



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of term, it has been another busy but rewarding week across Allerton Grange School. Right up to the final days, our students have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and a strong commitment to their learning, reflecting the positive culture that underpins daily life in our school.

This week has been a particularly strong example of **learning beyond the classroom**. Our Year 11 Geography students visited Hornsea, where they carried out fieldwork investigating the impact of coastal erosion. This valuable experience enabled students to apply their classroom learning to real world contexts, strengthening both their understanding and their exam readiness.

At the same time, our **Duke of Edinburgh students** successfully completed their Silver Award expedition, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination throughout the challenge. This is a significant achievement, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by all students involved. We have also seen our Year 9 mathematicians engaging enthusiastically in a **Maths Competition**, applying problem solving skills, logical thinking and perseverance.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our **Student Leadership Groups**, who have exemplified our student virtues of responsibility, compassion and community. Working closely with staff, they have supported a local charity, St Gemma's Hospice, demonstrating genuine leadership, kindness and a strong sense of social responsibility. Their commitment to making a positive difference beyond the school gates is something we are incredibly proud of.

I would like to thank all staff for their continued professionalism, dedication and support throughout the term. The breadth of opportunities provided for our students, both in and beyond the classroom, is only possible because of the care, expertise and teamwork shown by staff every day. Thank you also to parents and carers for your ongoing support and partnership with the school.

As we move into the holiday period, I encourage students and staff alike to take time to rest, recharge and enjoy a well earned break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready to build on the strong foundations already in place.

On behalf of the governing body and staff team, I wish you all a safe, peaceful and enjoyable break.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

Message from the Board of Governors

As we approach the final term of the 2025/26 academic year, the Governing Body would like to applaud and thank all staff, students, parents and carers for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to the values and ethos of Allerton Grange School.

Throughout the year, governors have remained highly engaged, holding face to face meetings with senior and middle leaders and attending a wide range of school activities including Department reviews. Meetings have taken place with leaders across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, as well as with teams responsible for Safeguarding, Personal Development, Finance, English, Science, Special Educational Needs, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and the Quality of Education. As Chair of Governors, I have continued to meet with Mr Norrington on a weekly basis, ensuring the governing body remains fully informed about developments across the school, including external reviews, extracurricular activities and preparations for the next academic year.

During my visits, I particularly enjoy taking part in 'Testing the Temperature' walks around different departments. These continue to highlight the high quality of learning experiences taking place across the school, where students are engaged, motivated and consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Once again, I was privileged to watch the school's production of The Little House of Horrors, which was nothing short of outstanding. The costumes, music, props and technical contributions were exceptional, and the maturity, talent and professionalism of the students – alongside the dedication of staff from Drama, Music and many other departments – made the performance truly memorable.

Students have also taken part in numerous trips, visits and sporting fixtures this year, offering rich learning opportunities and valuable new experiences. I continue to be in awe of the talents of our students and staff, and it remains an honour to serve as Chair of Governors at such a remarkable school.

Finally, the Governing Body would like to wish all members of our school community a pleasant Eid, Passover and Easter. We look forward to continuing our work in the summer term – both holding the school to account and offering support and challenge as we plan for September.

Regards

Barbara Trayer
Chair of Governors

Fundraising for St Gemma's Hospice

As part of our KS3 enrichment programme, we have a group of students who are involved in doing community work and fundraising for St Gemma's Hospice, a wonderful local charity.

This term, students organised a bake sale, sold Easter themed treats and purple ribbons and held a non-uniform day, encouraging students and staff to wear something purple. We will confirm how much they raised next term.



Thank you to everyone for your support.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 3 April - Good Friday (School Closed)

Monday 6 to Friday 17 April - Easter Holidays (School Closed)

Monday 20 to Thursday 30 April - Year 10 PPEs (Pre Public Exams)

Tuesday 21 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Wednesday 22 April - Social Science London Trip Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Thursday 23 April - German Trip Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start

Wednesday 6 May - Year 12 Next Steps Day

Friday 8 to Saturday 9 May - KS5 Music Trip

Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 May - Social Science Residential

Tuesday 12 May - A level Exams start

Online Safety Newsletter - April 2026

In this month's Online Safety Newsletter, you can find out about:

- Age ratings in games
COM Groups/Networks (Online Communities)
- AI Technology - Fake or Real?
- What is the Manosphere?
- How to set up parental controls on ChatGPT
- Whats App - Parent-Managed Accounts

You can view the [April 2026 Online Safety Newsletter here](#).

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

Sparx Maths

This year in Maths, Years 7-10 are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most. The top five students are Zaki, Zak, Charlotte, Hedda and Umayyah. These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to the weekly homework.

