

AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Eid al-Adha Mubarak to all our Muslim families – enjoy your celebrations!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 to 15 July - **Year 12 Work Experience**

12 & 13 July - **Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Days**

18 July - **Year 10 Trip**
(Yorkshire Wildlife Park)

18 & 19 July - **Year 7 Trip**
(Fountains Abbey)

19 July - **Year 9 Trip**
(Yorkshire Wildlife Park)

19 July - **Year 12 Trip**
(Liverpool Cultural Visit)

19 & 20 July - **Year 8 Trip**
(The Deep)

Attendance

Are you ensuring your child attends school every day and on time?

AGS Attendance this week: 93.3%

National Average: 88.5%

ClassCharts

**Are you a regular user of ClassCharts?
Are you tracking your child's achievements and behaviour in school?**

This week:

Positive points issued = 7,000

Negative points issued = 1,000

87% positive ratio

What a week! – there has been so much going on. Once again I am in awe of how staff at Allerton Grange go over and above to provide our students with such rewarding out of class experiences. This week is a classic example:

Y6 Taster

On Monday and Tuesday this week we welcomed our 300 new Y7s into school to experience what a typical day at Allerton Grange will be like. They had a wonderful time and made new friends. The feedback we received from parents and their primary schools was also extremely positive. We can't wait to welcome them properly in September.

Wimbledon

Very early on Monday morning, 39 students set off with staff on the journey to SW19 to enjoy a day of world class championship tennis. The weather was great and they had a full day of tennis to watch. On Tuesday, before returning, they took in the London sights and visited Wembley stadium for a tour. Tired students and staff returned on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Mr Fisk, Miss Caisley, Mr Wall and Miss Hibbert.

Bushcraft

As I'm writing this message we have over 100 students and 12 staff experiencing the great outdoors and sleeping under canvas on our Y8 Bushcraft trip. An excited collection of students armed with fully laden rucksacks set off on Wednesday morning for an outdoor adventure. They will have learned how to make natural shelters, forage for food and water, and to light and manage a fire for warmth and cooking. I am sure both staff and students will require a good bath and lots of sleep on returning! Thank you to Mr Gracey, Mr Addison, Miss Cooper Hockey, Miss Harman, Miss Holliquin, Mr Mahoney, Miss Maunder, Miss McGovern, Mr Morgan, Miss Ryding, Mr Stone and Mr Wrightson.

Y11 Prom – Oh what a night!!

Our Y11 students celebrated in style last Friday night at their Prom. Students arrived in their finest gowns and suits and entered the world of "The Great Gatsby". A wonderful evening was had by all and despite a downpour as our young people arrived – suits and dresses may have been slightly dampened, but their spirit and enjoyment certainly wasn't. Thank you to Mr Mahoney, Miss Hibbert, Mr Thomson and Mr Mohammed for organising.

Euros championships

A group of students attended England's first match in the Euros. They were able to cheer on The Lionesses at Old Trafford as part of a record breaking crowd. They celebrated with England winning 1-0 against Austria. Thank you to Miss Hawkrigde, Miss Caisley and Mr Fisk.

Y13 Leavers assembly

Many staff were able to say "Goodbye and good luck with your A Level grades" to our Y13 students who celebrated at their leavers' assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to Mr Macrow, Miss Braim, Miss Gillibrand and Mr Mohammed for organising the event.

Wigton Moor Sports day

Thank you to our team of Sports Ambassadors who represented Allerton Grange supporting Wigton Moor's sports day this week. Reports from the primary school were extremely complimentary about our students maturity and respect. Well done.

Thank you to every member of staff who has contributed to our Aspirational Enrichment calendar this year – our students benefit so much from your generosity of time.

End of Term arrangements – Friday 22nd July:

08:45 Students arrive to school (normal expectations for uniform and equipment apply)

08:50 – 11:25 Lessons and break time as normal.

Dismissal:

11.25 for Year 10 and 12.

11.45 for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Midday – all students should be off the school site.

**Mike Roper
Headteacher**

Sports Fixtures

Rounders

Rounders: Year 7 boys rounders team entered a eight team tournament at Carr Manor with mixed results, finishing sixth out of eight.

Wimbledon Trip

On Monday and Tuesday, 39 Year 9 students visited London as part of a PE trip to Wimbledon.

Students spent the entirety of Monday watching mens' and ladies' singles matches on Court 2 including a fantastic four and a half hour match!

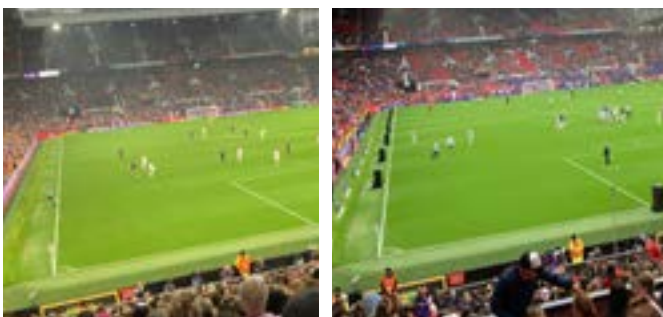
On Tuesday, students enjoyed a coach tour of London and some free time in Covent Garden before finishing the trip with a tour of Wembley stadium.



