



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I'm delighted to welcome you all back to Allerton Grange School for the new academic year. What a fantastic start it has been!

We've had the pleasure of hosting two wonderful matriculation assemblies for our new Year 7 and Year 10 students. These events were a celebration of new beginnings, ambition, and the values that make AGS such a special place to learn and grow. It was inspiring to see our students step into their new roles with confidence and pride.

A special mention must go to our Year 7 cohort, who have made an outstanding impression in their first week. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and eagerness to get involved have been noticed by staff and students alike. We are incredibly proud of how they've embraced life at AGS already. They are a credit to themselves and to their families.

Across the school, attendance and behaviour have been excellent, setting a strong tone for the year ahead. Thank you, as always, to our parents and carers for your continued support. Our partnership makes a real difference in helping students to thrive.

### **Celebrating Outstanding GCSE and A-Level Success!**

We are absolutely thrilled to share that Allerton Grange has achieved its best ever GCSE and A-Level outcomes! Huge congratulations to our incredible Year 11 and Year 13 students from last year. Your hard work, resilience, and commitment have truly paid off. These results are evidence of your dedication and the unwavering support of our staff and families. We couldn't be more proud of what you've accomplished, and we look forward to seeing all the amazing things you'll go on to achieve. Well done, Class of 2025!

### **A Note on Parking and Pick-Up Safety**

While we celebrate the positive start to the year, I must also raise an important issue regarding parking and pick-up along Talbot Avenue.

**To ensure the safety of our students and to minimise disruption for our neighbours, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park further away from the school site and avoid stopping directly outside the gates.** This small change will help keep the area safe and accessible for everyone, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can make sure our school community remains safe, respectful, and welcoming.

### **Drop your child off further away from school to reduce congestion and improve safety**

**Park and Stride** is an easy way to change travel habits. Parents and carers are encouraged to park a 5 to 10 minute walk away from school and allow children to walk the rest of the way.

#### **Benefits of Park and Stride**

- ✓ Reduces traffic and congestion near school entrances
- ✓ Improves safety for children
- ✓ Lowers pollution levels
- ✓ Shows courtesy to local residents by avoiding blocked driveways and pavements

### **Safety Reminders**

- ⊗ Do not park on zig-zag lines or pavements
- ✓ Avoid blocking driveways or junctions
- ✓ Use designated crossings & hold hands with younger children



Here's to a successful and exciting year ahead. We look forward to sharing more achievements and updates with you soon!

Warm regards,

**Andrew Norrington**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 10 September - Individual School Photos - Years 7, 10, 11, 12

Thursday 18 September - Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm [Book your place here](#)

Friday 19 September - Training Day - School is closed to students

Tuesday 23 September - Year 12 Welcome Event, 5.30 - 6.00 pm (Cyber Cafe)

Tuesday 23 September - Year 13 UCAS Information Evening, 6.00 - 6.30 pm (Hall)

Wednesday 24 September - Year 10 'Your GCSE Journey', 6.00 - 7.00 pm (Hall)

Thursday 25 September - To Kill A Mockingbird Theatre Trip

Friday 26 September - EPQ Student Conference (Year 12)

Friday 26 September - Leeds College of Building Talk

Monday 29 September - EPQ Presentation Event, 3.15 - 4.15 pm (Hall)

Thursday 2 October - KS4&5 Careers Fair, 4.30 - 6.30 pm (Sports Hall)

Monday 6 October - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 7 October - Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 14 October - Year 9 Options Information Event, 6.30 - 7.15 pm (Hall)

Wednesday 15 October - Year 7 Supporting Success Evening, 5.00 - 6.00 pm (Hall)

Thursday 16 October - NeuroStars Parent Carer Support Session, 4.30 - 5.30 pm (Library)

Thursday 23 October - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm (Hall)

Friday 24 October - Culture Day

## Open Evening

Thursday 18 September 2025  
6.00-8.00 pm



**Book Online**  
[bit.ly/AGS-Open-Days](https://bit.ly/AGS-Open-Days)



## Music News

KS5 band 'Set List' performed a 2 hour set at Roundhay Golf Club on 19 July. They nailed their set, well done all!

## Music Exams:

- Josh H got a Distinction in his Grade 2 piano.
- Archie M achieved Grade 8 Distinction in his drum exam.
- Sam G achieved Grade 5 Merit for his guitar exam.
- Sam R and Joel G both achieved Distinctions in Grade 5 Theory.

