, to talk to students about their learning and aspirations for the future and to see the wonderful work they produce in their subjects. I also love working with the fantastic team of teachers and support staff at AGS - everyone wants to ensure that all students achieve the best they can and it's a privilege to work alongside such dedicated staff."*

## SLT Surgeries

Every Thursday afternoon, 3.15 - 4.15 pm, we hold a drop-in session for parents and carers to come into school to meet with a Senior Leader.

*the amazing staff and students at AGS! If I had to choose one aspect that makes leadership at AGS so rewarding, it would be the fact that I can help to change someone's life or career path by understand the ever changing world we live in, whilst helping to grow and nurture leaders of the future. guiding and supporting them; this is true for both staff and students. We have an amazing, diverse community at AGS and it is an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with such talented staff and students."*

**Michaela Child**  
SENDCO &  
Assistant Headteacher  
Strategic Partnerships.

**Sarah Whittingham**  
Assistant Headteacher-  
Safeguarding &  
Welfare

**Kate Moore**  
Acting Deputy  
Headteacher  
Teaching, Learning  
& Assessment

**Liz Braim**  
Acting Assistant  
Headteacher  
Personal  
Development

**Steve Fidler**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& Director of Key  
Stage 3

**Jordan Macrow**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& Director of Key  
Stage 5 & Key Stage 4  
during Natalie Drew's  
Maternity Leave

**Rachael Langstaff**  
Acting Assistant  
Headteacher CPD &  
Peer Reviews

**Jess Walker**  
Acting Associate  
SLT member:  
Key Stage 4  
Operational  
Responsibility  
during Natalie  
Drew's Maternity  
Leave

**Natalie Drew**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& Director of Key Stage  
4 (Maternity Leave)

**Natalie Watson**  
Director of HR

**Patrick Fletcher**  
Director of Finance

# Parent & Carer Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Parent & Carer Survey over the last few weeks. We had over 600 responses.

We have received initial data from Edurio, the external company managing the survey on our behalf, and will have more results to share before the end of term.

Initial feedback includes:

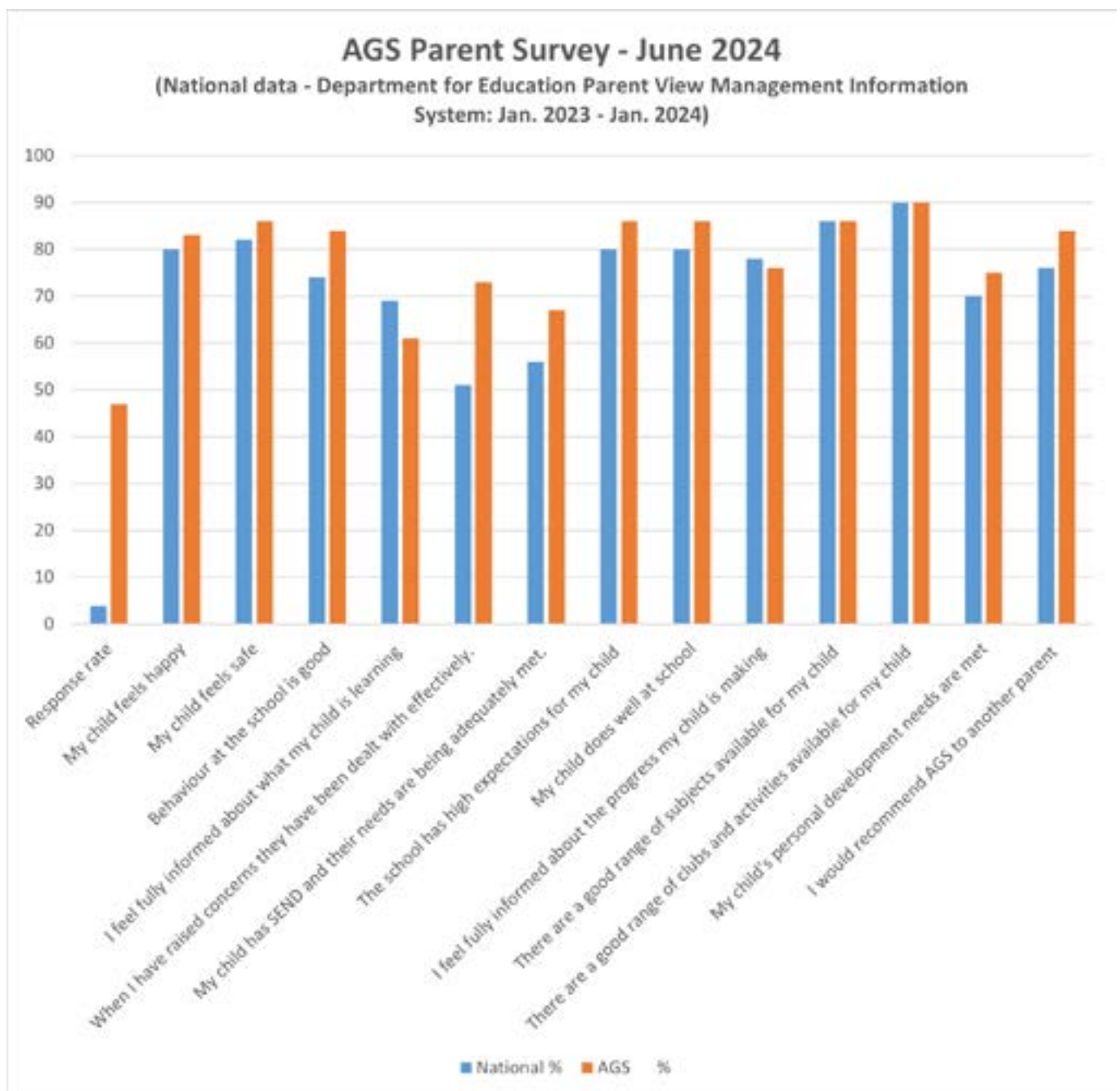
- The Allerton Grange response rate is well above the national average. Thank you for your support.

