



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were really excited to share the great news from our recent **OFSTED report** with you this week. It's more than just a recognition of our academic success – it celebrates everything that makes Allerton Grange such a special place to learn and grow.

The inspectors truly understood what we're all about. They picked up on the strong sense of community, the way we celebrate our diversity, and the warm, respectful relationships between staff and students. One student summed it up perfectly: *"This is a really welcoming and diverse school."* That kind of feedback means so much.

Other highlights from the OFSTED report include:

- *Pupils' behaviour is excellent. They are attentive in lessons and move around the school site quietly and sensibly. Pupils are polite and well mannered. They are happy and have positive attitudes to learning. They enjoy explaining what they have learned to visitors.*
- *Pupils feel safe and have trusted adults. Sixth-form students act as strong role models to younger pupils.*
- *The school sets the highest expectations and ambitions for pupils. Pupils respond to this positively. They achieve well in published examinations and assessments. The school is continuing to refine and further improve the curriculum.*

We're especially proud of the praise our students received for their excellent behaviour. The inspectors noticed how focused and polite they were in lessons, and how keen they were to share their learning with visitors. Our Sixth Formers also stood out as fantastic role models – exactly the kind of young leaders we hope to nurture here at Allerton Grange.

The report also highlighted our high standards and ambitions for every student. Their success in exams reflects the hard work of our staff and students, and our ongoing efforts to keep improving and adapting our curriculum.

Meanwhile, some of our students are currently enjoying an amazing trip to Valencia! We've had great feedback on how engaged and enthusiastic they've been – a big thank you to the staff who've helped make this experience possible.

Sports Week is nearly here! We're looking forward to a fantastic week of fun, fitness, and friendly competition. With the weather forecast looking positive, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure children come prepared each day with a water bottle, suncream, and a hat to help them stay safe and comfortable in the sun.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington
(Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 16 June - Inter Primary Sports Day

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 June - Sports Week

Friday 20 June - End of GCSE and A level exams

Friday 20 June - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly (Change of Date)

Monday 23 June to Tuesday 24 June - Transition Days for Year 7 students starting in September

Tuesday 24 June - New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening, 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 25 June - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Thursday 26 June - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 26 June - Year 8 Public Speaking Competition

Thursday 26 June - Year 13 Prom

Friday 27 June - Year 7 Public Speaking Competition

Tuesday 1 July - Awards Evening

Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 July - Year 7 Bushcraft

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Thursday 3 July - Sports Awards Dinner

Friday 4 July - Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Wimbledon Trip

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Year 11 into Sixth Form Transition

Wednesday 9 July - KS3 Play, 6.00 pm

Thursday 10 July - Pre Tour concert, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Monday 14 to Thursday 17 July - Music Tour

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

Free STARS Online Workshops for Parents and Professionals

STARS are running a series of free online parent/professional workshops linked to supporting neurodivergent children in the home. Each workshop will be delivered via Teams from 9.45 to 11.15 am on each date.

Dates and topics:

04.07.2025 Puberty and sexuality

To book your place:

Parents: email starsteam@leeds.gov.uk stating your name, email address and workshops you would like to book.

SEND Parent Carer Monthly Information Drop-In

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

- Leeds Local Offer (www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk)
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Speech and Language Service

Dates and times of drop in sessions:

Wednesday 18 June

Wednesday 9 July

10.30 am to 12.30 pm at Plus Net, 17 Marlborough Street, Leeds LS1 4PE

For more information, email LLO@leeds.gov.uk

Parent Carer Support Group Network Event

Thursday 26 June 2025

10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley LS28 5TA

The Parent Carer Support Group Network is coordinated by the Leeds Parent Carer Forum and Voice, Influence and Change Team. The network includes representatives from SEND Parent Carer Support Groups in Leeds.

This event is for members of the Parent Carer Support Groups in Leeds to hear from the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, the STARS Team, SENSAP about EHCPs and network with other Parent Carer Support Groups to find out about their groups, activities and events for families.

[Book your free place here.](#)

Sports Fixture Results

On Monday, our **Year 7 boys' Cricket team** won their first game against Roundhay.

Batting first, we posted 110 from our 15 overs before restricting Roundhay to 97. Roundhay got to the last over needing 14 to win, but a fantastic last over by Jack saw him take 3 wickets and not concede a run to ensure a great win!



Well done to all the players!

SEND Careers Support

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS

SEND Next Choices
Getting ready for adult life

Tuesday 24 June 2025
Leeds first direct arena

Scan the QR code to book your free ticket or visit bit.ly/send25

This event will bring together a wide range of organisations who can answer your queries about what to do next if you have a special educational need and/or a disability. Find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, supported internships, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, benefits and organisations who can help you.

Young people, parents, carers, teachers and support workers are all welcome!

Theatre Visit Review by Jasmine, Year 12

On 29 May, the Year 12 English Literature students had the exciting opportunity to visit Leeds Playhouse to watch a dramatised version of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* - one of the novels that we study at A level. The play was performed by Ockham's Razor: a theatre group which combines storytelling with circus skills in order to produce a performance like no other.

Though *Tess* is a tragedy, the performers intertwined the sombre and subdued narrative with moments of laughter, joy and playfulness, truly reflecting the fluctuating emotions of the human experience.

Wowing the audience with incredible feats of acrobacy (including a three-person high tower and a spinning wheel), Ockham's Razor did an amazing job of guiding the spectators through the story through physical movement, relying only on a single narrator for speech.



At the end of the performance, we also were lucky enough to have the chance for a Q&A session with the actors and directors of the performance. We received valuable insight into the directors' choices, as well as into the performers' passion for the story that they were able to tell.

