



# AGS Weekly

*Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

I want to begin this week's newsletter by confirming our support for the people of Turkey and Syria. Today, at 9.00am, we held a whole school one minute silence to show our respect for the thousands of people who have died.

Our Culture Day, on Friday 3 March, will also be a fundraising event to support the humanitarian effort in these two countries. We aim to raise at least £2,000. There will be assemblies and form-time activities, leading up to Culture Day, preparing students for the event.

I would also like to pay tribute to everyone involved in the Grease production. This was the biggest and best school production I have ever witnessed. I felt so proud on Tuesday evening watching this spectacular showpiece being enacted at Allerton Grange. Productions such as these take months of planning, preparation and rehearsals and I want to thank the many staff involved for their patience, dedication and expertise in supporting our students display their talents with such professionalism. Congratulations to everyone!



**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

<p><b>ClassCharts</b>  <b>Positive Points this week: 9,673</b>  <b>Negative Points this week: 1,278</b>  <b>88% Positive Ratio</b></p>
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## Dates for your Diary:

**Half Term Holiday - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February**

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

## Poetry Live Trip

On Wednesday 1 February, 60 Year 11 students visited the Grand Opera House in York for the GCSE Poetry Live event.

Students heard from some of the country's most famous poets including the current Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard. It was wonderful to hear poems performed by the poets themselves and to be told the inspiration behind each one.

Many of our students asked the poets insightful questions about their writing processes and they gained invaluable information about the intention behind some of the big ideas explored within the poems.

The whole day was a wonderful celebration of the power of poetry and the importance it has in engaging with social issues, shaping our identities and allowing creativity to flourish.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

**At Hot Chocolate Friday on 10 February, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.**

Congratulations this week to:

**Imran in Year 7** was nominated for showing kindness and maturity towards a classmate. Their teacher was impressed at how he helped his friend to think calmly and rationally.

**Scarlett in Year 8** always give her best in Maths lessons. She's great at asking good questions and isn't afraid of getting something wrong if it helps her to understand better.

**Tyrese in Year 9** has made some enormous positive changes to his behaviour and attitude this half term. He is also being recognised for his kindness and respect during form time. Well done, you should be so proud of yourself!

**Fred in Year 10** was nominated for his excellent input at Poetry Live. He was a credit to the school and asked a very thoughtful question.

**Hanoor in Year 11** is a member of Student Council, has an excellent attitude to learning and is always respectful to peers and staff.

**Kabeer in Year 12** was nominated for taking part in the Chemistry Olympiad and for approaching the 2 hour challenge with maturity.

**Ethan in Year 13** has been successful with his University of Cambridge interview and has received an offer to read Archaeology.



## Sports Fixture Results:

### Football

The **Year 8 boys' Football team** won 3-2 against Allerton High in the League, this week.

The **Year 9 boys' Football team** lost 2-1 to Boston Spa, also in the League.

### Rugby

The **Year 8 boys' Rugby team** lost their Yorkshire Cup quarter final match against a very strong team from Kingswood Academy, Hull.

### Netball

**Year 7** played Roundhay this week. The A team lost 12-6 and the B team won 4-1.

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

### This week in DAHIT

DAHIT had a visit from Zara and Anthony who spoke to students about DEX's (Dear EXperience) work.

DAHIT students also attended the final dress rehearsal of Grease. Thank you to Ms Myers and Mr Ackroyd for interpreting the performance for our students, and the group from Moor Allerton Hall Primary School.

Our lovely Projects Facilitator, Zara, and DDYC Committee volunteer, Anthony, were at Allerton Grange today chatting to students about DEX's work! Don't they look happy to be there 😊



  You, Maresia LS and 4 others

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# Grease is most definitely the word!

Allerton Grange transformed into Rydell High in a spectacular show, with dazzling performances from the whole cast.

The band, staging, sets, lighting, sound, props (including the magnificent car!) and costumes were all outstanding (even if we do say it ourselves!).

Thank you to everyone who supported our cast and crew!



