



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to the Summer Term

It has been an incredibly positive return to school following the recent holiday, with a lovely feel around Allerton Grange. As always, the school has been busy, purposeful and full of energy, and it has been a pleasure to see students back engaging so positively with their learning and with one another.

Our **enrichment programme** continues to go from strength to strength. Alongside our day-to-day lessons, students have been involved in a wide range of trips, visits and enrichment opportunities, which are such an important part of the AGS experience. I am extremely grateful to staff for the time, care and commitment they show in making these opportunities possible.

Year 10 students have continued to approach their PPEs with maturity and focus. These assessments are an important milestone, and it has been encouraging to see students demonstrating resilience, good preparation habits and a positive attitude to their learning.

We have also had some fantastic external opportunities for our students. This week, 180 students from Years 7–10 took part in **Women in STEM and manufacturing** events, giving them the chance to explore future pathways, hear from professionals working in industry, and consider careers they may not previously have thought possible. Opportunities like this are invaluable in broadening horizons and raising aspirations.

Today we held a very emotional and powerful assembly with our **Year 11 students**, who are now approaching the final stages before their GCSE examinations. Students received messages of encouragement and support from parents, carers and the wider AGS staff community. It was a moment that truly reflected the strength and care of our school community.

During the assembly, I spoke to students about the arrangements for study leave. A detailed letter outlining these arrangements has also been sent home to all Year 11 parents and carers so that families are clear about expectations and support during this crucial period. We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and will continue to support them fully over the coming weeks.

Summer Uniform Expectations

As we head further into the summer term, and with warmer temperatures currently forecast, we are now moving to our standard AGS summer uniform expectations for the remainder of the academic year. Here is a reminder of what this means:

- Blazers and jumpers are optional during the summer term.
- Students may wear long- or short-sleeved shirts, which must always be tucked in and worn with a tie.
- PE kit may only be worn on designated PE days and is not permitted on other days.

We appreciate our students' continued commitment to maintaining high standards of appearance and thank parents and carers for their ongoing support in helping students represent Allerton Grange School so positively.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. It is very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

As we approach the exam period, we are here to support students to be able to achieve their best. Outside of school, there are [resources available from Mind to help with managing exam stress](#)

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 4 to Friday 8 May - Deaf Awareness Week

Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start

Wednesday 6 May - Year 12 Next Steps Day

Wednesday 6 May - Online Safety Information Session, 4 - 4.45 pm, more information below

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

Wednesday 13 to 15 May - Year 8 PGL Trip

Monday 25 to Friday 29 May - Half Term Holiday - School Closed

Monday 1 June - School reopens

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June - Year 8 End of Year Trip

Thursday 11 June - Art & Technology Exhibition, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Monday 8 to Friday 12 June - Year 8 & 9 Rhineland Trip

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



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

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM - 4.45PM



Online Safety Newsletter

The May Online Safety Newsletter includes information on:

- Group Chats
- FreezeNova (Unblocked games)
- Roblox
- Gamin and Gambling
- Looksmaxxing
- PEGI is expanding their age ratings

[Click here to read the May Online Safety Newsletter.](#)

Online Safety Information Session

Parents and carers are invited to join an online information session covering social media and live streaming on Wednesday 6 May 2026, 4.00 - 4.45 pm

[Click here for the link to the online session on Teams.](#)

Music News

Kaisha and Frida, former AGS Music students have been in touch to give us an update on their debut EP 'Windfalls' that came out last week.

"It's taken over a year to complete this project and we're super proud of it - just got featured artist and track of the week on BBC Introducing Leeds and a play from Cheryl Waters on KEXP which is so exciting! Some of the themes across the songs are the intergenerational habits that we all have and how we are all the same deep down."

They have a show on 31 July at Hyde Park Book Club.

[Here is a link to their EP.](#)



Women in STEM and Manufacturing

Today we welcomed 18 women from the world of STEM and Manufacturing into school, to meet with some of our Year 7-10 students.

The girls involved had a fantastic morning, learning about a wide range of roles from Chemical Processor to Company Director and lots in between. It was amazing to see how confidently students "networked" with our guests, asking insightful questions and initiating conversations.



Swimming Gold and Silver

Over the last couple of weekends, Harrison in Year 9 has been working really hard and competed in the National Swimming qualifier at John Charles Aquatic Centre.

He won the 200 breaststroke taking him onto both British and English listings for this summer championships in July.

