



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)

30 June - **Sports Awards Dinner**

1 July - **Year 11 Prom**

4/5 July - **Year 6 Transition Days**

5 July - **New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening**  
(4.30 - 6.00 pm)

### What a scorcher!!

Goodness me we have struggled at times this week with the heat in a building mainly made from glass – areas of the school felt like a greenhouse. Students have been incredibly sensible and have taken every opportunity to keep hydrated and have sheltered in the shade during break and lunchtimes.

### Student achievements:

I want to begin by celebrating some wonderful individual student successes.

- Congratulations to three Y10 students Mayam, Anisa and Nardus who have won 'Aspiring Black Neuroscientists/Physiologists' competition run by the Physiological Society. Entrants had to write an essay on a given topic related to Neuroscience and diversity. Each student receives a cash prize and will have their essays published on the Society's website and in their newsletter. We are so proud of them.
- Congratulations to Hashim Mahmood an ex-student of Allerton Grange who plays for Farsley Celtic. Hashim is deaf and last weekend played in the final of the Disability FA Cup – his team won the competition. We are so proud of him.

### Allerton Grange celebrates success at awards evening

On Wednesday evening it was a privilege to host our annual awards evening. We had 140 students receiving awards and it was a pleasure to see the main hall full with proud families and appreciative students. Thank you to the many staff who made the event possible.

**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 = 10,000**

**Negative points issued = 1,200**

**88% 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: 93.1%

National Average: 88.5%

# Allerton Grange Awards Evening

On Wednesday 15 June, we celebrated the achievements of students from KS3, KS4 and KS5 at our Awards Evening. Students received awards for 'Outstanding Academic Achievement' as well as special awards from their Year Teams. It was a spectacular evening and lovely to be able to invite families into school to recognise the hard work, effort and character of our students.



## 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. **removed** taken away or off from the position occupied.

Students who disrupt learning will usually be removed from the classroom.

Synonyms: take out, got rid of, withdrew, extracted

2. **scheme** a large-scale systematic plan or arrangement for attaining a particular object or putting a particular idea into effect.

The Government introduced a new road building scheme to help cope with increases in motorway traffic.

Synonyms: plan, project, strategy, course of action

3. **sequence** a particular order in which related things follow each other.

The sequence of prime numbers starts with 2, 3, 5, and 7.

Books will rarely make sense if the pages are printed in the wrong sequence.

Synonyms: order, series, development

4. **series** a number of events, objects, or people of a similar or related kind coming one after another.

The explosion was the latest in a series of bad accidents.

5. **shift** change place or direction

She shifted her position slightly so she could see the stage better:

Public opinion has shifted dramatically in recent months.

Synonyms: move, budge, change

6. **specified** clearly and explicitly stated  
Students were only allowed to wear clothes that are specified in the uniform lists;

All the ingredients were clearly specified in the recipe.

Synonyms: required, stated, called for

7. **sufficient** Enough to satisfy a need or requirement

He didn't have sufficient money to buy the best clothes.

Supplies were late because there wasn't a sufficient supply of delivery drivers.

Synonyms: enough, adequate, satisfactory

8. **task** a piece of work often to be finished within a certain time

Classes started with a simple task to allow students to settle into their learning:

In Greek mythology, the '12 labours of Hercules' were almost impossible tasks.

Synonyms: job, chore, duty, endeavour

## Sports Fixtures

### Cricket

Our **Year 8** Cricket team beat Boston Spa in the second round of the Yorkshire Cup. They play Abbey Grange next Tuesday for a place in the quarter final.

### Rounders:

The **Year 8** Rounders team beat Bishop Young 10 rounders to minus 4.5 rounders.



### Athletics:

We had our third and final athletics meet on Tuesday. Both our Boys' and Girls' Athletics teams have qualified for the regional final.

**Well done to all!**

### Hooray for Hashim!

We have had some fantastic news this week about our former DAHIT student Hashim. Hashim played in the Farsley Celtic Deaf FC team last weekend that won the FA Disability Cup Final.

Before the match, Hashim was interviewed by the Yorkshire Evening Post and he said how much it meant to him and the team.

[You can read the article here.](#)

It was the first time the final was televised on national tv and we were cheering the team on from home.

[You can watch it again here.](#)

**Congratulations, we are incredibly proud of you!**



## Neuroscience Competition Winners

Ms Gonzales is delighted to announce that Mayam, Anisa and Nardus from Year 10 have won the 'Aspiring Black Neuroscientists/Physiologists' competition.

Our students' submissions were based on 'Diversity in Science' and they had to discuss the following:

- (a) – Minorities are underserved in large scale research (genetics, clinical, epidemiological). How might this be addressed?
- (b) – Discuss the lack of diversity in universities and colleges and the impact this might have on you and your peers, as you consider your future education and career options.

Mayam wrote an essay on 'The lack of diversity in science', and Anisa and Nardus submitted a video called 'Acting White! What do you mean?'.

Their prizes include:

- £100 money each
- £200 for our school
- Publication of their submissions on The Physiological Society's website.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!



## Refugee Week 2022

At the Stand Up To Racism meeting on Tuesday this week, Allerton Grange got a glorious cheer for the messages of welcome our Year 7 students have made for Refugee Week 2022.

The messages are being made into a huge paper chain that will be displayed at Mill Hill Chapel in Leeds, organised by Leeds Conversation Club.

Some of our favourite messages include:

- 'You'll be safe now'
- 'We're glad you're here'
- 'Leeds has the best fish and chips, try them!'

The meeting was attended by the national chairperson of Stand Up To Racism, the deputy mayor of Yorkshire, Care4Calais, local councillors and Richard Burgon MP.



## At Cold Juice Friday on 17 June, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

**Abigail in Year 7** was nominated for gaining confidence and is now helping another student to settle in really well, and is translating for him.

**Lucy in Year 8** has 100% attendance and zero behaviour points. She is an exemplary student and a credit to the school.

**Kovan in Year 9's** self-motivation has increased significantly over the year and he has made good progress. His teachers are very proud of Kovan and all his efforts.

**Saleem in Year 10** was nominated for an incredible gesture of kindness following a tragic event at a local school.

**Aneesah in Year 12** was recognised for all the volunteering and charity work she does outside of school. Every Saturday, she volunteers all day for the 'Weekenders', providing one-to-one support through craft activities to children between the ages of 5-18. Anisha has also applied for a place on the Sixth Form Leadership Group and has lots of ideas about how she can contribute to the school community.

Congratulations to all!



## UCAS Fair visit for Year 12

On Thursday 16 June, Year 12 students visited the West and North Yorkshire UCAS Exhibition at the Leeds Beckett University Headingley Campus to find out about higher education courses and explore their options.

They had the chance to go to course and career taster sessions, attend student talks and personal statement workshops. They also received expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for them as individuals, as well as meeting people from a wide range of universities, colleges and employers face-to-face.

Thank you to the Sixth Form Team for arranging the trip.

## Sixth Form Scientists visit Runswick Bay

On 17 June, Sixth Form Science students went on a fieldtrip to Runswick Bay.



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

## 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:

**LEGALLY  
BLONDE**  
*The Musical*

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**

**LEGALLY  
BLONDE**

Be at the  
doors from  
6:30pm the  
show starts  
at 7pm!

**JUNE  
TUE 28th  
WED 29th**

**PARENT PAY**  
Adult # £8  
Kid # £5  
★ VIP ★  
Adult\* £10  
Kid\* £7

The poster is pink and features a Chihuahua dog wearing a pink lipgloss. There are also illustrations of books and a pen.

Legally Blonde Poster Designed by Neela in Year 7