



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome all students back to Allerton Grange School following the holiday break. The return to school has been extremely positive, with a calm, purposeful atmosphere across the site and students settling straight back into routines. I would like to thank families for supporting such a strong start to the term.

We have also seen **excellent attendance** since students returned, which is very encouraging. Strong attendance plays a vital role in helping students achieve their full potential, and we are grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring students attend regularly and on time. Please do keep this up as we move through the term.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with **school uniform**, which has been excellent across all year groups. Uniform expectations remain unchanged and we appreciate the high standards students are maintaining. As we move further into the summer period and temperatures begin to rise, we will keep this under review and make any necessary adjustments to ensure students remain comfortable and able to learn effectively within the school building.

Our **Year 10** students have been a real credit to the school this week as they have begun their **Pre Public Examinations (PPEs)**. They have approached these assessments with maturity, focus and commitment, demonstrating strong attitudes to learning and personal responsibility.

At the same time, our **Year 11** students have made an excellent start to their **Art and Design GCSE practical examinations**. These assessments require sustained concentration, organisation and creativity, and students have risen to the challenge superbly. Their positive start is a testament to both their preparation and the support they receive from staff.

I would also like to congratulate all of our **Year 12 and Year 13** students who entered the **58th Chemistry Olympiad**. This is a highly demanding national competition, and students who did not reach the pass mark for a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate still received a certificate of participation in recognition of the challenge involved. This year represents both our highest level of participation and our strongest results to date across the five years we have been entering the Olympiad, which is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our students and staff.

As always, I would like to thank our staff for their professionalism, care and dedication, particularly during assessment periods. We look forward to another productive and successful term ahead and thank families for their continued partnership and support.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

As we approach the exam period, we are here to support students to be able to achieve their best. Outside of school, there are [resources available from Mind to help with managing exam stress](#)

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 4 to Friday 8 May - Deaf Awareness Week

Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start

Wednesday 6 May - Year 12 Next Steps Day

Wednesday 6 May - Online Safety Information Session, 4 - 4.45 pm, more information to follow

Friday 8 to Saturday 9 May - KS5 Music Trip

Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 May - Social Science Residential

Tuesday 12 May - A level Exams start

Wednesday 13 to 15 May - Year 8 PGL Trip

Monday 25 to Friday 29 May - Half Term Holiday - School Closed

Monday 1 June - School reopens

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June - Year 8 End of Year Trip

Monday 8 to Friday 12 June - Year 8 & 9 Rhineland Trip

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere! We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM - 4.45PM**



Training Days 2025-26

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

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026 ✓

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Online Safety Video - April 2026

The Online Safety Newsletter now also has a monthly video.

This month's video provides a quick overview on how to keep your child safe whilst gaming online, outlining communication risks, in-game spending, age ratings and reporting tools.

[Click to view the video](#)

Congratulations to the KS3 RAG Group and Ms Walker who raised £1535.73 from their Easter fundraising activities for St Gemma's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, bake sale, Easter egg/chick sales and non-uniform day.



Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email

sixthform@allertongrange.com



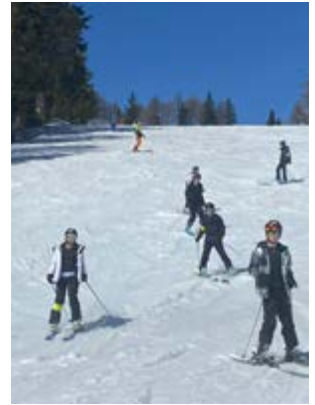
Ski Trip

by Ms Atkinson

On Saturday 4 April, 80 students and 10 staff departed on AGS's Ski Trip to Folgarida, Italy. The week flew by! Students had a fantastic time on the slopes, with 5 days skiing, everyone made so much progress and improved their skiing technique, whatever their ability! Students should be so proud of the achievements they made, some conquering fears and many showing fantastic resilience. There were some brilliant questions to the ski instructors from students who were keen to further improve.

We had glorious weather, sunshine and blue skies with still plenty of snow. The week was full of activities. Students spent time exploring a local town, singing and dancing the evening away at karaoke, having a pizza night, a pop quiz, and free time socialising alongside some revision in preparation for their exams! A fantastic week had by all. Thank you to students and staff for making it memorable!

