



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

End of Term Arrangements and for the start of the new school year in September:

Friday 19 July 2024 is the last day of the academic year.

It is a **non-uniform day** to raise money for 'Homeless Street Angels'. We are asking for a donation of £1 (if you are able) and students are encouraged to wear purple to raise awareness of St Gemma's Hospice, a local charity we have been supporting this year. At breaktimes, the Year 8 Enrichment 'RAG' group will also be selling homemade purple bracelets for £1 and purple ribbons for 50p.

Friday 19 July:

Non-uniform day

All students to go to Form and attend lessons as normal.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 will have their breaks at the usual times.

At 11.50 am, Year 7 and Year 10 students will be dismissed from their lessons and will leave the building.

At 12.05 pm, Year 8, 9 & 12 will be dismissed at their lunchtime and will leave the building.

Arrangements for September:

Monday 2 September is a Training Day and school is closed to students.

Tuesday 3 September - School is open to Year 7 students only. Students need to be in the building at 8.25 am and in Form for registration at 8.30 am.

Year 12 student enrolment takes place 10.30 am to 12.00 pm.

Wednesday 4 September - School is open for all students (except for Year 12). Students need to be in the building at 8.25 am and in Form for registration at 8.30 am.

Friday 6 September - Year 12 timetable starts.

The End of Term letter will be sent to parents and carers on Monday 15 July 2024.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15 - Thursday 18 July - Music Tour to France

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

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 - Early Closure

Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 July - Training Days - School Closed

Thursday 15 August - A level Results Day

Thursday 22 August - GCSE Results Day

ClassCharts

Positive points: 11,200

Negative points: 1,600

86% positive points ratio

Training Days 2024-25

The Training Days for next school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 2 September

Friday 20 September

Monday 6 January 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Parent & Carer Survey - Further Results

Further to the information in last week's newsletter, we are pleased to share additional results for the other modules.

Below shows the results, rated out of 5, for the categories:

Communication Methods
Mutual Trust & Respect
Informing Parents
Pupil Needs
Ofsted Parent View

Parents' Evenings
General
School Accessibility
Parental Confidence



Ongoing issue with Yahoo email addresses

This is a reminder that there is an ongoing problem which means we are unable to send emails to Yahoo email addresses.

This is an external problem and not something we can correct within school.

If you have a Yahoo email address, please create a new one with another provider and update us with your contact information to ensure you are receiving all communications from us.

Thank you for your support.

Important: Changes to Access to the School Site

Following the incident on Wednesday afternoon on the Allerton Grange Park Fields, we have reviewed our site security measures to keep our school community as safe as possible.

From Monday 15 July, the following arrangements will be in place:

Morning:

Talbot Avenue - The gates will open at 8.10 am and close at 8.40 am. Students arriving late will need to press the Student button at the gate to be let through the gate.

Lidgeff Lane - The gates will open at 8.15 am and close at 8.25 am. Students arriving late will need to enter school via Talbot Avenue. All cars must leave the turning circle area by 8.25 am.

Afternoon:

Talbot Avenue - The gates will open at 3.00 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Lidgeff Lane - The gates to the turning circle will open at 2.40 pm and will be locked at 3.30 pm. All cars must leave this area by 3.30 pm, when the gates will be locked.

Students staying in school for after school activities will be supervised by staff and taken to the gate to leave safely via Talbot Avenue.

Wimbledon Trip

This week, 41 KS3 students went on a trip to the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

They escaped the rain in Leeds and had a great time watching some excellent tennis, before the rain arrived in London.

Thank you to Ms Ainger, Ms Caisley, Mr Gaunt and Ms Hibbert who made the trip possible.



Music Trip to London

Music students have also visited London this week. They had a backstage tour and watched Tosca at the Royal Opera House, and saw The Mouse Trap at St Martin's Theatre.



'The London Trip was a lot of fun. We got to experience a great variety of shows that I wouldn't normally visit. Thanks Miss Shrimpton and Mr Duff'

Lewis, Year 13

'I enjoyed the opera and theatre performances. It was also nice to visit Covent Garden and Camden Market. Overall it was a great trip to end Year 11' **Joseph, Year 11**

'I really enjoyed seeing Tosca (the opera) and Mousetrap. It was a very interesting to see the backstage and preparation work needed to run an opera and seeing London in general'

Oscar, Year 11

Thank you to the Music Team for arranging and supervising the trip.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 12 July, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements. Congratulations this week to:

Gabriel in Year 7 was nominated for being super helpful during the Year 6 Transition Days.

Jude, Hayden and Fin in Year 8 were recognised for coping outstandingly well in an emergency outside of school, keeping their friend calm whilst following instructions from the ambulance telephone operator. Very brave indeed, well done boys!

Ella in Year 9 was nominated for working so hard to continue to do well in school under challenging circumstances.

Isha in Year 10 was nominated by the Year Team for effort and all-round improvement. Well done.



Swimming Success

William in Year 8 has made outstanding progress in swimming since Year 7. At the start of this year, he moved to the National Development Group and is now in the National squad.

