



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been an exceptional week at Allerton Grange, filled with enrichment, creativity, and opportunities for our students to shine. I am incredibly proud of everything our young people have achieved over the past few days, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Red Kite Battle of the Bands – A Night to Remember

On Thursday evening, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Red Kite Battle of the Bands, where our fantastic student band, Neon Penguins, represented Allerton Grange with style, confidence, and huge musical talent. Their performance was nothing short of outstanding. They were a credit to themselves, to the school, and to our superb Music department, whose dedication and passion inspire our students every day.

I am thrilled to share that Neon Penguins won the crowd vote and secured a very impressive second place in the judges' vote. This is an incredible achievement in a competition filled with high quality performers. Congratulations also go to the overall winners from South Craven School.

ECU Debating Competition – Excellence on Home Ground

While the music competition was underway, Allerton Grange was also proud to host the ECU debating competition. Our debating team demonstrated exceptional skill, composure, and critical thinking throughout the event. Their ability to articulate complex ideas and engage thoughtfully with challenging topics was inspiring to watch, and they represented our school with real distinction.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff involved in the planning, preparation, and supervision of both events, as well as to colleagues who attended to show their support. It is these moments of teamwork and commitment that make our community so special.

Sixth Form Advice & Guidance Meetings – A Promising Future

This week also marked the start of our Sixth Form Advice and Guidance meetings with Year 11 students. It has been a genuine pleasure for our staff to sit down with pupils and discuss their aspirations, interests, and hopes for the future.

We were struck by how polite, mature, and enthusiastic the students were about their A Level choices and the prospect of continuing their journey with us in the Sixth Form. Their passion for learning and commitment to their futures is truly uplifting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Allerton Grange School. Weeks like this remind us of the incredible talent, potential, and character within our student body. We look forward to many more moments like these in the months ahead.

Warm regards

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 28 January - Year 7 Parents' Consultation Event, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Thursday 29 January - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (2), 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Monday 2 February - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines ([Parental consent required](#)) *If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccinations, you still need to complete the refusal section.*

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 February - School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Doors 6.30 pm, Show starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 24 February - Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening (online appointments)

Monday 2 to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week

Monday 9 to Friday 13 March - National Science Week

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



LEEDS LOCAL OFFER LIVE 2026

The Leeds Local Offer has information about services that help children and young people with SEND. It also helps parents and carers find support in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is an event where you can meet different SEND services and learn what they do.

This year, the workshops are about Supported Internships. Come along to find out more about this pathway.

Wednesday 25 March 2026

10am till 3pm (Drop in)

Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

BOOK YOUR PLACE Complete the booking form here.

Leeds SEND Local Offer logo and QR code.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email sixthform@allertongrange.com



AGS Performing Arts

are proud to present

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 February 2026
7.00 pm
(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets are £10 per person

A gleefully macabre sci-fi horror musical, powered by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's infectious 1960s-style pop, rock, and Motown score.

A nerdy florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed...



Battle of the Bands

Last night, Neon Penguins gave an outstanding performance at the Battle of the Bands competition to a very enthusiastic crowd.

The competition was fierce but their version of Ozzy Osbourne's Crazy Train won the audience vote and they secured a very impressive second place in the judges' vote.

Huge congratulations to Charlie, Josiah, Naveen, Sam and Thomas, and thank you to all the AGS supporters!

[Watch their performance](#)



KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish.

To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.



Bonne chance!

Viel glück!

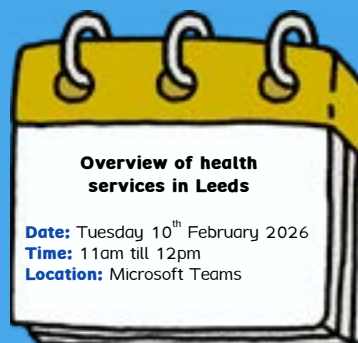
Buena suerte!

Want to know more about Health Services in Leeds?

You can join a Parents and Carers' Overview of Health Services in Leeds session on Teams on 10 February 2026, 11 am to 12 pm.

[Book your free place](#)

Workshop for parents and carers



Overview of health services in Leeds

Date: Tuesday 10th February 2026
Time: 11am till 12pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

The session will cover:

- How Health Services work.
- Health providers in Leeds.
- Health services in Leeds and where to find out more information about services.
- Transition to adult services within health

[Book your free place](#)

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

We will be recording the session, if you are unable to attend but would like to submit a question please complete the booking form

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.

SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop-In

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Speech and Language Service

Dates and times:

- Wednesday 4 February 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Horsforth Library Building, LS18 5BL

[Book your place here](#)

Email LLO@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

STARS Training (parents and professionals)

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

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

Preparation for adulthood: independent living

Wednesday 4 February 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop their independence. The focus of the session will be on how we support children from early years through to adulthood to develop their confidence, self-advocacy and independence depending on their stage in life. We will be sharing key resources and approaches to prioritise and plan the steps to independence.

Emotional wellbeing

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health.

We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms.

Puberty and sexuality - Secondary/Post-16

Wednesday 25 March 2026

This session will look at why autistic and other neurodivergent children and young people may need additional support to understand puberty, relationships and sexuality.