Ms Shrimpton said: *"The ski trip to Folgarida was a great experience. It was nice to spend time with students outside of music and get to know other staff members better in a different setting. Well done to Ms Atkinson for fantastic organisation. I had the best time!"*





Leeds Arts University After School Art Club (Years 8 - 11)

The Progression After School Art Club is a six-week, free course aimed at pupils who want to develop their creative skills.

This term we will be using abstract painting as a theme to explore a range of painting techniques. We will be focusing on developing new practical skills by creating a small series of paintings and experimenting with a range of methods to apply and manipulate paint on a surface. Part of the course will explore curation, and delve into how to arrange artwork in an exhibition space.

We will be looking at oil paintings and the range of techniques used by artists throughout history, from soft blended forms to expressive gestures. Through painting we'll also be exploring Abstraction, and how to bring together shape, colour, and pattern into an thoughtful design. We will look at exhibitions and learn about the work that goes into planning and preparing a selection of artworks to be shown in a creative arts space.

You will also gain some insight into Higher Education and the variety of creative arts pathways your skills and interests could carry you into as a potential career. Your tutors will be available throughout the programme to support you and answer questions at any time. Please note that this programme is only open to students currently working at Year 8 – 11 level at School or College.

The programme consists of six free weekly sessions of extracurricular creative arts development. This course is delivered on our campus and classes are led by the progression team.

Theme: Painting Techniques

When: Wednesday 29 April - Wednesday 10 June, six weekly sessions with a break for half term.

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Location: Leeds Arts University

How to take part: Parents and Carers please follow the link and provide permission before the deadline of 11:59pm, Sunday 26 April:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yzKXQVjQa1>

Paws in the Park

LEEDS CITY COLLEGE RSPCA LEEDS, WAKEFIELD & DISTRICT BRANCH

Saturday 13 June, 10am-3pm
Temple Newsam Leeds, LS15 0BG

The day will feature

- Dog show
- Food and drink stands
- Stalls offering a range of exciting merchandise
- Face painting
- Guided tours of Home Farm with members of the Leeds City College Animal Care & Land Management department

FREE ENTRY

Perfect for all the family

For more information visit:
leedscitycollege.ac.uk/events/dog-show

A member of Luminate Education Group

Cash For Kids Recycling Bank Now at School!

We now have a Cash For Kids Recycling Bank in the school car park for donations of clothing, shoes and textiles.



If you're having a clear out, please consider donating textiles and clothing here.



Sports Fixtures

Football (Boys)

The **Year 8 boys' Football team** made it through to the champions of champions cup. This is a cup competition for the two best teams in the different Leeds areas, aiming to crown a champion Leeds School. The team have done fantastically well to make it through to this cup and shows we are one of the best 2 teams in our local area. Unfortunately, we lost to Abbey Grange.

Basketball (Co-ed)

This week, the **Allerton Grange Co-ed Year 7 and 8 team** beat Allerton High 49-10.

Davidson Inventors Challenge by Ms Staley

Last term, three students in Year 11, Caspar, Nicholas and Reuben entered The Davidson Inventors Challenge.

This is an annual, national competition for Year 11 and 12 with the aim to inspire the next generation of innovators and problem solvers to create solutions to some of the world's biggest obstacles. Centred on the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) set by the United Nations, entrants were asked to reflect on the urgent need to address some of the most pressing global challenges, from climate action to clean water and sanitation, and to propose a cost-effective and considered response.

They worked as a team, to try and solve the problem of using air conditioning in hot climates and how they could make a more efficient system to reduce costs. They worked with Mentors from Cambridge University and Hong Kong to prepare a final report for the competition. Although they did not place in the top four, the three of them made a valiant effort, learned some valuable skills and we are very proud of them.

Join the New Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel

The Voice, Influence and Change Team are excited to announce the launch of the Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel.

The WhatsApp channel is a space for young people, parents, carers and those working with young people to:

- Find out about opportunities to have a say.
- Influence decisions, projects and services that shape life for young people in Leeds.
- Stay updated on events, activities, and ways to get involved.

Who it is for:

- Young people aged 13+
- Parents and carers
- Professionals working with young people

By joining, you'll get quick updates, news, and chances to make your voice heard on what matters most to young people in Leeds.