Careers in Maths Workshops

Last week, 13 guests from The National Wealth Fund came into school to takeover Year 10 Maths lessons.

They spoke to students about The National Wealth Fund, about their career journeys, about careers in finance, and most importantly, about how Maths is used in every job.

Our guests were blown away by the warm welcome they received and by the behaviour and engagement of our Year 10 students. It was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about careers and to link the curriculum to real-life jobs.



It's sometimes hard for students to see beyond exams, homework and revision, particularly at this stage in their education, but when there's a sense of purpose and an understanding of the opportunities it will afford them in the future, it all seems so much more meaningful.

Thank you to the Allerton Grange Maths team and The National Wealth Fund for a wonderful collaboration!

School Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year, and for Year 11 the end of GCSEs, please consider donating outgrown uniform, particularly blazers, ties, jumpers and PE kit to our Uniform Exchange. Please bring any uniform items to main reception.

Thanks for your support.

Year 10 DEAR Trip to Leeds Playhouse

Last Thursday, a number of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a DEAR trip to see A Thousand Splendid Suns at the Leeds Playhouse.

The performance offered a powerful and moving interpretation of the novel, exploring themes of resilience, hope and courage in the face of adversity.



Students represented the school brilliantly, showing exemplary behaviour throughout the visit.



A huge thank you to Ms Westwell and Mrs Weston for organising such a valuable trip.

Arfforms Music Champion School

We are delighted that Allerton Grange School is once again a **Music Champion**



School for Arfforms. This is in recognition of the development of the Music Department over the years and the strong plans to improve it further. Music Champion status last for 3 years.



Arts Award Discover

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievement of Feroz in Year 10, who has successfully completed the Arts Award Discover!



Throughout the journey, he demonstrated exceptional creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication, exploring a wide range of art forms with curiosity and passion.

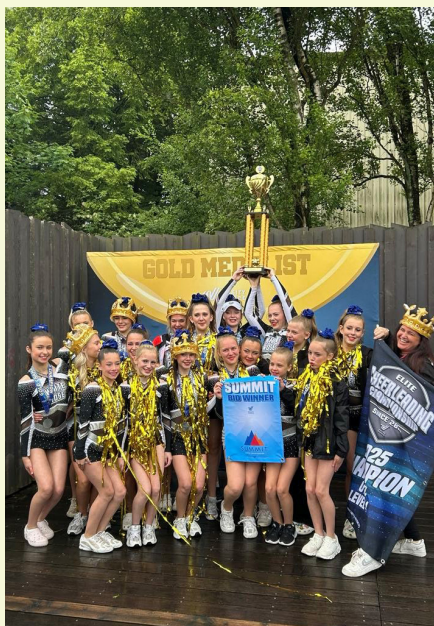
We were absolutely blown away by his final presentation - it was thoughtful, engaging, and showcased just how much hard work and imagination he put into every step of the process.

His commitment and talent truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of everything he has accomplished. Well done, Feroz!

Cheerleading Success!

Last weekend, Emily in Year 9 was at the Cheer European Championships in Germany with her team from White Rose Cheer. We are incredibly proud that they came first, winning a gold medal and returning home as European Champions!

Winning the competition has secured them entry into the Summit Championships in 2026 which is invitational only and awarded only to teams who score highly to be allowed to then compete at this high profile competition in Florida.



Chicks in Science

It has been an exciting and enriching time in the Science Department over the past 10 days with the wonderful chirping of eight chicks.

Students watched them hatch which was a powerful learning experience.

This was followed by hands-on opportunities for students to learn about responsibility, animal care, and the wonders of nature.

We bid farewell to the chicks at the end of the week as they start a new chapter with those staff and students who have adopted them.



Social Science London Trip

This week, Year 12 Social Science students went on their residential trip to London. They had a busy few days visiting the Freud Museum, Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament, and even got to sit in on a debate in the House of Commons.

Thanks to Ms Mughal, Mr Tiffin and everyone else who made the trip possible.



Please see below for updates to the After School Activities Timetable.

You can click on the images below to visit the After School Clubs page on the school website.

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Samba [Lunchtimes] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Jazz club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M002	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week A & B I002
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	Latin Club- All year groups L20	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
KS4 Theory Club INVITE ONLY 3-4pm	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- for all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- for all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Year 7 School of Rock For anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001	
KS5 Theory Club INVITE ONLY 3-4pm	Year 7 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Years 9 & 10 Rounders Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 7 Cricket Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Years 7 & 8 Girls Rounders Field 3-4pm Eca & Ade	Years 7 & 8 Boys Rounders Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Athletics Field 3-4pm DTO, Ade, Eca	
	Years 8 & 9 Girls Cricket Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 8 & 9 Boys Cricket Field 3-4pm DTO	GCSE Revision L44 3-4pm BCa	
	Years 7 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	KS4 Science drop-in S002 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S009 Biology 3-4pm	KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	
	Softball Field 3-4pm SNo	Year 11 English Lang. & Lit. revision L32 3-4pm	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	Years 10 & 11 Product Design T002 3-4pm	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch Up T002/T01B	EPQ Club Year 12 I001 3-4pm	
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 7 & 8 Rounders (Girls) Y7 Boys Rugby Softball Y7/8/9 Girls Cricket	Field Field Field MUGA	ECA & ADE JGA SNO BCA
WEDNESDAY	Year 9 & 10 Rounders Y7 & 8 Boys Rounders Y8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Field Field Field	BCA SNO DTO
THURSDAY	All Years Athletics Y7 Boys Cricket GCSE Revision	Field Field L044	DTO, ADE, ECA JGA BCA

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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		Timetable B		Timetable C	
Years 10/11/12/13		Years 8/9		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		After School Provisions/Detentions begin			6

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.