



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

REMINDER: NEU STRIKE ACTION ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023
Please [refer to the letter](#) sent to parents and carers on Monday 23 January

High praise for Allerton Grange:

Last Thursday, we had a very successful review conducted in English. The review was conducted by Tudor Griffiths (Ofsted Inspector) and Neil Renton (Headteacher of Harrogate Grammar). In their report they made some extremely complimentary remarks about Allerton Grange in general, which I want to share with you.

They commented:

"Allerton Grange School is a school that has a lot to be proud of. There is a buoyancy and confidence in the way that pupils and adults talk about and go about their business. Pupils are confident about explaining how the school supports and develops them as individuals. There is a strong sense of purpose and a sense of community. This is impressive. Staff, at all levels, are present and visible to pupils. This supports excellent relationships and fosters a strong sense of purpose and collegiality. Leaders have a very secure understanding of what is a strength at the school and what needs to be done, strategically, to improve further.

Without doubt the working approach to the strategic delivery of a whole school DEAR and KLAS approach is demonstrating tangible benefits and impact. It is a high-quality provision. What is much clearer, at the time of this review, is how pupils are able to both confidently discuss, and talk about, how the school's approach to wider reading is developing them as individuals, as well as supporting them with improved learning outcomes."

There is real credibility to this review, which was conducted by two experienced and highly regarded school leaders. I hope you read this with as much pride as I did.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts
Positive Points this week: 12,000
Negative Points this week: 1,250
90% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Year 8 and Year 10 Rugby Teams playing in the Leeds Champion Schools' Final at John Charles Centre - Postponed due to frozen pitch - NEW DATE TBC

Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (2) - Tuesday 31 January, 3.15 - 4.15 pm Students will receive appointment times. [This has moved from 1 February.](#)

NEU Strike Action - Wednesday 1 February [Read the parent/carers letter about arrangements.](#)

Year 9 Options Deadline - Friday 10 February 2023. Students need to give their Options Form to their Form Tutor by this date.

Half Term Holiday - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Year 8 Parents' Evening (online appointments) - Tuesday 21 February, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Year 10 English Trip to Leeds Beckett University

On Wednesday 25 January, thirty Year 10 students visited Leeds Beckett University English department with Ms Halaka, Mrs Ryding, and Mr McLane.

Professor Susan Watkins and Dr Caroline Leaf delivered a lecture on 'Women Writing Dystopian and Apocalyptic Fiction'.

The lecture was fascinating and led into students working in groups, in an interactive seminar, in which they explored an extract from 'The Parable of the Sower' by Octavia Butler, and then did some of their own creative writing inspired by the text.



Students all collaborated really well, shared their ideas and contributed to discussions; the university staff were incredibly impressed with our students' ideas and their creative writing. Their advice at the end of the day was: 'keep reading; keep nurturing those incredible minds of yours'. Students also had lunch in the university refectory and had a tour of the campus with some student ambassadors.

This visit was part of our 'Powerful Partnerships' initiative in English and we are most grateful to the staff and outreach team at Leeds Beckett for their generosity with their time and resources.



Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 27 January, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Kodie in Year 7 who was invited and took part in the North East Football Talent ID event at Sheffield Hallam University.

Daria in Year 8 was nominated for being a polite, mature student, who is completely engaged with all her studies and works super hard each day.

Harrisah in Year 9 is doing so well in school and she is a great role model to others. Her behaviour and attitude to learning are outstanding. Keep it up!

Afsana in Year 10 was nominated for being brilliant on the trip to Leeds Beckett University and for asking very insightful questions whilst there.

Malak in Year 12 was nominated for being proactive, organised, hard-working and for making a fantastic start to Year 12.

Haris in Year 13 was nominated for having improved attendance.



Free Creative Opportunities in Leeds

Studio 12

[Studio12](#) is a digital media project for people aged 16-30, providing free access to a production studio, training, accredited qualifications and an Industry Panel of creative professionals.

If you are aged between 16-30, you can [sign up](#) for free membership and access to their facilities based on the first floor of Leeds Central Library.

Chapel FM

Chapel FM is based in the Seacroft Chapel and is the first dedicated arts centre in East Leeds.

You can find out about [Opportunities to get involved](#) and [Upcoming Events at Chapel FM](#)

Music Grading Success

Congratulations to Evie who has passed her Grade 2 clarinet with distinction!

German Language Business Competition Workshop

Mr Kleczkowski, Teacher of German, reports on a University of Leeds competition our students are taking part in:

This week saw the launch of the German Language Business Competition organised by the University of Leeds.

We saw a good number of students sign up and attend the Launch Workshop on Wednesday 25 January, which outlined what would be involved in developing their business idea and what would make an excellent presentation.

The next session in February will help students with the German language aspect of their presentation. The finalists selected will be invited for a day at the University in March to have a tour of the campus, experience a language taster session and go head-to-head against finalists from other Leeds schools with their business ideas and pitch.

Wir wünschen allen Teilnehmern viel Glück und Spaß!

Good luck to our participants and enjoy the competition!

School Uniform Reminder

Students need to wear either full school uniform or their Allerton Grange PE kit to school, every day.

We have noticed that an increasing number of students have been arriving at school without all of their uniform, and have needed to borrow items, including ties and blazers.

Please can we ask that you remind your child about the uniform policy and check if they have anything missing.

Our School Uniform Exchange may be able to help if you do need items of uniform.

We currently have trousers, skirts, blazers, PE polo shirts and a small number of jumpers in the School Uniform Exchange.

If you would like to check what's available, please email the details (eg which items and sizes you are looking for) to: vikimciver@allertongrange.com.



Sports Fixture Results:

Netball

On a very chili Wednesday evening the **Year 7 Netball teams** played Cardinal Heenan outside. The A team won 6 - 3 against their Year 8 side but the B team unfortunately lost 14-6 to their Year 7 team. Well done everyone, and especially Holly and Skye, who were named players of the match.

Thank you to the PE team for their commitment to providing extra-curricular opportunities for our sports teams.

Football

Our **Year 7 footballers** played against a strong Wetherby team and lost 5-1.

Touch Rugby

The **Year 7 girls' Rugby team** took part in a Rugby Festival on Thursday. They lost in extra-time of the final to Carr Manor but played extremely well considering it was their first tournament.

Grease is the Word!

Join us to kick off our 70 years of Allerton Grange celebrations as our talented students transport us back to the 1950s, with the musical Grease!

Performances are taking place over three nights from 7.00 pm:

Tuesday 7 February
Wednesday 8 February
Thursday 9 February

The show is approx. 2h 30 mins long, including interval.

Tickets are £8 each and are now on sale on [ParentPay](#).

At each performance, when you arrive, you will be able to preorder and pay for snacks for the interval, including popcorn and veggie hotdogs!



Tue 7 Feb
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Thur 9 Feb

Tickets now
on sale via
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"GREASE School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).