[Join the WhatsApp Channel here.](#)

KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish. To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.

Year 7 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ



Inclusion Advisory Team
Parent, Carer, Professional Workshops

These workshops provide information for parents and carers of children and young people living in Leeds who are autistic or who are believed to be neurodivergent. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Preparation for Adulthood - Employment
Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9.45 - 11.15 am

This online Teams session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting young people to identify their strengths and interests and how this can inform their aspirations for the future. We will be exploring resources and approaches to plan the steps to employment such as preparing for an interview through to opportunities in employment and how to effectively self-advocate in the workplace and request adjustments.

Please email SEND@leeds.gov.uk to book your place.

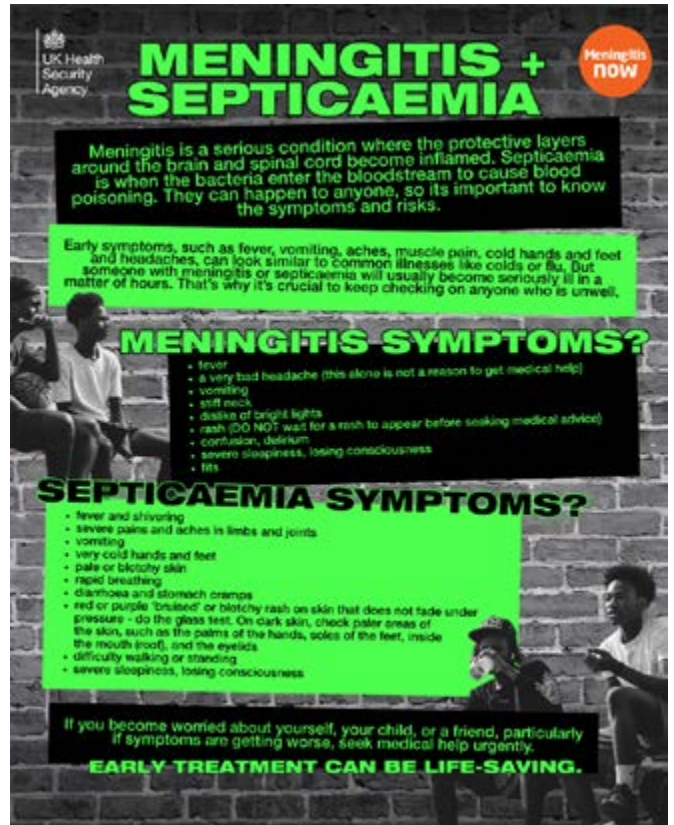
SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

Meet Leeds City Council's Family Hub SEND Coordinator Amanda to access information and advice about the services, support and resources that are available to Families with children with SEND in Leeds.

Moor Allerton Community Hub, King Lane, Leeds LS7 5NY, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
 Monday 20 April ✓ Monday 14 September
 Monday 18 May Monday 12 October
 Monday 15 June Monday 16 November
 Monday 13 July Monday 14 December

The Reginald Centre Community Hub, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3EX, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
 Tuesday 7 April ✓ Tuesday 1 September
 Tuesday 5 May Monday 5 October
 Monday 1 June Monday 2 November
 Monday 29 June Monday 7 December
 Monday 20 July



DEX (Deaf Experience) free groups for young people

DEX (Deaf Experience) are inviting deaf and hard of hearing young people (11 to 30 years old) from Yorkshire to join their free groups and activities.

- DEX Deaf Youth Hub (ages 11–17)
- DEX Deaf Youth Council (ages 17–30)
- FREE events, outreach sessions, advocacy support & travel help
- Open to all deaf young people, with any communication method

Want to join or find out more?