We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people to better understand these themes.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

| Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March | | | | |
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| 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 | |
| Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9 | Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu | Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa | Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH | Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu |
| Little shop of Horrors Pit Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDu | Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH | Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa | Latin Club- All year groups L20 | KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/ Cba * |
| Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH | Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu | Years 9, 10 & 11 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JGA | 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 | KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ Cba * |
| Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu | Years 7 & 8 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD | Years 8 & 9 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI | Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa | <p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>KS5</p> |
| | Basketball Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO | Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO | Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO | |
| | Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAD | | KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLO | |
| | Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa | | | |
| | Little Shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu | | | |
| | Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa | | | |
| | Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa | | | |
| | Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr | | | |
| | Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu | | | |



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

Clubs run from 3-4pm starting from January

| | ACTIVITY | WHERE | STAFF |
|-----------|--|---|-------------------|
| TUESDAY | Fitness Y7/8 Basketball | Fitness Suite Sports Hall | JAD DTO |
| WEDNESDAY | Trampoline Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11 | Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite | KAI SNO JGA |
| THURSDAY | Trampoline Y7 Table Tennis 9/10 | Sports Main Hall | ECa SNO |

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.

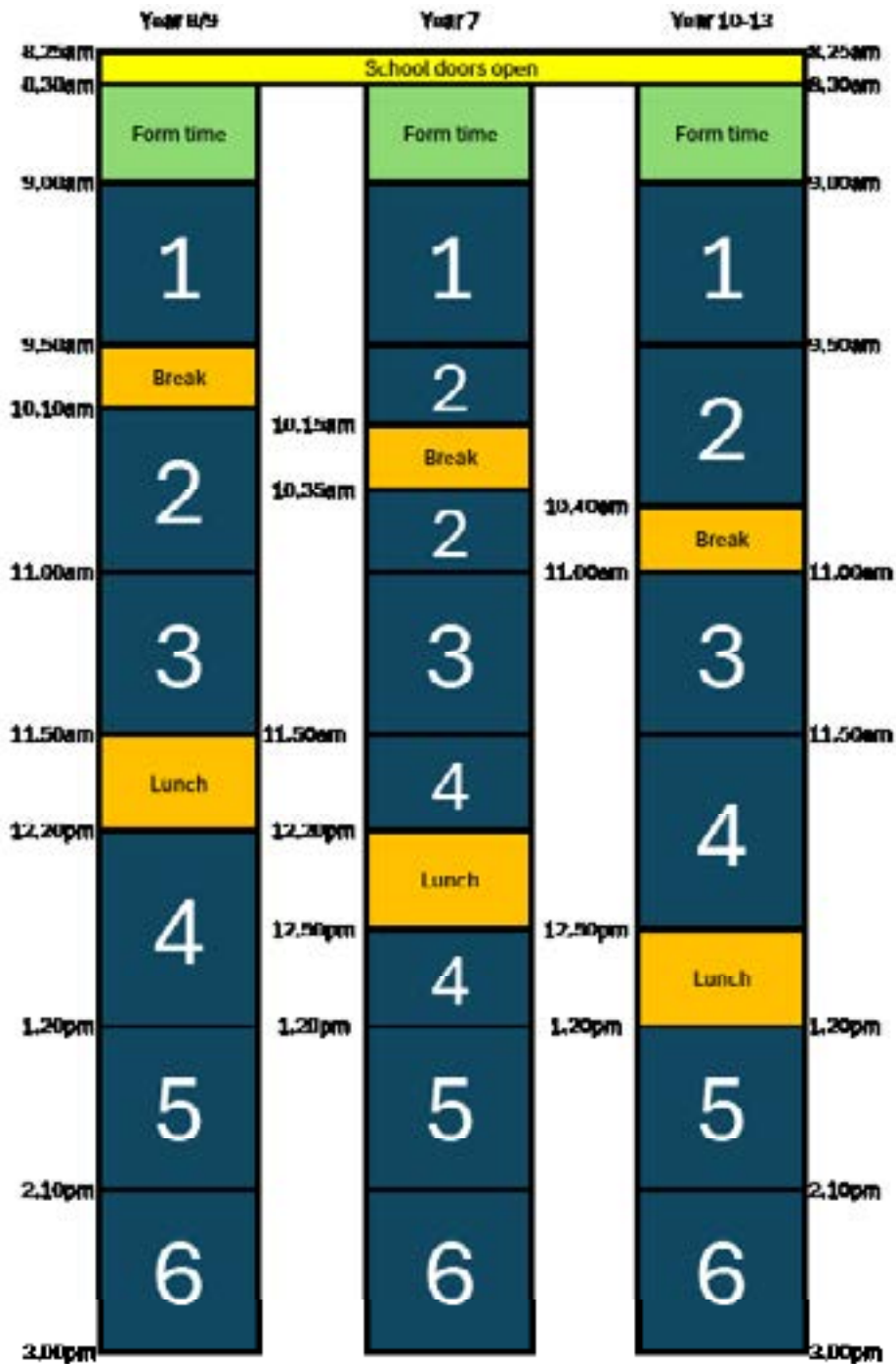
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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 |

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



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.