



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Happy Diwali to all members of our community celebrating next week

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been another busy and successful week here at Allerton Grange, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

We've hosted two fantastic **Parental Engagement Events**: the Year 9 Options Information Evening and the Year 7 Supporting Success Evening. These sessions are a vital part of our commitment to working in partnership with families to support our students' progress and wellbeing. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance, engaging with staff and asking thoughtful questions. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we are grateful for your continued support.

The **Year 9 Options Evening** provided valuable guidance for students as they begin to consider their GCSE pathways. It's an exciting time, and we know that with the right information and support, our students will make choices that reflect their interests and aspirations. Meanwhile, the **Year 7 Supporting Success Evening** focused on helping our youngest learners settle into secondary school life and build strong foundations for future achievement. Thank you again to all who joined us.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating **Culture Day** next week, one of the most vibrant and inspiring events in our school calendar. Culture Day is a celebration of the rich diversity within our school community, and it's an opportunity for students and staff to share their heritage, traditions, and stories. From music and dance, to food and fashion, the day promises to be a joyful showcase of what makes Allerton Grange such a special place to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of the inclusive ethos that Culture Day represents, and we encourage all students to take part, whether by contributing to performances, wearing cultural dress, or simply engaging in the day's activities with curiosity and respect. It's a moment to celebrate identity, build understanding, and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming you to future events and continuing to work together to ensure every student at Allerton Grange thrives.

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Leeds City Council Admission Policy Consultation

Leeds City Council is consulting on the 2027/28 admission policy for Leeds Community and Voluntary controlled schools under the Admission Code. All the information can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations. You can share your views until 1 December 2025.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 23 October - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm (Hall) Tickets £4 from ParentPay

Friday 24 October - Culture Day

Monday 27 to Friday 31 October - Half Term (School is closed)

Monday 3 November - Start of Half Term 2

Tuesday 4 November - Year 11 and Year 13 Year Group Photos

Monday 10 November - Year 9 DofE Parents Information Evening, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 13 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm [Book your place](#)

Monday 17 to Friday 21 November - Book Fair in the Library

Tuesday 18 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening - online appointments

Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December - Year 11 Pre Public Exams

Thursday 11 December - World of Music Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Monday 15 to Friday 19 December - Rewards Assemblies

Friday 19 December - Last Day of Term

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 5 January - Training Day (School closed to students)

Wednesday 7 January - Exam Certificate Collection, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Training Days 2025-26

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

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.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. You will receive a letter from school prompting you to book your appointments.

- 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



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



OCTOBER 2025



POWER AND PRIDE

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SHARED HISTORY.
WE CELEBRATE OUR COLLECTIVE POWER TO CREATE CHANGE.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

POWER AND PRIDE



WHO IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR?

Black History Month is for everyone, no matter our background.

It provides a chance for us all to learn about and appreciate Black history, helping us understand the importance of diversity, representation, and inclusion in shaping a more equal and just society.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

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WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

- An opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.
- People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, campaigners believe their contribution to society has often been overlooked or distorted.

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POWER AND PRIDE



Saturday 4 October

Leeds Black History Walk

Where: Parkinson Building, University of Leeds

When: 11am – 1pm

The Leeds Black History Walk began in 2006, as part of a Chapeltown community initiative, to transform how Africans are perceived in history. Discover unseen local narratives with African connections, going back to Roman Yorkshire.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

POWER AND PRIDE



Thursday 9 October, 3.15-5.15pm L027

Hidden Figures (PG – 2 hours long)

Hidden Figures tells the incredible story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind a rocket launch to take astronaut John Glenn into space.

All AGS students and staff are welcome to attend the events. Students need to collect a permission slip from the Humanities office and return it before the date of the screening(s).

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

POWER AND PRIDE



Thursday 16 October, 3.15-5.15pm L027

Selma (12 – 2 hours long)

Selma tells the gripping and moving story of the pivotal moment in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s epic civil rights struggle. The historic protest march he led from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965 was a triumphant demonstration of the power of the people.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

POWER AND PRIDE



Thursday 23 October, 3.15-4.30pm L027

Black Power: A British Story of Resistance (PG – 1 hour long)

An examination of the Black Power movement in the late 1960s in the UK, surveying both the individuals and the cultural forces that defined the era. At the heart of the documentary is a series of astonishing interviews with past activists, many of whom are speaking for the first time about what it was really like to be involved in the British Black Power movement.

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Sports Fixture Results

Football

The Year 7 girls' A team lost to Cardinal Heenan 2-1.

The Year 7 girls' B team beat Cardinal Heenan 5-1.

The **Year 10 boys' Football team** beat Leeds West Academy in the Cup 3-0.

Netball

Our **girls' Netball teams** had a great week with the following results:

Year 11 beat Allerton High 13-7

Year 10 beat Allerton High 15-5

Rugby

Our **Year 7 girls' Rugby team** did super well on Monday in their first rugby tournament hosted by Leeds Rhinos. Some students had never played rugby before and gave it their all.

AGS scored 3 tries in the first game against Farnley, winning 3-1, and lost the second game against Trinity, 0-3. Well gone girls!

Our **Year 8 boys' Rugby team** lost to John Smeaton 42-16.

Supporting Success Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the recent Year 7 Supporting Success Evenings.

The presentation has been sent to you by ClassCharts and is also available on the school website:

[Year 7 Supporting Success Presentation](#)



Darren Simpson Author Visit

On Wednesday, Year 7 and Year 8 students had an engaging visit from author, Darren Simpson. Darren spoke about the inspiration for his new book 'Thirst' and discussed the genre of folk horror, where elements of folklore are used to invoke fear and foreboding.

