



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements and hard work we've seen from our students and staff. With exams now underway for our **Year 11 and 13 students**, it's been great to see them approach this important time with maturity and focus. Their calm, prepared attitude speaks volumes about the effort they've put in and the fantastic support they've had from our staff.

Outside the classroom, there's been a lot to be proud of too. Our **Year 8 Football Team** put on a brilliant display in the Leeds Schools Champions of Champions final. They came up against tough competition from Farnley, but showed great teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship - true representatives of our AGS student virtues.

Not to be outdone, our **Year 7 students** made a big splash in the **Red Kite Science competition**. They took home 1st place in Physics, and 3rd in both Biology and Chemistry - landing them an impressive 2nd place overall. Their boat design, cleverly named "The AGS Express, since 1953", was a standout.

DrSengupta (Teacher of Science) accompanied the students and said they were outstanding throughout, proactive and showed impressive teamwork.



A big thank you to our Science team for helping make this brilliant experience happen.

With the warm weather continuing, just a quick reminder: students can wear their PE kits to school for the rest of this half-term. It's a simple way to help everyone stay cool and comfortable so they can keep doing their best.

To wrap up, I'm constantly inspired by the energy, creativity, and resilience of our students. Their commitment to our school values is something we can all be proud of.

Let's keep supporting one another as we head towards the end of the year.

**Warm regards,**

**Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 20 to 24 May - Normandy Trip**

**Monday 26 May - Bank Holiday**

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

**Sunday 8 June to Tuesday 10 June - Social Science Residential, London**

**Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 June - Valencia Trip**

**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**

**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 13 Leavers' Assembly**

**Friday 27 June - Year 7 Public Speaking Competition**

**Tuesday 1 July - Awards Evening**

**Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 July - Year 7 Bushcraft Residential**

**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**

## Yorkshire Visually Impaired Cricket Club

The Yorkshire Vikings visually impaired cricket club is holding an open day & taster event at Horbury Bridge CC on Sunday 25 May from 1pm to 4pm.

The event is open to VI people of all ages and abilities. This is a great opportunity to meet some members and to have a go at the great game of cricket.

Please feel free to call in at any time throughout the 3 hour event and stay as long as you like. Drinks are available and a food van will open at 3pm, with live music from 4pm after the cricket.

The ground address is: -  
Horbury Bridge CC  
Storrs Hill Road  
Horbury  
WF4 5PL.

Situated behind the Horse & Jockey at the bottom of the hill, with parking down the left hand side of the ground.

For further information, please contact John Garbett (Development Officer).  
Mobile: 07769 909906

Email: [johngarbett7@gmail.com](mailto:johngarbett7@gmail.com)

## 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:

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

## Sports Fixtures

### Football

This year has been a very successful one for the **Year 8 Football team**. They won their league and by doing so, qualified for the 'Champions of Champions' knockout stages against all other league winners and runner-ups throughout Leeds.

Our team successfully reached the 'Champions of Champions' final and played against Farnley Academy at Leeds Beckett University (Headingley Campus) on Wednesday 14 May.

They came up against tough competition from Farnley, finishing 8-2 down, with Ethan scoring both AGS goals. They showed great teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship to finish as runners up - true representatives of our AGS student virtues.



### Rugby

On Tuesday, the **Year 7 Rugby team** took part in the championship phase of the Leeds Rhinos Try 9's competition. After winning 2 and drawing 2 of our 4 games, we came 2nd overall, finishing just one point behind the eventual winners. The outstanding performers were Ralph and George, and Max, who scored 6 tries on the night.

### Rounders

Also on Tuesday, our **Year 7 girls** won 3 out of their 4 games and came second overall in their rounders tournament at Farnley School. It was their first ever tournament and competitive game so they absolutely smashed it!

The **Year 8 team** beat Roundhay and Carr Manor to reach the semi finals, where they played Allerton High and won by 3 rounders. Progressing into the final to play Wetherby, we batted first and set a great target of 11. With superb fielding we kept them to only 6 rounders and therefore lead our group. Shout outs go to Bea for scoring a hat trick and Amelia for superb bowling.

### Cricket

Our **Year 8 Cricket team** played Allerton High and unfortunately lost their match.

The **Year 9 Cricket team** won against Roundhay but lost to Abbey Grange.

## Yorkshire Cup Win!

Ethan, in Year 8, is part of the Leeds Schools FA team that represent the City of Leeds in district football.

Last weekend, they won the Yorkshire Cup! They beat Rotherham 1-0 at the old Rotherham stadium, Millmoor. It was a fantastic achievement as Rotherham haven't lost a match all year, so to beat them on home turf was amazing.

Also for Ethan, it's a double achievement as he was one of only a handful of players to have won this cup for the second consecutive year!



## Swimming News

Betsy in Year 7 has competed in the North East Region Swimming Championships, over 2 weekends, representing City of Leeds.

Betsy qualified for 10 events in her age group and achieved 5 personal best times with a 5th position in 200m Butterfly.

The events were very busy and the atmosphere was fantastic so a great experience for all the swimmers.

A number of AGS students took part in the championships, well done to everyone who also competed in this event.



## GCSE Drama Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 6 May, the Drama department took their Year 10 GCSE students to Manchester to see one of our favourite theatre companies, *Wise Children*, perform their incredibly creative stage version of Alfred Hitchcock's *North By Northwest*.

We loved visiting Home Theatre in the centre of Manchester and the production was incredible.

- Leo said the design was breathtaking and he would love to write about it for a costume question in the exam.
- Emily thought the use of multi-role was incredible.

We were all thrilled to see Simon Oskarrson perform the role of evil spy Valerian - we last saw him in December when he did a Q and A with us after we saw him perform in *Hadestown*



So, not only was this an inspiring production for our students to see just before they embark on creating their own work, it was also a fantastic example of how exciting and varied a career in the industry can be.

## Mental Health Awareness Week

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week 2025 is 'Community', celebrating the power and importance of community for mental health and wellbeing. In school, supporting positive mental health is something we focus on throughout the year. This week, as a reminder, we have highlighted how students and staff can access help and also help each other.



**everywhere**  
**Mental health is everything**  
**everyone**

It's part of all of us, and impacts everyone around us.  
Join the fight so no mind is left behind.  
12-18 May 2025



Find out more:

[Mental Health Awareness Week - Mental Health Foundation](#)

[Mental Health Awareness Week - Mind](#)

## Travelling to School Consultation Have Your Say by 11 June 2025

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would like to have your views on how they can best support travel to school.

As a parent or carer of a pupil currently attending secondary school, they want to understand you and your child's needs, to help shape future plans.

The consultation opened on 23 April and you have until 11 June 2025 to participate. The survey is open to those aged 13 and over, so we encourage eligible pupils to also take part.

To find out more and complete the survey, visit:

[yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel](https://yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel)

[Read the consultation letter here.](#)

Transport for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and school bus services to primary schools are not part of this consultation and will remain unaffected.

## 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	<b>ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5</b>
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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 7 & 8 Rounders (Girls) Y7 Boys Rugby Softball Y7/8/9 Girls Cricket	Field Field Field MUGA	ECA & ADE JGA SNO BCA
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Year 9 & 10 Rounders Y7 & 8 Boys Rounders Y8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Field Field Field	BCA SNO DTO
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3			2	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	3	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	4	12:05pm
1:20pm	5			5	12:30pm
2:10pm	6			6	12:55pm
3:00pm					1:20pm
After School Provisions/Detentions begin					
					2:10pm
					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.