



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



Feeling hot, hot, hot!!!

Thank you to all our parents for supporting the school's decision to insist on PE uniform throughout this week. This expectation will continue throughout all of next week. I want to begin by informing you of the measures we are taking at Allerton Grange to keep students safe during this very hot weather.

We received guidance from Leeds City Council and the Department for Education earlier this week and as such have made the following amendments to our normal operations:

1. Students are encouraged to wear their AGS PE kit to school for the remainder of the school year.
2. Students are encouraged to refill water bottles as often as they need, to keep hydrated. Students are encouraged to do this during break, lunchtime and lesson changeover. Teachers are also giving permission during lessons for nominated "water carriers" to refill multiple water bottles for fellow students – this policy is working very well.
3. Students are being encouraged to bring a hat and high factor sun cream to school to use during times outside.

By adopting these sensible precautions we hope to have a safe and calm end to the school year.

Year group school trips next week CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to the announcement of a **red weather warning (meaning a risk to life is likely)** for Sunday 17th July to Tuesday 19th July which covers most parts of England including Ripon, Doncaster, Liverpool and Hull, **we have taken the disappointing but necessary decision to cancel the full programme of year group school trips planned for next week.**

All students should therefore attend school as normal in PE kit and with full equipment. Families will be fully reimbursed via Parent Pay in the coming weeks.

Edinburgh Music Tour

This trip will run as planned and we hope you have the most fantastic experience.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 - 20 July - **Music Tour**
(Edinburgh)

22 July - Last day of Summer Term

End of Term arrangements for Friday 22nd July:

08:45 Students arrive to school

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

Dismissal Times:

11.25 for Year 10 and 12.

11.45 for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Midday – all students should be off the school site

Attendance

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

AGS Attendance this week: 92.2%

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 = 5,000

Negative points issued = 565

90% positive ratio

Sports Fixtures

Rounders

The **Year 7 girls' rounders team** played in the Leeds schools finals tonight, and after winning all 3 games against the other regional tournament winners, they went on to win the competition and became the rounders champions of Leeds!



Cricket

The **Year 9 & 10 Cricket team** beat Roundhay and won the match by over 100 runs!

.Thank you to the PE Team for coaching, running and supervising all of our after school sports fixtures!

At Cold Juice Friday on 15 July, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

Melissa in Year 7 has gone above and beyond to look after and befriend a new student. She has been fantastic and has really helped them to settle in.

Olive and Reuben in Year 8 are two maths superstars. They took part in a competition, qualified for the follow-on competition and then went on to earn a merit, the highest achievement possible.

Sienna in Year 9 was nominated by the Drama Team for her work stage managing the school show. Ms Spencer-Matthews said "She has been with us for the whole process, observing and assisting in rehearsals and completing production admin tasks. Sienna ran the back stage team which is an incredibly difficult thing to do: following the script and making sure the lighting and sound cues, the scene changes and props changes all happen at the right time. She is so professional."

James and Ethan in Year 12 have maintained their attendance above 99% all the way through this academic year, and have the best attendance in Year 12.



Transition Days for new Sixth Form students

On Tuesday and Wednesday it was our new Year 12 students were in school for their Sixth Form Transition Days. They went to their first their A level subject lessons, spent time in the Sixth Form Centre and common room, and took part in a getting to know you social with a game of rounders.

We can't wait to see you back in school in September!



The first day of the Academic Year for Year 12 is Tuesday 6 September 2022.

They will enrol in school on Tuesday 6 September, 2.00 - 3.00 pm and then their timetable will start on Friday 9 September.



Bushcraft

Last week, it was Year 8's turn to go on their Bushcraft residential to Castle Howard. The students had an action-packed three days where they completed shelter construction; fire-making; foraging; team building exercises such as 'Blackout' where students worked in pairs to guide the blindfolded student through an obstacle pathway; emergency first aid activities, using a stretcher and recovery positioning. They also took part in a range of forest activities such as a woodland game of hide and seek, map reading, a treasure hunt, archery and axe throwing.



Twisted Tales Writing Competition

This year Allerton Grange invites all students to take part in the final Twisted Tales Writing Competition held by Young Writers. This competition is open to all year groups and is considered entirely optional.

'Twisted Tales challenges you to write a mini saga, (a story told in just 100 words), from an unusual point of view, or write a new version of a well-known story.

How much of our understanding of a story changes if we change the point of view or even switch the theme?

Will you choose to give a supporting character a starring role, or will you flip the whole story on its head, turning a happy ever after into tragedy, or horror into romance?

Rules

- Only one entry per student, there is no limit to the number of entries per school.
- Your entries must be their own work.
- Mini sagas can be submitted on the entry form or an A4 sheet of paper or typed (on a computer or using the Online Writing Portal)
- Each student's name, age and school name should be included on their entry.
- 100-word limit for mini sagas (excluding the title).
- Story starters are optional, but must be included in the word count if used.

How to enter

Students can enter the competition online by following the directions in the booklets attached to this announcement. If they are struggling to enter online, they can enter by post through the school OR we can submit electronic entries for them. All entries submitted by school would need to be brought to the English pod (if by post) or emailed to Ms. Beenen by July 15th. Her email is broganbeenen@allertongrange.com

Prizes

For schools:

1st prize wins the The Young Writers' Award of Excellent and an awesome book bundle.

The 2 runners-up win a framed certificate and a selection of books.

Every participating school receives a free copy of the book their students feature in!

For students:

Our 5 favourite published writers will each win a trophy and a Complete Writer's Toolkit - Young Adult Edition.

This amazing prize lets the budding authors plan, write, and publish their own books!

PLUS

Every entrant receives a bookmark and we award a certificate of merit to all young writers chosen for publication.

Enter by emailing Ms Beenan

broganbeenen@allertongrange.com or you can [submit your entry online](#).

RSPCA Young Photographer Awards

If you are 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you!

Send in your amazing animal images by 16 August 2022.

Finalists will be invited to the Tower of London for the awards ceremony with Chris Packham.

Find out more at rspca.org.uk/ypa

Moor Allerton Hall Primary School Design & Textile Workshops

We've had visits from Moor Allerton Hall Primary students to our Design & Technology department this week. Year 5 printed designs based on Islamic art onto fabric and made bunting to take back to school. Year 6 designed and laser cut scenery for their Shakespeare Globe Theatre model-making project.



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.

Year 11 Prom Celebrations

On Friday 1 July, Year 11 students stepped onto the red carpet and were transported to their Great Gatsby themed Prom. Despite a sudden downpour, their spirits couldn't be dampened, and it was a fabulous evening with an array of beautiful gowns and sharp suits on display on the dance floor. Thank you to the Prom Committee, Year 11 Team, Technical Team and all the Allerton Grange staff who attended.

