



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Attend, Grow, Succeed!

We hope you are all well and have enjoyed a great week. The academic year is already in full swing, we have enjoyed another busy week at AGS.

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our Year 7 parents and carers who gave up their time to attend the Supporting Success evening, the hall was full, and Mr Fidler and Ms Moore were delighted to speak to such a passionate and interested crowd; we look forward to working with you all over the coming years.

We covered uniform and standards in last week's newsletter, but we want to say a further thank you to all parents/carers for supporting us. Our students have returned looking great and behaving just as we expect, long may it continue!

Open Evening: [Book your place](#)

Next week, we will be opening our doors to prospective students and their families on Thursday 19 September, 6.00 - 8.00 pm. If you know of any Year 6 families who wish to attend our Open Evening, please encourage them to book a place. We opened the booking form during the summer and over 600 people have booked to attend the event. We are so proud of the school and look forward to meeting everyone and showcasing Allerton Grange next week.

Attendance

In addition to uniform and standards, attendance has also been excellent since we returned. Our attendance levels last week were the highest since the Covid pandemic and significantly higher than both the local and national average. As you will be aware, regular attendance allows students to benefit from the expert guidance of our teaching staff and helps to ensure our students make the progress they are capable of. We are lucky at AGS to have an incredible Attendance Team; this allows us to work closely with parents and carers to ensure all our students are in school and, most importantly, learning.

Why is attendance so important?

- **Regular Attendance:** Government studies show a strong link between attendance and academic achievement, including GCSE and A Level outcomes.
- **Learning:** Being absent for just 10% of school (approximately 4 weeks) equates to over 130 lessons – almost the same as a single GCSE subject!

If you need to report a student absence, please do so using 'Report Absence' on ClassCharts. The AGS Attendance Team is here to support you. If you face challenges with attendance or require support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Together, we can create a thriving school community where all our students really can *Aspire, Grow and Succeed*.

Mike Roper (Headteacher)
Andy Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 19 September - Open Evening - [Book your place](#)

Friday 20 September - Staff Training Day - School closed to students

Monday 23 September - EPQ Presentation Evening, 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Tuesday 24 September - Year 12 Welcome Event, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Tuesday 24 September - Year 13 UCAS Information Evening, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Wednesday 25 September - Year 10: Your GCSE journey, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Friday 27 September - Open Morning - [Book your place](#)

Thursday 3 October - Careers Fair, 4.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 10 October - Year 11 Supporting Success Evening, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Thursday 24 October - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Friday 25 October - Culture Day

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November - Half Term Holiday

Monday 4 November - School reopens

Thursday 7 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Parent/Carer SEND Workshops:



~ Parent/Carer SEND Workshop ~

What is a Parent/Carer SEND Workshop?

It is a **free** session for parents/carers of children and young people aged 4 to 11 with additional support needs.

The workshop aims to help adults start to explore and understand 'sensory differences' or 'sensory processing difficulties' how this can affect your own and your child's physical and emotional regulation.

The Parent/Carer SEND workshop is delivered by Juniper Tree Therapy, on behalf of LCC SILC Cluster.

Who is the workshop for?

- ✓ Parents/carers of children who **do not** have an Education Healthcare Plan (EHCP).
- ✓ Parent/carers with children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity disorder, Dyspraxia, Developmental Coordination Disorder, Learning Difficulties or Learning Disabilities.
- ✓ A formal diagnosis is not required.

Where and when? Please choose one of the workshops below

Thursday 26th September 2024 Leeds City Museum Millennium Square, LS2 8BH	Monday 21st October 2024 Shine Harehills Rd, Harehills LS8 5HS	Friday 22nd November 2024 Hillside Beeston Rd, Holbeck LS11 8ND	Monday 9th December 2024 The Vinery Centre Vinery Terrace LS9 9JU
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10am to 2pm – Lunch & Refreshments Provided

To book a place email: families.first@leeds.gov.uk

For more information call Send Navigation Team : 07891273893

Training Days 2024-25

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

Monday 2 September 2024

Friday 20 September 2024

Monday 6 January 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

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.

KS3 Service & Leadership Enrichment

Today, KS3 students were given information about the options they can choose from for their Service & Leadership Enrichment session. These sessions are timetabled on Week B Fridays, Session 6.

Further details will be sent to these students via ClassCharts.

Please remind your KS3 child to check ClassCharts for more information.

Dropping off and collecting students at the end of the day

If you are dropping off or collecting children by car at the beginning and end of the day, please be considerate to pedestrians and other road users.

The Talbot Avenue entrance is a pedestrian entrance for students and is very busy before and after school.

We are concerned that there will be a serious accident, due to dangerous driving and parking, and ask parents and carers to be more careful.

Please do not stop outside school on Talbot Avenue to drop off or pick up children. This poses a risk to both drivers and pedestrians.

The Turning Circle, accessible from Lidgett Lane, is there for parents and carers to drop off and pick up children.

Alternatively, you can arrange to collect children from nearby streets.

Students will be reminded in school about road safety, and the importance of checking for traffic before crossing a road. Please talk to your children about road safety, particularly if they are walking to school by themselves for the first time.

The safety of our students is our priority, and we must ensure they are able to always enter and exit the school site safely.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Access to the School Site

Morning:

Talbot Avenue - The gates 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 to the Student Entrance/ Attendance Office.

Lidgett 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 open at 3.00 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Lidgett Lane - The gates to the Turning Circle 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.

**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.**

SCHOOL DAY 2024-25

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	2	
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	
11:15am	3	3		2	
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	3	
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	LUNCH	
1:20pm	5	5		4	
2:10pm	6	6		5	
3:00pm				6	

After School Provisions/Detentions begin

September:
Year 7 start break 5 minutes early at 10.25 am to aid with their transition

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.