



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Allerton Grange community,

Pathway to 2030

Our current five-year vision was established in 2020 by the Board of Governors and School Leadership Team. It is now imperative that we work together to chart the course for Allerton Grange's future. Our school values, which have been the bedrock of our ethos, remain steadfast. However, the time has come to craft a new vision that will guide us towards 2030.

In my capacity as Headteacher designate, I am keen to engage our wider school community in this important process. Your perspectives, as parents and carers, are invaluable in shaping the trajectory of our educational journey. I would like to invite you to participate in a short consultation exercise, designed to capture your insights and aspirations for our school's future direction. Please see further details below on how to share your views.

Pathway to 2030

The consultation opens today, Friday 14 March 2025, and will close on Friday 28 March 2025.

Parents and carers are invited to complete the online questionnaire to provide their feedback about Allerton Grange and contribute to the school's future.

[Click on this link to complete the online questionnaire](#)

Year 7 Science Festival

Reflecting on recent events, it was both a pleasure and a privilege to witness the Year 7 Science Festival. The calibre of student presentations was truly impressive, showcasing the scientific knowledge and skills of our youngest students. Congratulations to our brilliant Year 7 scientists and I would like to thank all staff members who contributed to this enriching experience.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, we have several noteworthy events on the horizon. The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are scheduled for next week, and I am grateful to all involved in providing this opportunity for our students. I am delighted to see that the number of students taking on the challenge and personal development opportunities of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme has increased in the last few years. This year, we have 175 Allerton Grange students registered for the Bronze, Silver and Gold challenges and we wish them the best of luck.

Additionally, our Key Stage 4 students will be embarking on a STEM trip to London. This promises to broaden their horizons and deepen their engagement with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

As we continue to nurture excellence and students' personal development, your ongoing support and engagement remain crucial to our collective success.

Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 19 March - Comic Book Workshop with Krystina Baczynski

Thursday 20 March - KS4&5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Tuesday 1 April - Year 9 DTP Men MMR & HPV Vaccines catch up session

Thursday 3 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Parent Meeting 5 - 6 pm

**Monday 7 April - Monday 21 April - Easter Holiday
School reopens on Tuesday 22 April**

Sunday 27 April - Tuesday 29 April - Social Science Residential, London

Tuesday 6 May - GCSE Exams start

Tuesday 13 May - A level Exams start

Monday 26 May - Bank Holiday

Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May - Half Term Holiday. School reopens on Monday 2 June

Friday 20 June - End of GCSE and A level exams

Monday 23 June - 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

Reminder about the changes to 'Late' Detentions

From Monday 27 January 2025, any student late to school will be booked in for a social time detention at lunch time on the same day. For example, if a student is late to school on Tuesday, they will have a lunch time detention on Tuesday.

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 School Meals

Eating a nutritious school meal is essential for pupils' health, growth, and learning. Don't miss out, it could save £490 a year!

[Find out if you are eligible to apply for Free School Meals by clicking on this link.](#)



Minibus Driver Wanted



Find out more and apply:

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agadmin@allertongrange.com



Sports Fixture Results

Netball

Last Thursday, the **Year 9 Netball team** travelled to Rodillion to take part in the Leeds Schools Invitational Netball Tournament, and the weather was perfect.

The results were: AGS vs Prince Henry's A 3-5; AGS vs Allerton High 4-5; AGS vs Farnley 6-0; AGS vs Rodillion A 2-5; AGS vs Rodillion B 5-8; AGS vs Prince Henry's B 8-0.

The girls played really well in all of the games against some tough opponents. Well done to all of the players but a particular mention must go to Mary and Holly who never stopped and were a massive positive influence in all of the games.



Goalball

On Monday 10 March, Kathryn Fielding, a Development Officer from the English Institute of Sport, came into school to deliver Goalball taster sessions for two of our Year 7 PE groups.

Goalball is a Paralympic sport designed for blind and partially sighted people, players wear eyeshades and rely on their senses of hearing and touch to compete. Arun in Year 7 already competes for West Yorkshire and this was a great opportunity for other AGS students to experience the sport.