## Music Tuition

**All students wishing to either continue or sign up to Music Tuition must hand in a contract by Friday 12 September.** Contracts are available from the Music department.

**All Music Tuition starts the week commencing Monday 8 September.** It is the responsibility of the student to come to the Music department noticeboard to look for their lesson times, which change on rotation every week.

**Music Tuition Assembly in the Hall**, on 15 September 2025, 9.00 - 9.30 am. for all students who have signed up to learn an instrument.

## All Music Extra-Curricular Clubs begin week commencing Monday 15 September.

No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	<b>Samba</b> Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band</b> (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	<b>Little Shop of Horrors Musical</b> Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers!</b> Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	<b>Grade 5 Theory Club</b> (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	<b>Jazz Club</b> Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	<b>Junior Concert Band</b> Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Senior Concert Band</b> Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	<b>Year 7 School of Rock</b> Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	<b>Choir</b> Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

## Absences

Our target is 95% attendance for all students. Falling below this can affect learning, progress, and wellbeing.

If your child is absent, you must inform the school before 9:00am via Class Charts or by emailing

[attendance@allertongrange.com](mailto:attendance@allertongrange.com)

Only the school can decide if an absence is authorised or unauthorised, even if explained by a parent/carer.

Advance notice is appreciated for any known absences, including Religious Observances.

If we do not hear from you with a reason for your child's absence, you will receive a text to inform you that they have not attended registration, and a further letter will be sent if we have had no contact at all.

Two separate days each academic year can be taken for Religious Observance.

## Reasons Your Child Should Not Be Absent from School Feeling 'a bit tired' or 'under the weather'

Mild tiredness, colds, sore throats or low energy are not reasons to miss school. We can support your child during the day if needed.

## Minor Headaches, Stomach Aches, or Period Pain

These can often be managed in school with rest, water, or sanitary products available from staff. Let us know if your child needs support.

## Birthdays or Family Events

These are not authorised absences. Celebrations should take place outside of school hours.

## A Holiday During Term Time

Holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absences. This may result in a fine.

## A Day Off When Others Are On a School Trip/A Day Off After a School Trip

School continues as normal. There is an expectation to attend school when not going on a trip. School trips do not count as a reason to miss school the next day. Absences due to tiredness after a trip will not be authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

## Looking After Siblings or Family Members

Caring responsibilities are not a valid reason to miss school. Please contact us if your family needs support.

## No Uniform or PE Kit

We can help provide temporary uniform or kit if needed. This is never a reason to stay home.

## Running Late

Avoid traffic and potential bus delays by leaving before 8:00am

Students should still come to school even if they are late. It is better than missing a whole day.

**If in doubt, contact the Attendance Team or use the NHS website**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Lateness

All students must be in school by 8:25am and in form by 8:30am.

Students arriving after 8:30am without a valid reason will receive a 10 minute same-day lunchtime detention.

Missing this detention results in an SLT Detention (90 minutes).

If your child is going to be late please let us know in advance where possible, this can be reported via Class Charts, by emailing

[attendance@allertongrange.com](mailto:attendance@allertongrange.com) or providing a dated and signed note in your child's planner.

Only the school can decide if your child's lateness is authorised or unauthorised, even if explained by a parent/carer.

All late arrivals are recorded. Parents will be notified via text if a valid reason is not provided.

We know that things are not always straightforward, and there may be times when getting to school is difficult. If anything is affecting your child's attendance, please let the Attendance Team know. We will always do our best to support you and your child.

## Parents' Information Evenings 2025-26

We have an online booking system for Parents' Evenings

<https://agrange.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For the 2025-26 academic year Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

6 October 2025 - Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

18 November 2025 - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

4 December 2025 - Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

8 January 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

28 January 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

24 February 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

More information will be shared soon on all of the extra-curricular clubs on offer this term.

Below are details of the PE after school sports clubs, starting from 16 September 2025



## WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 9/10/11 Netball Girls Rugby Year 7 Boy's Football Year 9 + 10 Rugby	MUGA Fields Fields Fields	JAD ECA SNO JGA
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Girl's Football All Year's Badminton (SNO) Year 8 Boys Football	Fields Sports Hall Fields	KAI SNO DTO
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Year 7+8 Netball Year 9 Football Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby (JGA)	MUGA Fields Fields	ECA DTO JGA

**YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS**

**Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.**

**These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.**

**ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.**

# SCHOOL DAY 2025-26

