



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Reminder to all parents that student entrances onto the school site do not open until 08:25 every morning. Students who arrive before this time will need to wait at the gate until 08:25.

This week we have completed our Open Mornings for prospective students and their families, students have taken part in National Poetry Day activities and there have been a number of competitive sports fixtures.

Safeguarding Update

This week, parents and carers have been sent a letter on ClassCharts with details of [the Leeds Joint Agency Protocol for Domestic Violence and Abuse: School Notifications \(DVA Notifications Process\)](#)

You can also read the letter by clicking on the hyperlink above.

School Uniform Exchange

Thank you to parents and carers who have donated school uniform items to our School Uniform Exchange.

We have rehomed a lot of the donations but still have some uniform available. There are some grey jumpers (Years 7 -10) and a smaller number of navy jumpers (Year 11) available, as well as some PE kit (mainly polo shirts).

Please get in touch if you are looking for any Allerton Grange uniform with what you are looking for and the size.

Email vikimciver@allertongrange.com.

Class Charts

Positive Points this week: 14,000
Negative Points this week: 1,350
92% Positive Ratio

Reminder to set up your ClassCharts account to keep up to date with school messages and information

If you haven't already done so, please set up your ClassCharts account.

It allows you to report absence to school, monitor your child's attendance and behaviour, check homework set and receive messages from school.

If you need help or a reminder of your log in details, please get in touch with the school office or email agadmin@allertongrange.com.

Dates for your Diary:

Parents Forum - Tuesday 11 October, 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Please email agadmin@allertongrange.com if you would like more information or would like to attend.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening - Wednesday 12 October, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 19 October, 9.15 - 10.15 am [You can book here](#)

Year 7 PE Parental Engagement meeting - Thursday 20 October, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Half Term Holiday - Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022

School reopens on Monday 31 October 2022 (Timetable Week B)

Sports Results

Rugby

Last week, the Year 10 boys' team beat Temple Moor 30-18, even with one less player due to injuries and illness!

The Year 8 boys' rugby team showed great resilience, playing three matches in three days earlier this week. They drew with Boston Spa and lost to Cockburn and Brigshaw.

Football

The Year 7 boys' team played their first two matches last week, beating Roundhay 6-0 in the League on Monday, and beating Prince Henry's 1-0 in the Cup on Wednesday.

Year 8 boys' team beat Co-Op Academy 13-0 in the English Schools FA Cup.

There were defeats for the Year 9 boys who lost to Carr Manor and the Year 7 girls in their first ever match against Cardinal Heenan.

This week, the Year 10 boys' team beat Lawnswood 8-1 in the Leeds Cup and also won their game with Ossett 5-1 in the English Schools' FA Cup.

Netball

Our Year 9 girls' team have had another great match and won their game with Carr Manor 21 - 4.

Sixth Form Open Evening



Students considering their post-16 options are invited to join us at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3 November 2022, 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Our Sixth Form Centre will be open to visitors and you will be able to speak to subject teachers about the A levels available.

There will be two Headteacher & Sixth Form talks during the evening which will introduce Allerton Grange Sixth Form and the benefits of choosing to continue your post-16 education here.

Please book your place using our online booking form (click on the purple box below):

[Sixth Form Open Evening Booking Form](#)

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 7 October, students celebrated their achievements with Ms Saunders, Deputy Headteacher.

Ho in Year 7 was nominated for being a model student and has been involved with language translation for other students in Year 7.

Charlie is Year 8 was recognised for his maturity, positivity and excellent contribution at the Open Evening. He is very polite around school and is working very hard in his studies. Well done Charlie!

Angel has made a wonderful start to **Year 9**, outstanding behaviour and outstanding contributions in class. Keep it up!

Archie in Year 10 has received the most achievement points in the year group since the start of term. An all-round brilliant student who is an asset to Allerton Grange.

Jabir in Year 11 showed excellent engagement in History during an Open Morning observation.