Swimming News

Several of our students swim for the City of Leeds Swimming Club and recently competed in the Yorkshire Championships, which took place over 3 weekends in Leeds and Sheffield.

Year 7

Barney qualified for 7 events in his age category and achieved a top 10 finish in 200m free.

Betsy qualified for all 16 events in her age category as well as being selected for the relay team. As well as winning a silver medal in the mixed relay, she also had top 10 finishes in 50 m butterfly, 200m butterfly, 50 m breast and 200m breast.

Danny qualified for 6 events, narrowly missing out on a top 10 finish in 200m butterfly by 0.3 seconds.

Year 8

Harrison is a member of the National Age Group squad and over the next year will be focusing on his potential promotion into the national squad, times depending. Harrison achieved a Personal Best in all of his races over the last 3 weekends. He is the 3rd fastest swimmer in 200 breaststroke in the region and still holds his British ranking which gives him the opportunity to compete in the national meets.

Hogan completed two swims and achieved his personal bests in all the Yorkshire Championship competitions.

Year 9

Hayden participated in 13 swims and two Open/Age Group Relays. He secured silver medals for his 200m freestyle and 100m butterfly events, one bronze medal for his 100m butterfly, and finished as a finalist in the remaining swims and Open/Age Group Relay.

William had a great Yorkshire Championships, he got to 6 finals: 200m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 50m free, 100m free, 4x50 relay team and 4x50m medley relay. William is now the 200m butterfly Yorkshire Champion. He was the fastest going into the final by 3 seconds and in the final he smashed it again, swimming 2.17.88 beating 2nd place by 3seconds, winning the gold medal! His time now means he is ranked 14th in the whole of the UK. The national qualifying window opens next week, and William is on to qualify for the British championships in 200m butterfly and English championship in 100m butterfly.

Science Week Poster Competition

We challenged all Year 7s to create a poster for Science week to celebrate this year theme of "Change and Adapt".

Congratulations to Ewan, Megan and Michael for winning joint first place in our Science week poster competition.

On Wednesday, each class were treated to a Poster Celebration Event, where the creators of the top 10 posters were invited to present their work to the whole year group over the course of the morning.

"It was a wonderful event. The students were absolutely fantastic, they were as confident as many university students in presenting their work!" said Dr Kyriacou.



Language & Business Competition

On Tuesday, we held the in-school heats of the Language and Business Competition to decide which teams will go forward to compete at the University of Leeds on Wednesday 19 March.

The following students competed.

Indoor Radtour - an indoor biking experience (German)

Asher, Noah, Aman and Nicholas

Bhraj España - a water treatment system for Venezuela (Spanish)

Josiah, Brielle, Ayana, Haania and Rebecca

Kuschelkraft - heated knitwear (German)

Olivia N, Olivia G, Vrinda and Mila

Churrico - A stylish bag to transport your Churros (Spanish)

Melissa, Neela, Manroop, Saba and Esme

They were all amazing, had fantastic innovative products which they had thoroughly researched and great ideas for marketing. They presented in both English and German or Spanish. Their language was also of a high standard, and their oracy and presentation skills were both excellent.

The winning teams going through to the final are **Indoor Radtour** and **Bhraj España**.

We will update you after the event, hopefully with good news!

GCSE Drama Exam

This week, Year 11 Drama students performed extracts from a range of entertaining and often challenging plays as part of the GCSE Drama qualification.



Mrs Spencer-Matthews said: "We are so impressed by their efforts - rehearsing in their own time, choosing advanced texts and really pushing themselves to produce thought-provoking and highly skilful work. A huge congratulations to all involved - it was a fantastic performance all round!"

They also had the opportunity to perform their exam pieces for family, friends and Allerton Grange staff on Wednesday evening. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them.



