



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 - 27 May - **Year 12 Careers Focus Week**

30 May - 3 June - **Half Term Holiday**

15 June - **Year 10 Drama Workshop**
with The Paper Birds

22 June - **Parents' Forum meeting**
6 - 7 pm (change of date from 19 May)

Top students:

We were delighted this week to be able to appoint our new Head Students for 2022/23. Sidra and Azeem (pictured left), are currently in Year 12 studying A Levels and will take up their posts officially from September.

Their responsibilities will include chairing the Allerton Grange Student Leadership Group and representing our student body at community events. Sidra and Azeem succeeded following a full recruitment process which included an application letter and a formal interview – they are both delighted with their new found responsibilities.

Great start to exam season:

We have been so impressed with the maturity and attitude displayed by our Year 11 students during their first week of GCSE exams. Considering these are the first formal examinations to take place since 2019 we delighted with how they have started.

Thank you to everyone involved in establishing such a smooth start to the exam season and keep up the great work Year 11 and Year 13.

Start of the new school year (2022/23):

We can now share with our community the arrangements for the first week in September.

Monday 5th September:

- Staff training day. School is closed to students.

Tuesday 6th September:

- Year 7 to attend.
- Year 12 to enrol.
- School closed to Years 8, 9, 10 and 13.

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September:

- Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 to attend.
- School closed to Year 12.

Friday 9th September:

- All students to attend.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Attendance

Are you ensuring your child attends school every day and on time?

AGS Attendance this week: 92.2%

National Average: 88.5%

ClassCharts

*Are you a regular user of ClassCharts?
Are you tracking your child's achievements and behaviour in school?*

This week:

Positive points issued = 10,000

Negative points issued = 1,500

85% positive ratio

Reporting Student Absence

Parents and carers can use ClassCharts to report student absence to school. You can also upload any supporting evidence.

Sports Fixtures

Rugby Finalists!

Congratulations to the **Year 7** and **Year 9** boys' rugby teams who have both qualified for the Leeds Rhinos Try 9's final.

Both teams played some fantastic rugby on Tuesday night in a nine-a-side tournament held at Brigshaw. Having won all their games in a previous qualifying round, both teams were placed in the "Super League" on Tuesday night, needing to finish in the top two places in order to qualify for the final.

The Year 7 team beat Leeds West, Farnley, Garforth and Brigshaw before drawing with Cockburn whilst the Year 9 team beat Brigshaw, Temple Moor and Farnley. The finals will both be held at Headingley stadium next Thursday with Year 7 playing against Cockburn and Year 9 playing against Brigshaw.

Rounders: We had our first rounders match on Wednesday with the **Year 8** girls' rounders teams beating Bishop Young 20.5 - 8.5.



Year 11 Prom - Tickets now available!

We will soon be rolling out the red carpet for this year's Prom on Friday 1 July.

The Prom Committee has been working hard with Ms Hibbert and Mr Thomson planning a memorable event.

Year 11 students are invited to join us to celebrate their time at Allerton Grange School.

Tickets are £30 each and available from ParentPay.



Year 11 Prom: ADMIT ONE

Date: Friday 1 July 2022

Time: 6.00 - 10.00 pm

Venue: Allerton Grange Ballroom

Dress code: Gowns and Suits

Food and drinks provided.

Tickets: £30 from ParentPay

Positive Student Behaviour Recognised

This week we received a lovely email from a member of our local community about Allerton Grange students' behaviour on public transport:

"I just wanted to let you know how well-behaved and polite some of your students are. I regularly travel on the number 3 and 2 bus down from Chapel Allerton to the bottom of Chapeltown Road. One day I got on the bus with my little children and it was absolutely packed. We went upstairs to find it full of young teenagers. My first thought was "oh my gosh this will be a nightmare". However, I couldn't believe how the full bus of students was so quiet and polite and well-behaved. Every day since then it has been the same so I just wanted to make you aware that they are extremely well-mannered students. I honestly was shocked. They all do your school proud"

If your child travels on these buses, please let them know that they are having a positive impact on those travelling with them.

Thank you and please keep it up!

Academic Vocabulary

'Words Matter' is a programme designed to improve literacy levels in KS3. Students need to learn these words to be able to fully access the curriculum, examinations, and a wide range of academic texts.

1. illustrate provide (a book, newspaper, etc.) with pictures.
Serve as an example of.
The phone company provided a manual to illustrate how to use the device.

Synonyms: show, demonstrate, represent, exemplify

2. immigrate come to live permanently in a foreign country.
There are many well-educated, skilled workers in other countries who would love to immigrate to the UK.

Synonyms: migrate, relocate, resettle

3. imply indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than direct reference.
Their failure to reply to our letter seems to imply a lack of interest.

Synonyms: suggest, insinuate, infer

4. initial existing or happening at the beginning.
Once the initial shock had worn off, I got to like my new hairstyle.

Synonyms: beginning, opening, first

5. instance an example or single occurrence of something.
Chewing gum is just one instance of rule-breaking.

Synonyms: infer, example, occasion, case

6. interact act in such a way as to have an effect on each other.
A change in temperature may cause certain chemicals to interact with each other.

Synonyms: interrelate, combine, interface

7. justify show or prove to be right or reasonable.
The oil companies were accused of planning a shortage of petrol to justify price increases.

Synonyms: explain, account for, rationalise

8. fund a sum of money to be used for a particular purpose.
The newspaper launched an appeal fund for victims of the disaster.
Pension funds allow people to secure their future when they retire from work.

Synonyms: collection, pool, finance

Bushcraft Trip

Year 7 students took part in an action-packed Bushcraft Residential Camp this week at Castle Howard, North Yorkshire.

They stepped out of their comfort zones and camped under the stars, learnt lots of new skills, cooked, and took part in a range of activities.



Year 10 Drama Workshop

We are looking forward to The Paper Birds coming into school on 15 June to deliver a workshop to Year 10 Drama students, to kickstart their devised theatre exam component.

They are an incredible company and are experts at creating original, thought provoking work. The Drama Team know that our Year 10s are going to be in a brilliant position to make their own theatre as an outcome of this session.

Legally Blonde

Our production of Legally Blonde is coming together, with staff and students working hard to be ready for shows on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June.

There are two types of ticket available:

General seating: £8 Adults, £5 Children
VIP Table seating: £10 Adults, £7 Children



If you're thinking about booking tickets, our Summer Show is always very popular and usually sells out quickly!

Tickets are available from ParentPay