



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Strike Day 2 (28 February 2023):

The second of four strike days announced by the National Education Union is planned for next Tuesday 28 February 2023. We anticipate about 50% of our teaching staff will be on strike and therefore we cannot operate a normal school day.

Details of the contingency plans we have put in place are being sent to all parents today. [The letter is also on the school website.](#) Of course, we hope that in the coming days this dispute can be resolved and the strike day averted – if our plans have to change, we will inform you.

Year 7 Applications to Allerton Grange:

We are thrilled to announce that Allerton Grange has received 1000 applications for 300 places in Year 7 this September.

Applications to the school have increased by 18% since 2020, and our first and second preferences have increased by 12% on last year.

We are delighted that our local community is increasingly seeing Allerton Grange as the school of first choice for secondary education. We are looking forward to start working with our new intake and their families over the coming months.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive Points this week: 11,000
Negative Points this week: 1,180
90% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

NEU Strike Day 2 - Tuesday 28 February ([click to read letter on school website](#))

World Book Day - Thursday 2 March

Culture Day - Friday 3 March

Year 9 Parents' Evening (online appointments) - Wednesday 8 March, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Careers Fair - Thursday 9 March, 4.00 - 6.00 pm (KS4&5 students)

KS4&5 Concert - Thursday 23 March, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Culture Day - Friday 3 March

We are getting very excited for our first Allerton Grange Culture Day next Friday.

The Sixth Form Leadership Group had the fantastic idea of celebrating both the culture of the school and the many cultures that make up the student and staff population. We are, proudly, a diverse community, where all students are valued, both individually and as part of our very special community.

On Friday 3 March, students and staff are invited to wear their own clothes, with the hope that many will choose to wear something that reflects their culture. There will be a suggested donation of £1.

There will be activities and performances taking place during Culture Day, along with stalls for students to visit, and some small items on sale. All funds raised will be donated to support the emergency appeal following the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

During the day, some lessons will have a cultural focus. For example, in MFL there will be opportunities to take part in an Arabic taster session with visitors from the University of Leeds, and to hear presentations from some of our international students.

On Monday 27 February, all students will be given more information about the Culture Day celebrations during Form Time.

Students will be reminded that Culture Day is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the cultural diversity that makes up our school community, and the ethos that Allerton Grange fosters each day.

We are very much looking forward to enjoying our first Culture Day at Allerton Grange School!

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 24 February, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Josh in Year 7 was nominated for being a Merit winner for the Oxford University Challenge. Josh did amazingly well and is the only Year 7 student to get a merit.

Emily in Year 8 volunteers at St. Edmunds Beavers every week and is such a polite student who does loads of extra-curricular activities such as participating in Grease.

Sofia in Year 9 was nominated for her outstanding performance in Grease, along with her impeccable behaviour record and her commitment to the school community. Well done!

Finley in Year 10 was nominated by Ms Smith for his excellent sports leadership and engaging well with GCSE PE – he was the first one to finish his coursework.

Sara in Year 11 was nominated for being an all-round brilliant student. Always smiling, positive and polite, and managed to pull off an outstanding performance in the Grease production amongst the other pressures during Year 11. Well done Sara!

Nadirah in Year 12 took part in the recent Chemistry Olympiad, demonstrating fantastic commitment and maturity. She also completed this week's Dentistry programme, run by the University of Leeds. She is proactive, hard-working and she is doing all the right things to achieve her ambitions of studying medicine at university.

Aneesah in Year 13 has worked incredibly hard to pull together plans for Culture Day. She is always considerate and inclusive, ensuring that younger year groups are involved. She has managed challenges with dignity and positivity, and she is a valuable member of the Sixth Form Student Leadership Group.



Social Science Charity Collection

The Sixth Form Social Science Core Club are collecting Unwanted Christmas Gifts for St. George's Crypt Homeless Charity. Please bring any donations of chocolates, toiletries or gift boxes and drop them in the box in Main Reception or the Sixth Form Office by Thursday 2 March.



Current Vacancies

Mini Bus Driver Vacancy

We are currently recruiting to our casual pool of mini bus drivers.

Candidates must be confident drivers, hold a clean driving licence, enjoy interacting with students and be willing to undergo the MiDAS Minibus Training course, that we will fund.

Hourly rate: £10.50 per hour

The role mainly consists of driving students to and from external provisions, to support their learning. The hours would be split, with a morning session from approximately 8 am for up to 2 hours, and then the afternoon from 12.30 pm, again for up to 2 hours.

The opportunity for more hours may be possible from time to time.

Teaching Assistant

Salary: £14,481 - £15,437

We are looking for a talented individual to join our teaching assistant team to support our SEND students. The role is term time plus five days, 30 hours per week.

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

This is a full time, permanent vacancy, starting as soon as possible.

Find out more

Closing date: 12 March 2023

If you are interested in finding out more, please phone 0113 393 0304 or email agadmin@allertongranger.com