William has qualified for the English Championships in 200M butterfly and is ranked in the top 30 swimmers in the whole country. He is swimming in the English National on the 2 August at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

This is an impressive achievement, congratulations on your commitment to your training and your hard work!

AGS Election Results **by Mr Dutton-Taylor, Teacher of Sociology and Politics**

Despite there being a slight distraction of a real election last week, we had a great day in school running a mock election.

Turnout overall was 52% (not much lower than the real thing) with some interesting variations from 40% in Year 7 to 72% in Year 12.

The results were also interesting and maybe a little glimpse into the near future.

Of the 47 Form Constituencies, The Green Party won the most, with 29, followed by Labour with 16, and Reform with 2.

Again, there were some interesting patterns with the lower years voting more for Labour and then the other years much more toward Green.

There was a really good buzz throughout the day and students were keen to take part and enjoyed the experience.

As ever, the student helpers from Years 9 and 12 were amazing and really helped make the day.



Primary Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 10 July, children from Highfield, Moortown, Talbot and Wigton Moor primary schools joined us for our annual Primary Maths Challenge competition.

It's always a competitive challenge, with rounds on Make a Number, Logic, Group Round and Relay.

Huge congratulations to our winners, Wigton Moor!

Mr Sumroy and Mr Gardener were really impressed with the children's Maths skills.



Year 7 and 8 Public Speaker Competition Finals

On Thursday and Friday, we were impressed with the quality of the Year 7 and Year 8 Public Speaking finalists. As well as speaking eloquently, and with great passion, about their topic in front of the whole year group, they had also written their speeches. Huge congratulations to all of you.

Mrs Trayer, Chair of the Board of Governors and one of the judges, said:
"They were all fabulous. I couldn't have stood up and done that at their age."

Year 7 Finalists

Isabelle: Animal Testing

Maksym: War

Safa: The North/South Divide and Economic Inequality

Annie: The Criminal Justice System

Zaara: Mistreatment of refugees

Samantha: Racial Injustice (**Winner**)

Lucas: Health Inequality (**Runner Up**)

Bridget: Sexism

Safaa: Refugee Rights

James: Racial Injustice

Elizabeth: Ableism (**Winner**)

Natalia: Global Hunger (**Runner Up**)

Ethan: Poverty (**Winner**)



Year 8 Finalists 2024

Oliver: Homophobia (**Winner**)

Yassin: Disability

Miley: Racial Diversity

Manveer: A Racist Society

Luis: Diversity in our Community

Amelia: Celebrating Diversity

Woody: Women in Sport

Omar: Skin Colour (**Winner**)

Imogen: Diversity and the Natural World (**Runner Up**)

Haroon: Islamophobia (**Winner**)

Esher: Neurodiversity (**Runner Up**)

Josiah: Religious Diversity



PPD Policy and Uniform Update

Please be aware there have been some changes to the Policy for Positive Discipline (PPD), including school uniform requirements.

The new version of the [PPD is available to view on the school website](#).

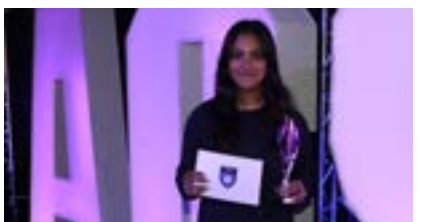
Updates include:

- Students are permitted to wear one clear (retainer) nose stud.
- Tracksuit bottoms or shorts are not permitted to be worn underneath school uniform trousers or PE bottoms/shorts.

Awards Evening

Last week, we celebrated excellence across the school at our annual Awards Evening.

Students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 were recognised for their outstanding achievements in their studies. There were also awards from the Year Teams which recognise a range of attributes including leadership, resilience, respect and kindness.



Bushcraft Residential

In a very busy week of events last week, 161 Year 7s had a back-to-basics escape to the forest on the Bushcraft residential!

We were lucky enough to start the trip off with some glorious sun on Monday morning and arrived just in time for lunch cooked over fires the students helped to build themselves! They were tasked with gathering sticks to keep it burning while the Bushcraft staff toasted buns and cooked up some burgers.

Tuesday continued to give us dry weather and students were shown how to administer first aid and then had to put it to the test when their teachers were involved in a shocking – fake – plane crash! In one scenario, 4 of the 6 teachers were successfully carried to safety: not a bad result!

They were then shown how to fillet and cook a whole salmon. Whilst this part was fascinating and the end result delicious, there was a bonus Bushtucker Trial challenge that was offered to all students: eat one of the salmon's eyes. Our students are a brave bunch and there were plenty of volunteers to choose from. The lucky (?!) few embraced the challenge head-on and all eyes were successfully consumed! The evening was spent with all three camps coming together to participate in "Tribe's Got Talent" where students demonstrated their scope of epic talents including singing, dancing, gymnastics, joke-telling and play writing and performing.