Well done to these, and every student for their hard work this half term.



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



Rewards Assemblies

In all year groups, students have been recognised for their achievements at the end of term Reward Assemblies.

There was a range of awards presented from Form Teacher Awards and Subject Awards to Forms with the Highest Attendance and Achievement Points.

Well done to all of our students for all the positive choices and progress you make every single day.

Photos from Year 10 Rewards Assembly 2 April 2026



Easter Holiday Promotion from Hollywood Bowl



Hollywood Bowl would like to offer all parents and families of Allerton Grange School an Easter holiday offer of 50% off bowling when booked online and before 11am.

To take advantage of this incredible offer, simply make the booking online using the promotional code: BUNNY50. (T&C apply, offer only available during Easter break and online bookings only).

Football News

Zainah in Year 10 plays for Leeds City U16s and was selected by Tonsser 26, a football talent discovery programme run in partnership with Adidas.

The programme hosts regional trials to form representative teams, leading to a national Cup Final and opportunities to play against professional academies.

Zainah was chosen to take part in one of their Cup Finals at Stafford Town FC on Sunday 22 March.

Following this, she has also been selected to play against a professional academy team at Celtic Park in Glasgow on Friday 3 April.

Huge congratulations Zainah, we're so proud of you.



Year 8 Textiles Trip

Last Thursday, a group of Year 8 students visited the Leeds Sixth Form College to take part in a textiles workshop. The students worked very hard producing samples using a variety of techniques. The students got to experience felting, free motion embroidery, slashing and transfer printing each producing a fabulous board of samples. Thanks to Ms McLarkey for organising the trip.



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.

Year 7 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition

www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ



Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



Inclusion Advisory Team
Parent, Carer, Professional Workshops

These workshops provide information for parents and carers of children and young people living in Leeds who are autistic or who are believed to be neurodivergent. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Preparation for Adulthood - Employment
Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9.45 - 11.15 am

This online Teams session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting young people to identify their strengths and interests and how this can inform their aspirations for the future. We will be exploring resources and approaches to plan the steps to employment such as preparing for an interview through to opportunities in employment and how to effectively self-advocate in the workplace and request adjustments.

Please email SEND@leeds.gov.uk to book your place.

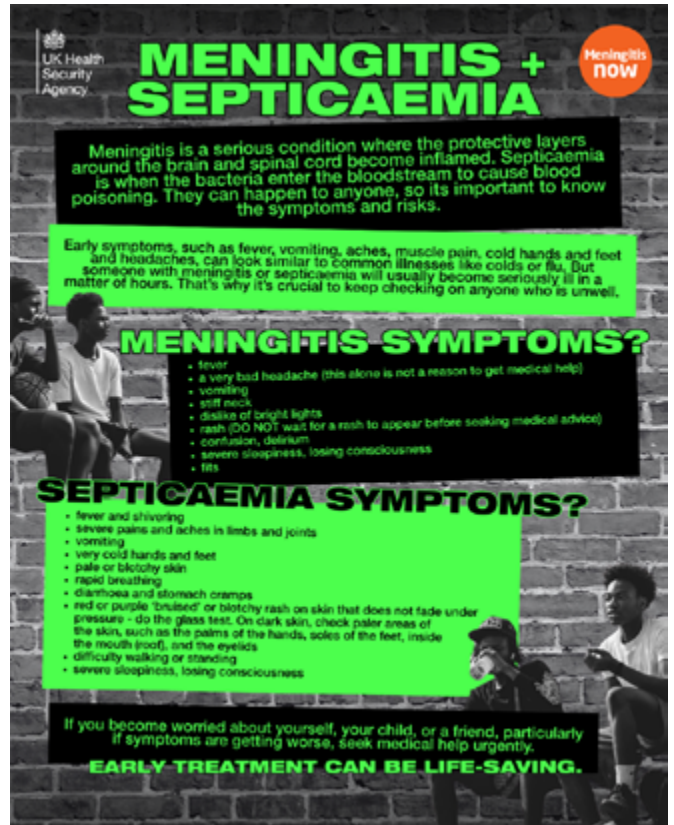
SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

Meet Leeds City Council's Family Hub SEND Coordinator Amanda to access information and advice about the services, support and resources that are available to Families with children with SEND in Leeds.

Moor Allerton Community Hub, King Lane, Leeds LS7 5NY, 9,30 am to 12.00 pm
 Monday 20 April Monday 14 September
 Monday 18 May Monday 12 October
 Monday 15 June Monday 16 November
 Monday 13 July Monday 14 December

The Reginald Centre Community Hub, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3EX, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
 Tuesday 7 April Tuesday 1 September
 Tuesday 5 May Monday 5 October
 Monday 1 June Monday 2 November
 Monday 29 June Monday 7 December
 Monday 20 July



DEX (Deaf Experience) free groups for young people

DEX (Deaf Experience) are inviting deaf and hard of hearing young people (11 to 30 years old) from Yorkshire to join their free groups and activities.

