

# Allerton Grange School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of the first half term of the new academic year.

## Uniform

I want to thank parents for ensuring that students arrive on time dressed in full school uniform, with correct classroom equipment.

## Attendance

Average attendance for this half term has been very good, at 94%, compared to the national average of 87%.

## Year 7 Lead Learners

This week, in assembly, we congratulated our first group of Year 7 Lead Learners - a record-breaking 195 students (65% of the year group)! Normally, to qualify as a Lead Learner, students must gain all As and Bs for Attitude to Learning (ATL) on their most recent report. For their first term in school, however, our Year 7 group is made up of all students who have received no more than one behaviour point. We reward and recognise our Lead Learners in many ways, as they are role models for other students in school. We are very proud of them!

## Extracurricular activities

Hundreds of students have been taking part in a range of enrichment and extracurricular activities. There is something for everyone and I would urge every child to participate in this opportunity for at least one term each academic year. You can find a copy of this half term's extracurricular timetable on the website.

## New Sixth Form Block

Our new Sixth Form block will be officially handed over on Monday 1 November. We will be using it for the venue of our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 4 November.

## Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

This week, we have had a team of NHS staff in school to carry out the 12 to 15 year old Covid vaccinations. Thank you to those parents who consented for their child to take part.

## Class Charts

As you are aware, we are in the process of rolling-out our new behaviour tracking and communication tool, Class Charts. Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the app or logged in online. You should have received a code that will allow you to link to your child once you set up an account. If you do not have this code, please reach out to your child's form tutor who can pass on your code again.



Those who have logged in have been able to see their child's attendance, behaviour and detentions. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive. After half term, we will be entering the next phase of the roll-out, where homework will also be published on Class Charts. We are really excited to be able to share homework with you, as parents, and welcome your support in helping your children meet homework deadlines and manage their independent study time at home.

I would like to remind you that, going forward, Class Charts is going to be our main communication tool, replacing the text message service. To ensure you do not miss out on key information, it is vital that you set up an account as soon as possible.

### **Addendum to PPD – Annex A, Peer on Peer Abuse Policy**

This policy has been added as an appendix to the school's policy for positive discipline (PPD), (available on the school website). It expands on the principles set out in the statutory guidance 'Keeping children safe in education'. There is extensive evidence of peer-on-peer abuse in the context of both sexual and criminal exploitation. In autumn last year, the NSPCC announced a 29% increase in children seeking help from Childline due to peer-on-peer sexual abuse. The issue has, understandably, been scrutinised in the media recently.

### **Open Evenings and Open Mornings**

As well as our annual Open Evening, we have held a number of open mornings, in school, for prospective parents. We have welcomed more than 300 families into school over the course of the half term.

### **Sports Fixtures**

#### **Football:**

- Year 7 boys' football team won their first two matches, beating Roundhay 2-0 in the league and Abbey Grange 5-0 in the cup.
- Year 7 footballers also won 5-0 against Brooksbank in the County Cup meaning they have won their first three matches without conceding a single goal.
- Year 8 boys' football team won 5-1 against Brigshaw in the league on Tuesday.
- Year 9 footballers lost against Brooksbank in the County Cup on Wednesday.
- Year 10 boys' football team beat Lawnswood 3-0 in the cup on Monday.
- The Under 12 girls' football team played their first ever match, sadly, losing on penalties to Cardinal Heenan after a 0-0 draw.

#### **Rugby:**

- Year 7 boys' rugby team played their first ever fixtures, losing to Brigshaw before beating Corpus Christi 40-22.
- Year 9 rugby team narrowly lost 34-30 to Brigshaw in a fantastic game of rugby. Mr Tarbotton lamented some questionable refereeing.
- An under 12s girls' rugby team took part in their first competitive school rugby fixture with a tournament at John Charles Centre, where they won one game, lost two and drew one.

#### **Netball:**

- Year 9 netballers lost 9-6 to Carr Manor before the Year 7 netball team also played Carr Manor's Year 9s only losing 4-2 to students two years older than them!
- Year 7, 8 and 9 netballers all played against Leeds West Academy. Year 7 narrowly lost 3-2 but Year 8 and 9 both won 12-0.

### **PE Kit and Coats**

As we move into colder months we will continue to keep windows and doors open to aid natural ventilation and reduce the spread of COVID. Expectations of uniform will remain in place – therefore students will not be permitted to wear coats inside the school building. We would encourage them to wear a school jumper underneath their blazer; during PE days they can wear the branded micro fibre top and the branded joggers.

### **Car Parking**

This is a polite reminder that the school car park, situated on the Talbot Avenue entrance, is for staff and visitors only. Parents are not permitted to drive into this area to pick up and/or drop off students. Particularly with the extra traffic while the building works are still taking place. Please be aware that the drop-off bay is for taxis only; ignoring this is a major breach of health and safety and could, potentially, put your child in danger. This car park must be kept clear should the emergency services need to gain access at any time.

Please also be respectful of local residents and take note of the parking restrictions and the 20 mph speed limit on Talbot Avenue. The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility and only by working together can we ensure that they travel to and from school as safely as possible.

### **Reminder of important dates this term**

Weds 3 November	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
Thurs 4 November	Prospective Y12 Open Evening
Weds 10 November	Y13 Parents Evening
Thurs 18 November	KS4/5 Music Concert
Thurs 25 November	Y11 Parents Evening
Weds 1 December	Y10 Parents Evening
Weds 8 December	Christmas Showcase
Thurs 16 December	World of Music
<b>Fri 17 December</b>	<b>End of Term</b>

Please check our website and social media sites regularly for any changes and/or further information.

Yours faithfully



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