



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

It is always a privilege to spend time with our Hot Chocolate Friday award winners.

I love hearing about their experiences at Allerton Grange, their favourite subjects and which books they are reading. This morning was rather special – I was honoured to meet a number of refugee students (one from Syria and two from Ukraine). Their love of learning and happiness at being in the UK was a real tonic on a grey February morning.

Considering they have been in the UK for only 8 months their English language development is awesome. We are so fortunate to be part of such a diverse school community where differences are respected and valued – we have 20 refugees/asylum seekers being educated at Allerton Grange, and these students have travelled from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Ukraine and Eritrea.

We are so lucky they arrived at our school doors and we are privileged to educate them.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts Positive Points this week: 8,000 Negative Points this week: 8,80 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

Grease the Musical - Tuesday 7 February, Wednesday 8 February, Thursday 9 February 2023, 7.00 - 9.30 pm Tickets available on ParentPay

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 12 Psychology Trip to Leeds Beckett University by Rimsha (Year 12)

Last week, Year 12 Psychology students were invited by Leeds Beckett University to attend an insight day,

The University delivered four talks on addiction, sports psychology, how stress is the 'quiet killer', and how life in prison can affect a person's mind. The students took part in a group activity, which linked to the talk about life in imprisonment, as they had to create posters about what people in prison are deprived of, along with linking this to psychological approaches.

They were also given a tour which gave them an insight into university life at Leeds Beckett, and visited different lecture halls, including the newly built rooms. The students were amazed by the new technology!

The 'quiet killer' talk was a highlight of the trip, as it was most interesting and informative.

Overall, our Psychology students thoroughly enjoyed this trip, as it opened up potential opportunities for them at Leeds Beckett University as a post-18 option, and the whole trip was very interesting.



Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 3 February, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Layan in Year 7 for making incredible progress this year. She is always helpful, polite and respectful towards her peers and staff.

Viktoria in Year 8 is such a hard-working, pleasant, all-round student, who is showing resilience and strength. Absolutely incredible, well done!

Peter in Year 9 is a lovely student, with a great attitude towards his learning, as well as always being helpful and polite. He has made massive progress since starting at Allerton Grange in May 2022.

Benji in Year 10 was nominated by a member of staff who spotted him litter picking at the weekend. Well done Benji!

Isaac in Year 12 was nominated for proactively looking for work experience placements, and after having a successful interview, has a placement with Arup for July.

Annesah in Year 13 has been leading the KS3 School Council representatives brilliantly and has been engaging younger year groups in whole school projects.



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](#)

Work Experience Virtual Open Evening

Speakers for Schools are holding an evening webinar on 1 March 2023 at 6.30 pm, for all parents and carers, to showcase placements, both virtual and face to face.

The placements are open to 14-19 year olds and cover all industries.

- The session is also open to educators and students, to find out more.
- All placements are fully funded so there is no cost to the school or student.
- Placements are offered during the school holidays as well as during term time.

[Click here to find out more and sign up to this Virtual Open Evening.](#)



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.

A massive THANK YOU

to everyone who donated coats to the Zero Waste Leeds Winter Coat Appeal.

Over 250 coats from Allerton Grange have been delivered to community support hubs around Leeds.



Sports Fixture Results:

Badminton

This week our Badminton teams played a number of matches against the Grammar School at Leeds A and B Teams.

Year 7 team drew 1 match and lost 1 match.

KS5 team won 1 match and drew 1 match.

KS3 and KS4 team lost both their matches.

As ever, GSAL were tough competition. Well done to all our teams.

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

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!

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

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.

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

[Find out more on the school website](#)



Tue 7 Feb
Wed 8 Feb
Thur 9 Feb

Tickets now
on sale via
ParentPay

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