Website: www.dex.org.uk

Email: contact@dex.org.uk

Tel: 07482 228429



Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Summer Term – April to July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	
	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Latin Club - All year groups L20	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/CBa *
	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu	Rounders (Girls) Years 9/10 3-4pm	Year 7 School of Rock - for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ CBa *
	Athletics All Year Groups 3-4pm	Rounders (Boys) 3-4pm	Rounders (Girls) Years 7/8 3-4pm	<p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #002060;">ALL YEARS</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #ff0000;">KS3</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #008000;">KS4</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #ffcc00;">KS5</p>
	Cricket (Girls) All Year Groups 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Years 7 & 8 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Year 9/10 3-4pm	
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	Rugby (Boys) Years 7/8 3-4 pm	
	Debate Club - students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SL0	
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			

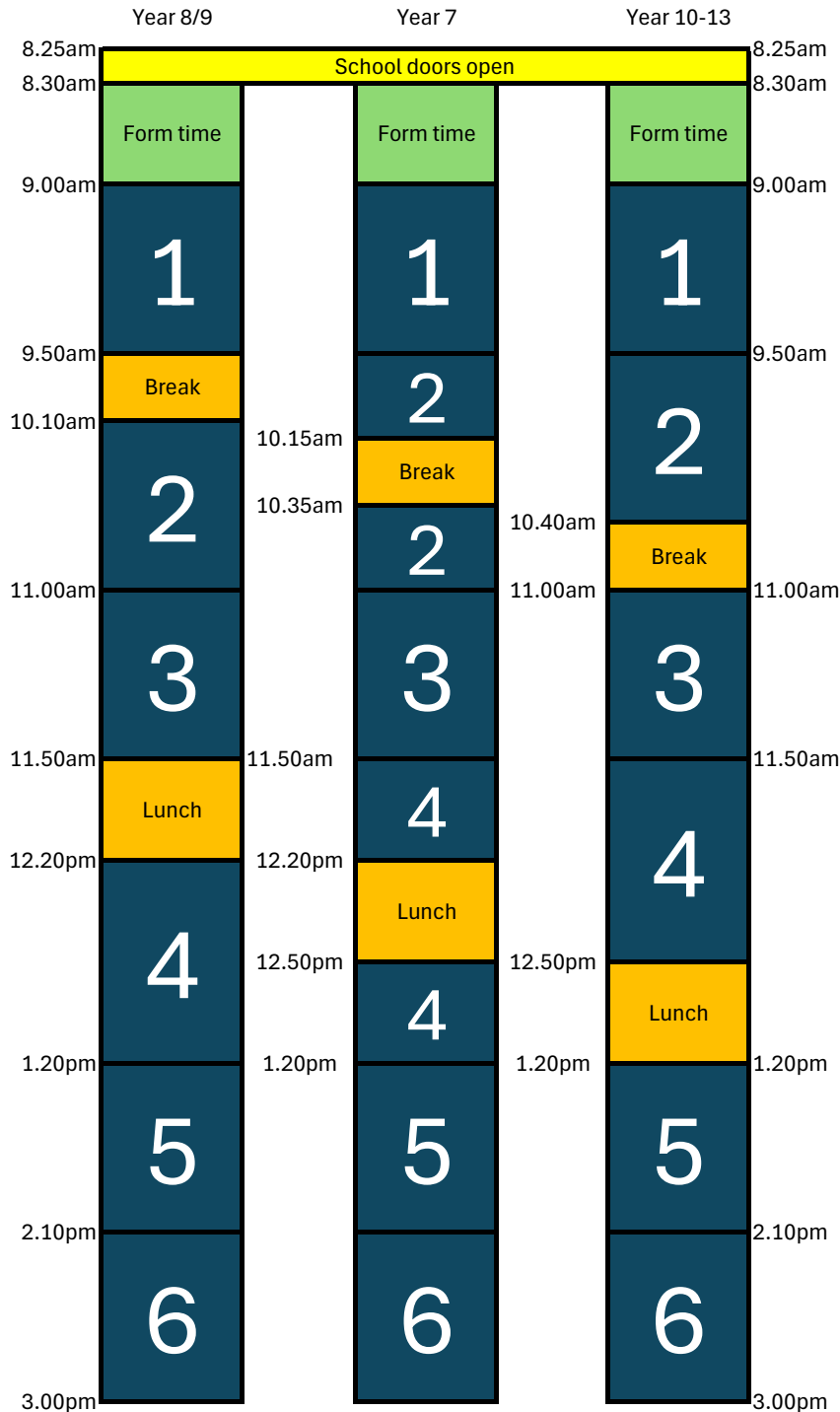


Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/Reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm
(30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm
(90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.