



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

9 June - **Art & Technology Exhibition**  
6.00 - 8.00 pm

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

15 June - **Awards Evening**

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

27 June - **HPV vaccine for Year 8**

28-29 June - **Legally Blonde The Musical**  
7 pm (Tickets from ParentPay)

29 June - **Sixth Form Taster Day**  
(Year 10 students)

**Thank you to all parents and carers for your support over this term. I wish all our families a restful and peaceful half term break.**

This has been a very busy half term but with much to celebrate – culminating in our Year 7 and Year 9 boys' rugby teams playing in the regional finals.

Our Year 9 boys comfortably won their final but unfortunately our Year 7 boys lost in the most cruel way to a "Golden Try" in extra time. We are so proud of both teams.

### Summer uniform:

After half term, we revert to Summer uniform expectations.

Therefore, from Monday 6 June:

- The wearing of blazers and school jumpers is optional.
- All other [uniform expectations](#) remain in place.

Please ensure that skirts meet the school's expectations. They must be:

- Mid grey
- Tailored
- Knee length
- Classic style (with or without vent)
- Pleated or non-pleated
- PE uniform expectations remain unchanged.

### Barcelona trip:

The Sports Trip to Barcelona arrived safely on Thursday afternoon. The party of 50 students and 5 staff have an action packed 4 days ahead on them. We look forward to hearing their stories on their return.

Thank you to all parents for supporting our uniform code.

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

### ClassCharts

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

**This week:**

**Positive points issued = 11,000**

**Negative points issued = 1,500**

**86% positive ratio**

### Reporting Student Absence

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

### Attendance

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

AGS Attendance this week: 92%

National Average: 88.5%

# Sports Fixtures

## Rugby Finalists!

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

After a nail-biting final, where the **Year 7** team drew 3-3 with Cockburn, they lost to a "golden try" 4 - 3. Their team spirit, support and determination are a credit to the school.

The **Year 9** team played superbly and beat Brighshaw 8-0 to become Sky Try 9's champions!



## Athletics

We had another great night of athletics at our second meet of the season, at John Charles on Tuesday. A special mention to the **Year 9 and 10 boys' teams**, who won a number of events, with the **girls' teams** also performing well and coming second in a number of events.

## Back Chat Brass Wow Year 7 & 8

On Monday, we had a great start to the week with a visit from Back Chat Brass.

Simon, Andy, Matty and Tom wowed our students with their performances of well-known songs, including Bad Habits by Ed Sheeran, Levitating by Dua Lipa, Head and Heart by Joel Corry x MNEK, Single Ladies by Beyoncé, Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake and Dance Wiv Me by Dizzee Rascal.

They also introduced students to the trumpet, saxophone, sousaphone and the bass drum, snare drum, high-hat cymbal and crash cymbal.

Year 7 students had an introduction to conducting and volunteers had the chance to take charge of the band!

If you would like more information about brass instruments, please speak to Mrs Casey, Ms Gillespie or Mr Duff.



Year 11 Prom Tickets: £30  
Available from ParentPay

**Date:** Friday 1 July 2022

**Time:** 6.00 - 10.00 pm

**Venue:** Allerton Grange Ballroom

**Dress code:** Gowns and Suits



## 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. layer** a sheet, quantity, or thickness of material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body.

*The outer layer of human skin is called the epidermis. The ozone layer surrounding the earth protects our skin from being hurt by ultraviolet rays from the sun.*

**Synonyms:** coating, veneer, stratum, tier

**2. link** a relationship between two things or situations, especially where one affects the other. *Words matter because there is a proven link between good vocabulary and educational success.*

**Synonyms:** connection, relationship

**3. locate** discover the exact place or position of; put into a particular place or context. *Allerton Grange School is located in North Leeds. The steward was easy to locate as she wore a bright yellow jacket.*

**Synonyms:** find, pinpoint, track down, situate

**4. maximise** make as large or great as possible; make the best use of. *The shopkeeper tried to keep prices high and costs low, in order to maximise profits.*

**Synonyms:** make the most of, optimise

**5. minor** Lesser (or low) in importance, seriousness, or significance. *His injuries were only minor and didn't require hospital treatment.*

**Synonyms:** small, unimportant, junior, lesser, subordinate  
**Antonym:** major

**6. negate** make ineffective or cancel; deny the existence of. *Photos of Earth, taken from outer space, clearly negate the idea that the Earth is flat.*

**Synonyms:** nullify, reverse, undo, invalidate

**7. outcome** the way a thing turns out; a consequence. *Huge improvements at our school led to a really good outcome at our last inspection.*

**Synonyms:** (end) result, consequence, conclusion

**8. partnership** a cooperative relationship between people or groups. *Many schools, including ours, enter into partnerships with other schools to share ideas or resources, and to improve teaching and learning.*

**Synonyms:** association, cooperation, collaboration

## At Hot Chocolate Friday on 27 May, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

The Year 9 boys' Rugby Team celebrated winning the Sky Try 9's Final.

Congratulations to Jackson, Finley, Gopal, Daniel, Daniel, Joe, Archie, Will, Alfie, Freddie and Ned.

The Year 7 boys' Rugby Team also celebrated the team spirit, support and skills shown as they very narrowly lost their final match.

Very well done to Stan, Billy, Arthur, Benji, Tom, Reuben, James, Daniel, Elliot, Lars, Jake and Aidan.



## 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, don't delay as our Summer Show is always very popular and usually sells out quickly!

**Tickets are available from ParentPay**



## Barcelona here we come!

On Thursday Year 8 student jetted off to Barcelona on a netball and football trip with the PE Team. We can't wait to hear all about it when they get back.



## Bushcraft Trip

Last week's trip with the Bushcraft Company at Castle Howard was a great experience for Year 7 students, and the staff who took part. Thanks to everyone who supported and to Mr Burfiend for leading the trip.



**Wishing everyone a safe and happy half term.**

**School reopens on Monday 6 June.**