- DEX Deaf Youth Hub (ages 11–17)
- DEX Deaf Youth Council (ages 17–30)
- FREE events, outreach sessions, advocacy support & travel help
- Open to all deaf young people, with any communication method

Want to join or find out more?

Website: www.dex.org.uk

Email: contact@dex.org.uk

Tel: 07482 228429





Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	Silent Independent Study Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-11 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	
	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 *
	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 *
	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	* Each term the club will explore a different programme
	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	ALL YEARS
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	KS3
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			KS4
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			KS5
	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.

These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.

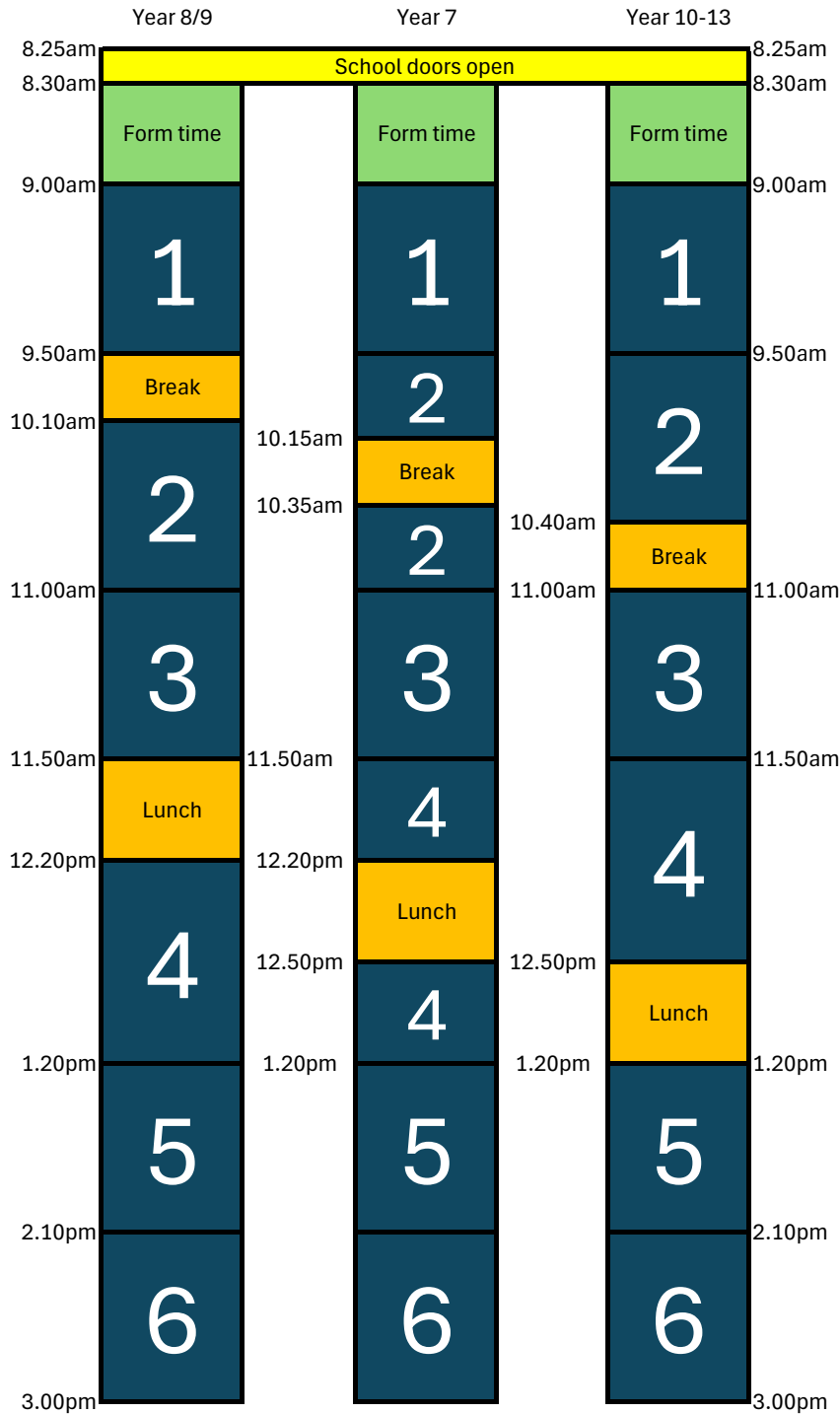
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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)
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.