We did unfortunately wake up to rain on Wednesday morning but this didn't dampen the spirits of the students: they rallied to get everything packed away ready for the lunchtime departure before applying all the skills they'd learnt to a survival scenario. Some of our budding architects built some very impressive shelters and the teachers benefitted from their fire-building skills.

by Ms Ryding, Trip Leader

While Monday night was full of smores, excitement and nerves before everyone dug deep and found the resilience needed to get at least some sleep, by Tuesday night they were all so exhausted there was no room for nerves.

It was wonderful to see how the students embraced their new environment, supported each other and showed true resilience to battle through the more challenging moments.

Here's to next year!



What Year 7 students said about Bushcraft:



My favourite thing:

"making smores!"

"making fires because the heat and sound was calming"

"laughing with my friends"

"hanging out with my friends"

"the activities that Bushcraft set up for us"

"playing the tree games"

"the breakfasts, lunches and dinners"

"when we sung and danced in the middle of the yurt"

"when we did a fake plane crash and we had to save our teachers"

Thank You!

One stand-out memory:

"two students eating fish eyes"

"when we played all the games"

"when my group leader filleted the fish and people ate the eyes"

"everyone singing around the campfire"

"the camps sing-off"

"the hot chocolate and smores at night"

"always at the end of the day we would be given biscuits or marshmallows to roast on the fire and if you're Muslim or vegan there are safe marshmallows for you"

"the talent show because it was fun to see people's acts"

"the plane crash with all the teachers covered in [fake] blood"

One piece of advice for next year:

"get all of the things on the list!"

"bring blankets!"

"wear layers"

"don't wake up the camp leaders – the loudest tents have to do the washing up"

"take every opportunity for anything"

"be prepared to get muddy and wet"

"don't worry – Bushcraft is so much fun"

"take advantage of every moment you have at Bushcraft because it can be over in a flash then you'll be on the bus riding home thinking about all the memories you've made"

"don't be afraid to get dirty"

Year 11 Celebrate Prom in Style

On Friday 5 July, Year 11 students walked the red carpet into their 'City of Stars' Prom.

It was a lovely evening, celebrating the end of five years studying at Allerton Grange School.

Thank you to the Prom Committee, Ms Davis, Mr Wall, the Tech Team and the many staff who played a part in making the evening so special.





Healthy Holidays Leeds

Over the summer holidays, children who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals can access a fantastic range of exciting activities, alongside a delicious meal, for free.

Parents will need to create an account and then register their children, and once the eligibility has been checked and the children are approved they can browse and book onto events.

<https://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk/>

There is a language translate button on the site, and parents/carers can access support to register from their local community hub and/or library.

For any questions, please email:

HHBooking@leeds.gov.uk

Can you help us help the victims of Hurricane Beryl?

Yorkshire Aid are running an URGENT collection in Leeds - for victims of the recent Hurricane Beryl which has devastated numerous parts of the Caribbean leaving thousands of people homeless. We will be doing anything we can to do other groups' collections which are due to leave the UK on 17th July.

What can you donate?

- Food items:** porridge (in jars), tea, coffee, sugar, oil, milk, bread, pasta, cereal, cooking oil, salt, tin opener.
- Salad:** bagged, frozen, or canned, cucumber, carrot, onion, tomatoes & mushrooms (in oil).
- Personal hygiene products:** shampoo, soap, body wash, deodorant & baby food.
- Shower:** hats, shower caps, towels, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, shaving brush.
- Bed sheets & towels.**
- First aid kit:** bandages, antiseptic, plasters.
- Lighting & power:** solar lanterns, powered lights, torches & cables, batteries, solar chargers.
- Food preparation:** disposable / plastic plates & cups, cutting pans & cutting equipment.
- Cleaning supplies:** bleach, soap, disinfectant, bleach, heavy duty bin bags & work gloves.
- Cloths / Dish cloths / Mats.**
- Clothes:** Clean, good condition winter clothes (jackets & hats) and suitable shoes, raincoats, New socks, Socks, Socks, Socks.

Clothes need to be in good clean condition - we don't have time to clean or sort things due to the short timescales on this occasion.

Drop off times / locations

Please note: drop off times will not be possible at these locations at any other time. Please be aware arrangements with all the drop off locations are offering an extra 2 weeks for the collection to take place. The only drop off location that cannot accept donations at any other time:

Blackwood Community Association
The Highwood Building, L59 1BB
Friday 17th July 11.30-15.00

Contact us:
<https://www.facebook.com/YorkshireAid/>
help@yorkshireaid.org

Have to follow!!

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property at Main Reception including coats, PE tops, trainers and water bottles.

If your child has lost something in school, please remind them to **check lost property before Wednesday 17 July.**

Anything left and unclaimed will be taken to a charity shop and school uniform will be donated to the School Uniform Exchange.

Please remember to write your child's name in their school uniform and on their belongings eg water bottles.

Thank you.

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.

Did you know...?

You can also find items at the Leeds School Uniform Exchange Facebook page **@leedsschooluniformexchange**