From the graph below, you can see:

- 84% of parents/carers would recommend AGS to another parent, which is 8% higher than the national average.
- 84% of parents/carers agreed that behaviour at the school is good, which is 10% higher than the national average.
- 73% of parents said when they have raised concerns they have been dealt with effectively, which is 22% higher than the national average.

Areas for us to review from this data are:

- Communicating about the curriculum offer
- Communication regarding students' progress.



## Sports Results

### Rounders

Our amazing **Year 8 Rounders team** travelled to Horsforth to compete in the Leeds Schools Rounders Finals on Thursday 27 June.

They were fantastic, winning every game often by either scoring phenomenally more rounders or getting whole teams out. It was such a great team effort that Ms Caisley cannot name one particular student for a special mention.

Ms Caisley said:

*"Well done girls you are a pleasure to spend time with!"*



## AGS and Gledhow Concert by Ms Shrimpton

On Friday 21 June, students from KS3 Allerton Grange, plus Lewis from Year 13, were joined by Gledhow Primary School to perform in our annual Transition Project Concert.

Students have been working over the last 3 months to learn songs from around the world and taught each other their repertoire.

The concert was a great success, and students thoroughly enjoyed the preparation and the project itself.

We are already looking forward to next year!



## Mock Election

On Thursday 4 July, whilst the UK was going to the polls, Allerton Grange Students also took part in their own mock election.

Students have been learning over the last few weeks about the process and the parties in Form Time. They were then encouraged to vote on Election Day for one of the five main political parties.

Each form is treated as a constituency, and votes will be counted for each Form Seat to establish the 'MP' for that form. Then the seats are then calculated to see which party has the most seats and in theory would be able to form a government.

Students from Year 9 and Year 12 have been helping out with the practicalities of the day and have been amazingly helpful.

The results will be announced on Monday!



Nox in Year 12 had a rather exciting start to the week.

Young Radio Broadcasters from East Leeds Community Radio (Chapel FM Arts Centre) including Allerton Grange student Nox travelled to London for a chance to interview some of the nation's highest profile politicians, including Deputy PM candidate Angela Rayner about important issues 3 days before the General Election.

During the event, organised by Citizens UK, East Leeds radio-makers connected with more than 1000 young people from across the UK and will be producing a special post-election radio show next week featuring stories gathered at the event and reflecting their hopes for the future.

The radio show / podcast and many other East Leeds Community Radio programmes can be heard here: [www.chapelfm.co.uk](http://www.chapelfm.co.uk)



## Sports Awards Dinner

On Thursday 4 July, we held our annual Sports Awards Dinner to celebrate the amazing sporting achievements this year.

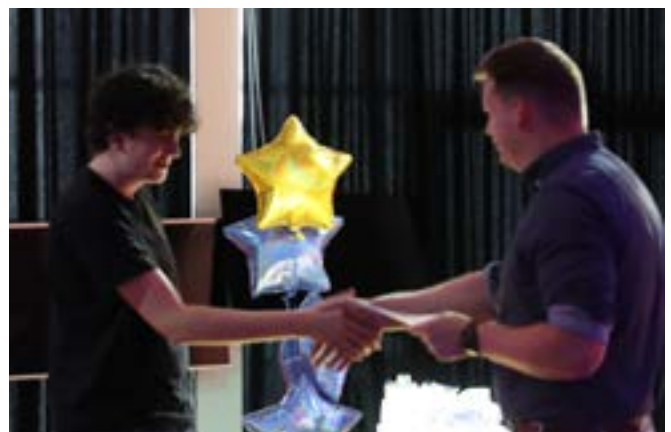
It was lovely to see a packed hall of students receiving awards.

Thank you to the PE Team for all the support you give to Allerton Grange students, helping them to achieve such great things across a range of sports.



## Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 28 June, Year 13 students returned to school for their Leavers' Assembly to celebrate their time at Allerton Grange and receive awards voted for by their peers. Good luck with your exam results. We can't wait to see what you do next! Mr Macrow, Mrs Braim, Ms Fryer and Ms Gillibrand are very proud of you all! We'll see you on 15 August 2024, 8.00 am until 12.00 pm, for A level Results Day.



## 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 joining us in supporting our musicians at the concert!




## SEND Events:

**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/>



## 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](mailto: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.

## Did you know...?

You can also find items at the Leeds School Uniform Exchange Facebook page [@leedsschooluniformexchange](https://www.facebook.com/leedsschooluniformexchange)