Womens' Euros Trip

It's been a busy week for the PE Team!

On Wednesday after school, they took a group of students to Old Trafford to watch the Womens' Euros opening match and saw England beat Austria 1-0.



At Cold Juice Friday on 8 July, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

Mr Sumroy nominated Seth, Mala, Leo and Elena from **Year 7** for being fantastic and helping out with the Primary Maths Challenge last week.

Well done!



Transition Days for new Year 7 students

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed our new Year 7 students into school for their Transition days.

They had a packed timetable, meeting the Year Team, getting to know their Form Teachers and each other, finding their way around school and possibly most importantly, trying out the canteen!

The KS3 Team also met parents and carers at an Information Evening on Tuesday.

We've had overwhelmingly positive feedback from the students and their parents. We can't wait for Year 7 to start with us in September!



The first day for Year 7 is Tuesday 6 September 2022.

They will have a day in school before other year groups return for the new school year.



Year 13 Leavers' Celebration

On Wednesday, Year 13 students took part in a Leavers' Celebration event with the Sixth Form Team and their teachers.

We're so proud of all of you and can't wait to hear about what you do next!



Message from the Board of Governors

As Chair of Governors, I meet with Mr Roper weekly which are very positive and useful sessions to ensure that the governors are kept up to date which includes discussion about staffing vacancies and appointments, attendance figures, sporting successes, good news stories, concerns as well as any additional support that is required from the Governing Board.

I was extremely fortunate to be in school during the sports week and enjoyed watching some of the Year 10 heats as well as chatting to the students who were very competitive and appreciative of the opportunities that they had.

A highlight of the term has been to join Mr Macrow, Assistant Headteacher KS5, to meet with the Year 12 Student Leadership Group who were very articulate about their experiences both academic and extra-curricular and valued the opportunities and support provided by the school. Many of their suggestions to further develop the Post 16 experience at Allerton Grange will be implemented in the forthcoming academic year.

During my many visits to the school, I spend time with the Key Stage Directors who showcase some of the lessons and success stories of their students which is exemplary. I felt that it was extremely important to be present on 5th July at the well-attended and informative Welcome Evening for pupils and parents who will be joining Allerton Grange School from September, so that they could put a face to my name.

Finally, both myself and other governors have represented the Governing Board as part of the school's complaints policy and procedure as and when required as well as working with Mr Roper to agree the school's priorities for the short-, medium- and long-term development plan.

The governors have been actively involved with the school during this term. Maninder Dev has attended meetings regarding the exciting and interesting Red Award which focusses on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and is now a fixed item agenda at Full Governing Body Meetings. He has also attended the Geography and History Department Reviews as part of our quality assurance responsibility.

Sarah Chamings is a new governor and wanted to come and get to know the school a little more, and met with Mrs Child, SEND Coordinator, on a Friday afternoon to hear about how all pupils at Allerton Grange are challenged and supported to follow the KLAS curriculum. It was a lovely few hours hearing about how The Hub Space is used, meeting colleagues and hearing about how effective interventions like memory intervention training and Boosting Reading are for our pupils. I think it was my favourite Friday of this term and I'm looking forward to being more involved in September.

Dan Carver and myself spent time in school to both support and observe the Year 10 Post 16 taster day. The students were all actively engaged in sample A level lessons which they had selected and both their attitudes and behaviour were exemplary and rose to the occasion of the non-uniform experience. Leeds College was also in attendance for those students who could preference a vocational post 16 option.

Dan attended the Red Kite peer review for both PSHE and DEAR as well as the English Department review which is a rigorous process as part of the school's quality assurance process. He also volunteered and supported the school Cross country team as an additional member of staff. He is also the link governor for Enrichment and Pupil Premium students which involves termly meetings with Lucy Saunders, Deputy Headteacher. Dan played an active role in supporting the school's response to the 'Information Commissioners Office' recommendations as well as to the Council's consultation on traffic calming measures as well as being the link governor with respect to road-safety related issues.

Taseen Khan joined the Governing Board at the beginning of 2022 and has represented the governors in the meetings to discuss the changes to the uniform policy from September 2022 as well as being part of a governor appeals panel. Taseen has also attended the ICT Department review which involved in observing some lessons and meeting key staff.

Barbara Trayer
Chair of Governors

Leeds CAMHS Crisis Helpline

Are you a parent worried about your child?

Do you know a young person struggling to cope?

Are you unsure about how to help them and need some guidance and advice?

The NHS in Leeds operates a freephone helpline for under 18s between 8am and 8pm every day, providing young people, and their families or carers, advice, support, someone to listen, or signposting, as appropriate, regardless of the circumstance.

You will be put through to a skilled crisis advisor who will listen and talk through concerns, support and will provide practical advice on what to do next. The team offers in-the-moment support and efficient response for anyone up to the age of 18 during moments of distress, ensuring that immediate access to help will be provided if necessary.

Leeds CAMHS Crisis Call Helpline is open 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can call us for free on 0800 953 0505.