Amira in Year 12 has made an absolutely fantastic start to her Sixth Form studies. The feedback from Amira's mum to her form tutor at the Year 12 Welcome Event was that Amira is spending three hours every evening studying at home.

Aisha in Year 13 is a consistently hard working, helpful and generally wonderful student. Aisha has made a fantastic start to her GCSE Maths resit lessons with Mr Macrow, impressing him with her hard work, and Mrs Braim with all the effort she has put into completing the Progression Module.

Congratulations to all students nominated this week!



National Poetry Day

Sophie Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English

Students in the English department enjoyed a range of wonderful poetic activities on Thursday 6 October, to celebrate National Poetry Day.

In **Year 7** lessons, we heard some amazingly dramatic choral readings of 'Ithaka' by C. P. Cavafy, to complement our study of Homer's epic poem 'The Odyssey'.

Year 8 explored war poetry, including two contrasting poems 'Dulce Et Decorum Est' by Wilfred Owen and 'Who's For The Game?' by Jessie Pope. This ties in with our current focus on 'Voices of War' through narrative writing, in which students are experimenting with perspective and voice. Some of our **Year 9s** explored song lyrics as a form of poetry, whilst others focused on spoken word poems.

Year 10 and Year 11 engaged in lively debate about Shakespeare's somewhat ambiguous Sonnet 94, which connects to the themes of power and corruption that they are exploring in Macbeth. Our wonderful **A Level students** got creative with the haiku form to capture themes and ideas expressed in Sylvia Plath's poetry and Michael Frayn's novel 'Spies'. It was a joyful celebration of poetry!

We invite students to submit their own poems to their English teacher, if they fancy continuing their poetic explorations this weekend.

Maya in Year 11 wrote an impressive poem, showcasing her talent, with her take on the theme of this year's National Poetry Day - The Environment.

A Little More This Year by Maya, Year 11

The leaves changed colour a little later
This year.

The crunch of snow beneath my feet lingered a little less.
Spring came a little quicker, summer lasted a little longer.
I saw fewer stars and constellations

This year,
the shooting stars few and far between but
the blinking lights of planes would streak across the sky,
the loud engines of helicopters and jets more common now
than they were last year.

The tide was a little higher, the sand a little warmer.
Pleasant this year, pleasant last year,
but will it be pleasant next year?

Next year will I see more wildfires than I did
This year?

Will I see more of the ice caps melting, more animals going extinct?
I saw a little more litter lining the streets

This year,
I saw a little more plastic leak into the ocean
This year.

The heatwaves were a little more intense
This year,
the rain a little heavier, the droughts and floods a little more severe.
I saw nature fight back a little more

This year,
I saw people fight back a little more
This year.

Trees were planted a little more, greenhouse gases were used a
little less.

People acted a little more, people cared a little more
This year.

Will I see a little more people act next year?

Or will I see nature have to fight a little harder, people act a little
less?

Duke of Edinburgh Award Welcome Evening - 12 October 2022, 5.00 pm



The Duke of Edinburgh Welcome Evening will take place on Wednesday 12 October at 5.00 pm in the school hall.

Parents and students of next year's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are invited to attend.

The Welcome Evening is an opportunity to meet our expedition leaders, learn about how the Award is managed, and how to help students to achieve the Award.

Letters and information about the 2023 Silver Award will be sent to parents of students who are currently working towards their Bronze Award at the beginning of next week.

We are also excited to offer the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award to our Year 12 students. The award is being offered to any student who has previously undertaken their Bronze Award. Mr Morgan will be launching the Gold Award with students next week.

If you would like any further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Allerton Grange, please contact Mr Morgan:
dofe@allertongrange.com

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a permanent vacancy for a Teaching Assistant to support our SEND students.

A3/B1 level 4 to 6 (Actual Starting salary £13,404 rising to £14,084)

The role is term time plus 5 days, 30 hours a week.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is skilled in this area and is passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people.

**For more information, please get in touch:
Email: agadmin@allertongrange.com
Phone: 0113 393 0304**