Darren read an extract of 'Thirst', giving the audience a taste of the story. He also signed some of his books for students. It's still possible to order one of his books from ParentPay until 24 October 2025. Thank you to Mr Ellis, School Librarian, and the The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton for arranging the visit.



After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm
(30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm
(90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.

Allerton Grange School: Park and Stride

Help us to keep our students and local community safe, as well as encouraging your children to develop independence and healthy habits by walking part of their journey to and from school.

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

Smartphone Free Childhood

This is a welcoming and inclusive event here to help us inform and support one another on this subject.

The bar will be open and we welcome you to stay after the event to talk and connect further with parents and carers from the community.



Leeds based online safety expert and parent, Anna of Screen-Safe.co.uk discussing what the smartphone and digital landscape is like for children today and how to navigate it.

This event is aimed at all people involved in the care of children - parents, caregivers, family, school staff etc.

Unfortunately due to the nature of the material which will be discussed this event is not suitable for children to attend.



www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

Come join us

A free event to attend

Date... ✓
Wednesday 22nd October

Time... ✓
7:45pm - 8:45pm - Screen-Safe talk
8:45pm - Chat with other parents

Place... ✓
Gledhow social club, Leeds LS8 1NQ

Please email in any questions anna@screen-safe.co.uk roundhaysfc@outlook.com



Thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe.

SEND Support

Family Hubs SEND parent drop ins

Family hubs are designed to support families by bringing together a range of services into one easy-to-access space. Whether you need parenting advice, health support, education guidance, or help navigating local services, our family hubs are here to help.

Family hubs act as a vital link between families and community support, offering a holistic approach to meet individual family needs. They are also a space where families can connect with others in their community.

The SEND Coordinators within the Family Hubs are hosting SEND parent drop in:

Outer West Family Hub

Last Thursday of the month, 9 am till 12 pm at Horsforth Library.

Inner West Family Hub

Last Wednesday of the month, 9.30 am till 12 pm at Armley Community Hub.

Book your place now

Book your place by calling 0113 535 0185 or emailing family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk quoting the drop in you would like to book a place for, upon booking you will be given a time slot.

Parent carer support group network event

Thursday 23 October, 10 am till 12.30 pm at Pudsey Civil Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley LS28 5TA

The event is for parents and carers to hear from the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, find out about the new Family Hubs, learn about RADAR and Short Breaks, and network with other parent carer support groups and hear about their groups, activities and events for families.

Book your place at:

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

STARS training (parents and professionals)

These workshops aim to provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

For parents, to book, please email

send@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Yorkshire Rotary Accessible Games - Opportunity for Students

This year the Yorkshire Rotary Accessible Games will be held on 19 October at Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford, BD10 0NR. It is open to anyone 9+ years old who has a disability, visible or not, and it is free.

They offer Athletics, Boccia, Darts, Kurling, Swimming, Table Tennis and Wheelchair Racing as competitive sports. There will also be tasters, football, cricket and goalball.

For information and entry forms you please email Anne by email:

yorkshirerotaryaccessiblegames@gmail.com.

They are also on Facebook as Yorkshire Rotary Accessible Games.

Preparation for adulthood: friends, relationships and community

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop healthy friendships and relationships. We will be exploring the factors that can present challenges for autistic and ND children and young people and how to effectively promote positive social inclusion, consent and how to navigate the social world safely in the early years through to early adulthood. We will be exploring and sharing key resources and approaches to promote healthy social opportunities for children and young people.

Sensory support in the home

Wednesday 5 November 2025, 9.45 till 11.15 am

This session will give a brief introduction to sensory processing and regulation, exploring its importance in supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people. The session will also offer advice around sensory support strategies that can be implemented in the home.

GCSE Drama Performances

On **Wednesday 22 October**, Year 11 Drama students will be rehearsing, then performing their practical exam pieces. All are welcome to come along to the evening performance to support the students.

Performance starts: 6.00 pm

Venue: School Hall



A hard hitting piece that explores the theme of domestic abuse through the eyes of the victim and poses the questions of who is responsible for keeping us safe.



A choose your own adventure play using classic horror tropes.



A comedic spy romp with inspiration from James Bond and Austin Powers.

**AGS Performing Arts Present:
Little Shop of Horrors**

Coming to a school hall near you... 10, 11 & 12 February 2026

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 1 – September to December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9) (onch/lines) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music god Store 9	Years 8-11 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M005 TCa & DNa	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R005 LMO/ CNa *
Little shop of Horrors PR Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDe	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R002 LMO/ CNa *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDe	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	Year 7 School of Rock- for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	* Each term the club will explore a different programme
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D003 KSp/ CHu	Years 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	Girls Football Field 3-4pm KNa	Years 7 & 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm ECa	
	Years 7 Boys Football Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Badminton Sports Hall 3-4pm SNo	Year 9 Football Field 3-4pm DTo	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JNd	Years 8 Boys Football Field 3-4pm DTo	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa		Year 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	
	Little shop of Horrors Male Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm U002 SDe	
	Years 7 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm U006 Dna			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop in session for KS3 L15 3-4pm M004			

**ALL
YEARS
KS3
KS4
KS5**



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

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

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

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	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Little Shop of Horrors Musical Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! 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	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock 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	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

Extra Curricular Drama

We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become
(Augusto Boal)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Little Shop of Horrors Dance Invite only 3-4 D001	Year 7 Drama Club All Welcome 3-4 HALL	Little Shop of Horrors Main parts Invite only 3-4 D002	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club All Welcome 3-4 D001	Little Shop of Horrors Full Company Invite Only 3-4 HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MRS SPENCER-MATTHEWS OR MISS HULLOCK



SCHOOL DAY 2025-26