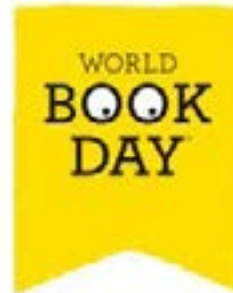
World Book Day by Mrs Weston

The English department thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day last week and showcased a plethora of costumes: Miss Havisham, the witches from Macbeth, Dracula, The Woman in Black, Peeta from The Hunger Games, BFG, Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Dorian Grey, Pip from A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Mad Hatter, and even the book cover of The Yellow Wallpaper!

The teachers really brought to life their characters. Ms Westwell - dressed as Miss Havisham - spent the day sneering at all the men she passed and repeating lines from the poem 'Havisham' by Carol Ann Duffy (a text studied by Year 9s recently). Mr Barsby, when asked to eat one of his 'snozzcumbers' from the jar he had brought with him, shocked the students as he, without hesitation, popped one into his mouth. Who doesn't love pickles? I mean snozzcumbers! Shhhh!

Furthermore, students were asked to take part in a book swap on the day which proved very popular. Our wonderful Sixth Form students helped the younger students to select their new book to take home and everyone was eager to have a sticker highlighting their love of books.

Everyday should be World Book Day! Happy reading!



Please see below for changes to the PE After School Timetable.

This starts on Monday 17 March and will run until the Easter holiday.

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



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE?	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 7 Trampolining	Sports Hall	ECA
	Y7/8 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
	Y7 & 8 Girls Football	Fields	ADE
WEDNESDAY	Year 8 Trampolining	Sports Hall	BCA
	Y7 Fitness	Fitness Suite	JGA
	Y9/10 Table Tennis Club	Sports Hall	SNO
THURSDAY	Year 9/10 Trampolining	Sports Hall	ECA
	Year 8/9 Fitness	Fitness Suite	JGA
	Boys Basketball (Week A Y7&8 Week B Y9, 10 & 11)	Sports Hall	DTO
	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Netball (teams only)	MUGA	BCA
	Y9 & 10 Girls Football	Fields	ADE

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 17th March until the Easter Holiday.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

Rise of Measles cases in Leeds

In January 2024 the UK Health Security Agency declared a national UK Measles incident and as expected we are now seeing a rise in measles in Leeds. This is mainly among unvaccinated children.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious complications including fits, damage to the brain or in severe cases, death.

How to protect your child from measles


The MMR vaccination will have been offered to your child at 12 months and 3 years 4 months.

If you are unsure whether your child is up to date you can check their red book or speak to their GP. If they are not up to date it is not too late for them to catch up. They can get the MMR vaccination free from their GP.

What to do if you think your child has measles

If you think your child has measles call NHS 111 or your GP surgery, it is important to call ahead to make them aware before visiting the surgery or emergency department.

Do not send your child to school if you suspect they may have measles.



Measles: How to Stay Safe

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months.

If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery.

Know the symptoms! Keep people with symptoms away from others.

Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP.

Symptoms

- Rash
- Temperature
- Runny Nose
- Red Eyes
- Cough

UK Health Security Agency, product number: 202304. Download only from the website www.gov.uk/government/collections/measles-outbreak



LEEDS LOCAL OFFER LIVE

The Leeds Local Offer website provides information about services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to find out more about SEND services in Leeds.

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025

10AM TILL 3PM (DROP IN)

PUDSEY CIVIC HALL
DAWSONS CORNER, STANNINGLEY,
LS28 5TA

BOOK YOUR PLACE

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/LLDLive2025/>



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:

- 02.05.2025 Anxiety based avoidance
- 06.06.2025 A basic introduction to Intensive Interaction
- 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.

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 Years 10/11/12/13		Timetable B Years 8/9 Warning Bell	Timetable C Year 7	
8:25am				8:25am
8:30am	REGISTRATION			8:30am
8:50am	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1	1	1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2	BREAK	10:55am
11:05am	3	3	3	11:05am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	4	12:05pm
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	LUNCH	12:55pm
1:20pm	5	5	5	1:20pm
2:10pm	6	6	6	2:10pm
3:00pm	After School Provisions/Detentions begin			3:00pm

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.