



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

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Please be aware of parking restrictions outside of school. Whether you use Lidgett Lane or Talbot Avenue, please be considerate to local residents, pedestrians and other road users, and remember to follow the Highway Code.

Parking Enforcement Officers have been patrolling the area.

Happy Birthday Allerton Grange:

Allerton Grange School turns 70 years old in 2023. To recognise this milestone the school will be hosting a number of celebration events. The school is putting together a task group, including staff and students, to co-ordinate the activities and we want representation from our parent community. If you are able to offer some time to help then please make contact with vikimciver@allertongrange.com. The task group will begin its work in January.

End of term arrangements:

Friday 16 December will be a half day for students. Form time and morning lessons will run as normal, and school will be closed to students from midday. Details of exact timings will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Computer wizards:

Seventy AGS students competed, this term, in the Bebras International computing competition run by Oxford University. The competition spans 50 different countries with hundreds of thousands of entrants. Fourteen of our students have been ranked in the top 10% in England and they now go forward to the next stage of the competition in January. I had the pleasure of meeting them this morning and presented them with their certificates – we are immensely proud of their success and wish them well in the next round.

Allerton Grange invests in its staff:

The leadership and governors at Allerton Grange are committed to investing in our staff's professional development. By continually training our staff and supporting them with professional growth we ensure that our students get the best experience possible. We currently have:

- 18 members of staff who are working through or have completed their National Professional Qualifications. The majority are teachers but we do have at least 4 non-teachers engaged in these programmes.
- At least 4 staff members working through Masters equivalences.
- One colleague working on a doctorate.
- The success of our professional development offer and the role external qualifications play in this has been recognised by Red Kite Alliance who have put together a case study about Allerton Grange School – the link is accessible here: [Red Kite Teaching School Hub - Allerton Grange embracing NPQs \(redkitetsh.co.uk\)](https://redkitetsh.co.uk)

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Class Charts

Positive Points this week: 13,500
Negative Points this week: 1,500
92% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Year 9 DTP, MenACWY & MMR vaccine - Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 December - [letter on the website](#)

World of Music Concert - Thursday 8 December 2022, 7.00 - 9.00 pm - [Tickets from ParentPay](#)

DAHIT Deaf Assembly - Tuesday 13 December 2022, 1 - 3 pm in PL01

Drama Trip to London - Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 December

Last Day of Term - Friday 16 December - school closes at 12 noon

Christmas Holiday - Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January. School reopens on 3 January 2023

Sports Results

Netball

The **Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams** beat Dixons Trinity in two matches this week. Year 7 won 13-0 and Year 8 won 4-3.

Football

The **Year 7 boys' Football team** drew 3-3 with Boston Spa.

The **Year 8/9 girls' Football team** beat Garforth 5-0 and the **Year 11 boys' team** lost to St Mary's, Menston.

Music Grade Achievements

Congratulations to students who have recently passed their music grade exams:

Hannah - Grade 6 piano Merit

Izzy - Grade 5 piano Merit

Hairdressing Assessments

Congratulations also to Year 11 Hairdressing students for their research project work.

All the students passed, and 92% of the group have been awarded distinctions for their assessment!

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 25 November, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to a group of students for their success in the Oxford Bebras International Challenge.

Elijah, Josh, Tom, Imogen, Isa*, Naveen, Rhodri, Oliver, Oliver and Holly from Year 7 achieved the top 10% in the country out of 106,000 students (ages 10-12). There were 3500 from West Yorkshire who competed in this category too.

**Isa is also one of the first two Year 7 student Millionaire Readers*

Sara and Nicholas from Year 8 achieved the top 10% in the country out of 185,000 (ages 12-14) There were 6400 from West Yorkshire who competed in the category.

Matthew and Oliver from Year 10 achieved the top 10% in the country out of 37,000 (ages 14-16). There were 900 from West Yorkshire who competed in the category.



'Mens sana in corpore sano' (A healthy mind in a healthy body)

by Ms Caisley, Curriculum Leader for PE

At Allerton Grange we strive to achieve a 'healthy mind in a healthy body' and Physical Education is an essential part of mental as well as psychological well-being. The PE department aims to develop each student's positive mindset and contribute to the all-round development of a person. Furthermore, we want students to experience success and overcome adversity by offering a wide range of sporting opportunities, and choices at KS4.

Students proudly wear their Allerton Grange PE kit, and members of sports teams can also wear a team hoody. Students studying GCSE or BTEC PE have their own kit. Year 11 students said that they like their kit because it's comfortable and helps them to be feel part of the PE department. KS3 students said that they enjoy wearing their PE kits to school on PE days and they feel proud to be part of a team.

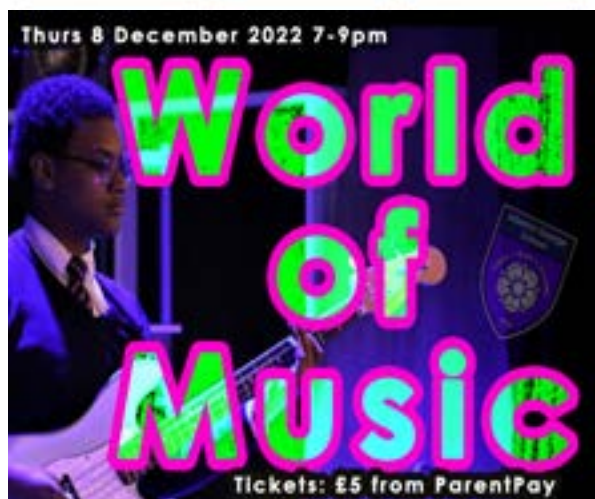




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Food Bank Collection

A reminder that our Sixth Form Student Leadership Group is working to support the North and East Leeds Foodbank with a Christmas Appeal.

If you are able to help, we are collecting foodbank donations in school until **Friday 9 December**.

Food items:

Tinned spaghetti, fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, tomatoes, soup, custard, rice pudding.

Milk (UHT or powdered only).

Porridge oats, muesli, granola.

Tea bags, instant coffee.

Jam, honey, peanut butter.

Biscuits, chocolate, crisps, snacks.

Instant mash potato.

Jars of pasta or curry sauce.

Long life fruit juice.

Hygiene items:

Shampoo.

Conditioner.

Body wash, shower gel.

Soap.

Toilet paper.

Liquid hand wash.

Washing up liquid.

Toothbrushes.

Tooth

Students can put items in collection boxes in Year Group Pods. There is also a collection box in Main Reception.