He also competed in the first part of the NER Swimming England championships, achieving a PB (Personal Best) in his heat and again in the final. He finished first and is the Regional champion for the 100 breaststroke. Harrison also came second in the 50m breaststroke final.



World Final Cheerleading success

Congratulations to Emily in Year 10 who was part of the national Team England team that competed in the World Cheer Finals this week.

Competing over two days, Team England finished day 1 in a very strong position to progress to the day 2 final. It was a highly competitive division and the team finished in second place, beating the favourites to secure silver.



Join the New Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel

The Voice, Influence and Change Team are excited to announce the launch of the Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel.

The WhatsApp channel is a space for young people, parents, carers and those working with young people to:

- Find out about opportunities to have a say.
- Influence decisions, projects and services that shape life for young people in Leeds.
- Stay updated on events, activities, and ways to get involved.

Who it is for:

- Young people aged 13+
- Parents and carers
- Professionals working with young people

By joining, you'll get quick updates, news, and chances to make your voice heard on what matters most to young people in Leeds.

[Join the WhatsApp Channel here.](#)

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





- www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk
- [@Leeds Local Offer](https://www.facebook.com/LeedsLocalOffer)
- LLO@leeds.gov.uk
- <https://tinyurl.com/LLOWhatsApp>

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 13 May	10.30 till 12.30	The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Little Hiccups
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

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



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email LLO@leeds.gov.uk



AGS PRESENTS, YEAR 11 PROM

Meet Me At Midnight

DATE- FRIDAY 26TH JUNE, 2026

TIME- 7:00PM-11:00PM

WHERE- THE VILLAGE HOTEL
186 OTLEY ROAD, HEADINGLEY
LEEDS, LS16 5PR

PRICE- £40

DRESS CODE- FORMAL

Tickets available from parent pay until Friday 15th May, 2026

Paws in the Park

LEEDS CITY COLLEGE RSPCA LEEDS, WAKEFIELD & EASTPETH BRANCH

Saturday 13 June, 10am-3pm
Temple Newsam Leeds, LS15 0BG

The day will feature

- Dog show
- Food and drink stands
- Stalls offering a range of exciting merchandise
- Face painting
- Guided tours of Home Farm with members of the Leeds City College Animal Care & Land Management department

FREE ENTRY

Perfect for all the family

For more information visit:
leedscollege.ac.uk/events/dog-show

A member of Luminate Education Group

Cash For Kids Recycling Bank Now at School!

We now have a Cash For Kids Recycling Bank in the school car park for donations of clothing, shoes and textiles.



If you're having a clear out, please consider donating textiles and clothing here.



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.

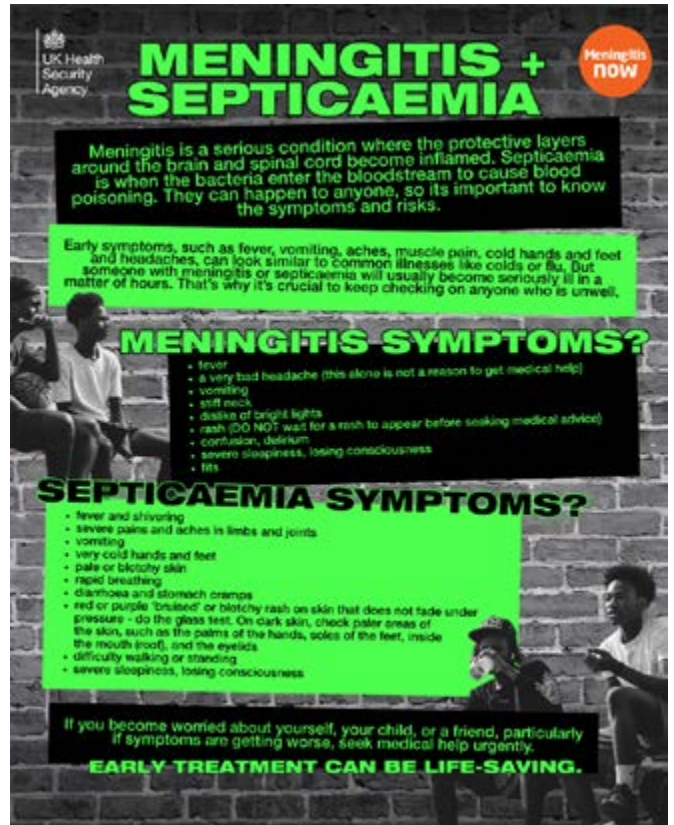
SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

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



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.



Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Summer Term – April to July

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 8-13 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	
	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	Rounders (Girls) Years 9/10 3-4pm	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 *
	Athletics All Year Groups 3-4pm	Rounders (Boys) 3-4pm	Rounders (Girls) Years 7/8 3-4pm	<p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #002060;">ALL YEARS</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #ff0000;">KS3</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #008000;">KS4</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #ffcc00;">KS5</p>
	Cricket (Girls) All Year Groups 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Years 7 & 8 3-4pm	Cricket (Boys) Year 9/10 3-4pm	
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Spectrum A004 (usually meet in Music dept first) 3-4pm AMT & CNe	Rugby (Boys) Years 7/8 3-4 pm	
	Debate Club - students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLc	
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			

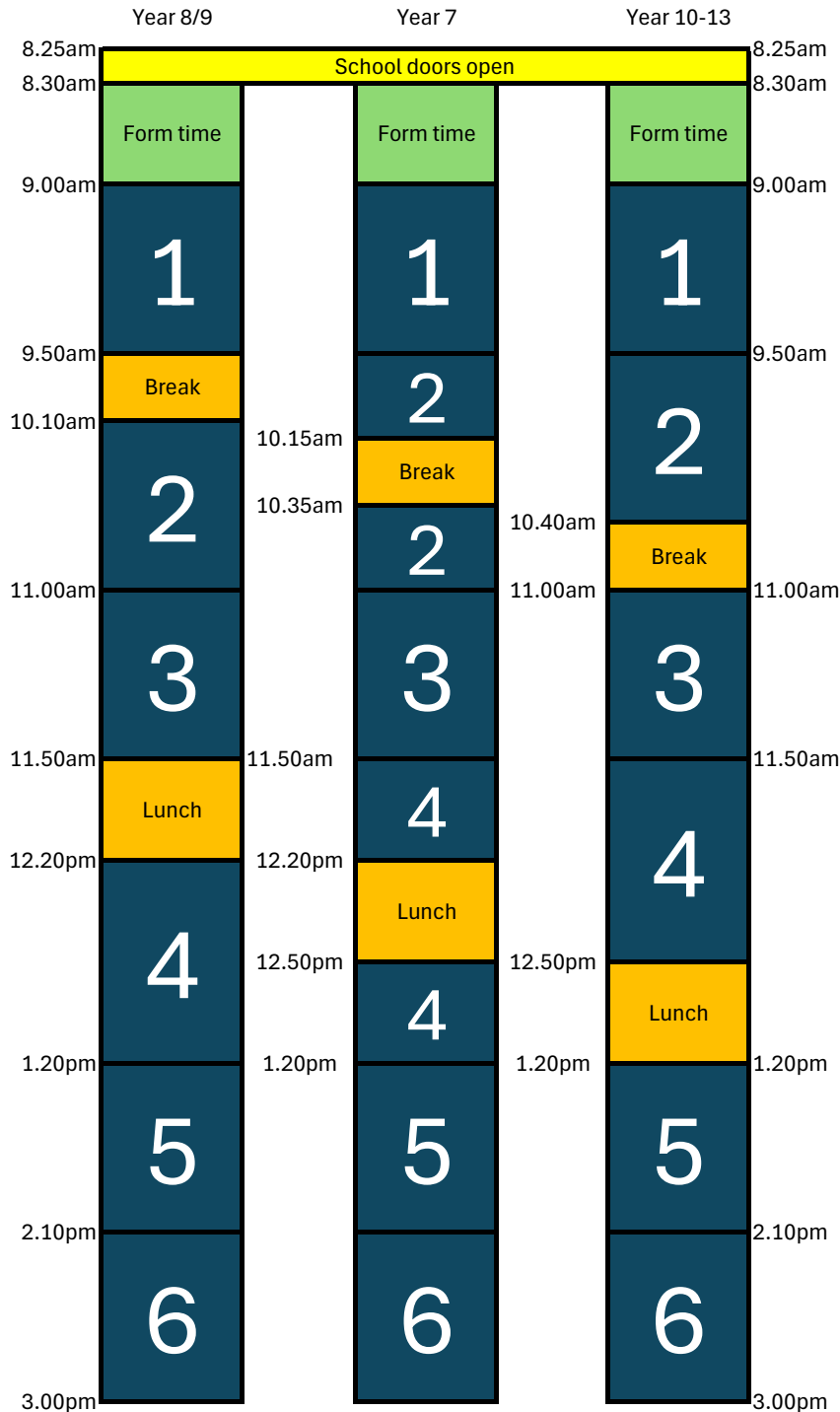


Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

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.