

Allerton Grange School



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Do not park on restricted areas on Talbot Avenue or Lidgett Lane

Be respectful of our local residents

Please use the turning circle paying attention to the speed limit

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Look after the environment and switch off your engine, when stationary,

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Our Ref: MRp/BMa

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term

Well, I can't believe that we are approaching the end of another academic year – it must be a sign of getting older but the years appear to be getting shorter and shorter.

It has been another year filled with achievements and firsts at Allerton Grange. Here are a few of the highlights for me:

- The new structure to the school day, including the earlier start, was a bit of a shock for everyone to start with. However, everyone quickly got to grips with the new timings and the additional lesson. The additional curriculum time for students across all subjects is clearly having a positive impact on their retained knowledge.
- Our KLAS curriculum grows from strength to strength – we are now offering Classics and Computer Studies to all students across Key Stage 3. In addition, we have introduced the fortnightly enrichment session in Years 7, 8 and 9. This has proved a great success with students experiencing a wide variety of opportunities beyond their traditional studies.
- Student attendance remains very strong and significantly above the national, and city, average for all year groups and every cohort of student.
- Sporting success – we are becoming more and more competitive in all forms of sports, reaching semi-finals and finals in football, rugby, rounders, netball and cricket. A huge thank you needs to be given to our PE Department who supervise and coach all our competitive teams. Just this week we learned that Allerton Grange has been awarded the John Ahm award in recognition of our commitment to Rugby at all levels and for the sportsmanship demonstrated by our players throughout the year.
- Performing Arts success – our school rock band “Yacht Club” were winners of the annual Red Kite Battle of the Bands competition. They beat 11 other school from across Leeds and North Yorkshire. This year's musical, Our House, mesmerised audiences over three nights in February, and more recently our Key Stage 3 Drama Club performed their version of “Tuesday” to a packed hall.
- External Visitors – we welcomed a wide range of visitors into school this year to enhance our students' learning: authors Jennifer Saint and Mark Illis; academics from universities including the University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University and Leeds Conservatoire; specialised practitioners who gave masterclasses in Dance and Hospitality & Catering skills; and industry professionals from a variety of backgrounds.
- Mathematical success – our Year 10 mathematicians won the Maths Feast competition for the first time with the best score ever recorded in the competition. They beat teams from every secondary school in Leeds, including Leeds Grammar.
- Debating success – our Sixth Form debating team entered the MACE national debating competition for the first time and made it through to the regional finals.
- Culture Day – this is always a highlight of the school year. It is wonderful being able to celebrate the rich diversity within the Allerton Grange community. Thank you to our Student Leadership Group who organise this event so brilliantly every year.



- I am sure that next year will be just as busy and rewarding.

By April 2025, I will have been Headteacher of Allerton Grange for 10 years and, after 35 years in teaching, I have taken the decision to retire next summer. At the end of September the governing body will start the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for Allerton Grange School, who will take up the post in September 2025. In my final year, the governing body has very kindly agreed to me working 3 days a week and we have put in place temporary arrangements to maintain the senior leadership capacity for the full year. Please see below:

- Mr Roper (Headteacher) will act in a leadership consultancy basis supporting the rest of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher) has been at Allerton Grange for 7 years and he will take on day to day leadership for the school.
- Mrs Saunders (Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education) has been at Allerton Grange for 3 years.
- Miss Moore (Acting Deputy Headteacher – Teaching/Learning and Assessment) has been at Allerton Grange for 5 years.
- Ms Whittingham (Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Welfare) has been at Allerton Grange for 15 years.
- Mrs Child (Assistant Headteacher – SENDCO) has been at Allerton Grange for 11 years.
- Mr Fidler (Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key Stage 3) has been at Allerton Grange for 14 years.
- Miss Drew (Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key Stage 4) has been at Allerton Grange for 2 years.
- Mr Macrow (Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key Stage 5) has been at Allerton Grange for 2 years.
- Mrs Braim (Acting Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development) has been at Allerton Grange for 21 years.
- Miss Watson (Director of Human Resources) has been at Allerton Grange for 11 years.
- Mr Fletcher (Director of Finance and Facilities) has been at Allerton Grange for 7 years.

You will recognise there is a wealth of experience throughout the Senior Leadership Team at Allerton Grange and each one of us is committed to providing the very best standard of education, for every student, now and into the future.

Arrangements for the end of this year and the start of next year:

- Friday 19 July is the last day of the academic year. It is a non-uniform day (fundraising for St Gemma's hospice) and students will be dismissed as follows:
 - Years 7 and 10 at **11.50 am**
 - Years 8, 9 and 12 at **12.05 pm**
- Monday 2 September – staff training day. School is closed to all students.
- Tuesday 3 September – school is open to Year 7 students only. Registration starts at 8.30am.
 - Year 12 enrolment day for invited applicants.
 - Year 13 early entry applicant only.
- Wednesday 4 September – school is open to all students, except Year 12. Registration starts at 8.30am.
- Friday 6 September – Year 12 begin. Registration starts at 8.30 am

Finally, thank you to all our parents/carers for your support this year. I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Roper
Headteacher