



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

This has been a disjointed term with four strike days and one snow day. However, as always, our students and staff have been brilliant. Here is some key information to share with you:

- This term we have run 30 school trips. Thank you to the staff who organised and supervised each one.
- School performances have been a highlight:
 - Grease was definitely the word in February (3 nights taking us back to 1950s America).
 - Musical showcases by KS4 and 5 musicians.
- Attendance throughout the year has been strong and currently sits 2% above the national average.
- We received 1000 applications for places in Year 7 next year and have 300 students starting in September with a very long waiting list.
- We have already been busy recruiting teachers for September. Despite the recruitment crisis hitting schools nationally, Allerton Grange has managed to secure the appointments of:
 - 2 Biology teachers.
 - 1 Physics teacher.
 - 1 Maths teacher.
 - 1 PE teacher.

At the end of term it is always difficult saying goodbye to colleagues and this term is no exception. Today we say goodbye and thank you to:

- **Miss Beenen** – arrived at AGS in June 2015. Originally from Canada she has become an adopted Yorkshire woman. The amazing PSHE curriculum she leaves us with will be a legacy. Miss Beenen is re-locating to London to join the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School.
- **Mr Fisk** – joined AGS in 2019 from a school in Oldham. He has been a great asset to the PE team. He brought a much needed energy and fresh outlook. Mr Fisk is moving to Dixons Unity Academy in Armley as a Head of Year.
- **Mr Smyth** – arrived at AGS from Dubai in November 2020. He took over the leadership of the Maths department from Mr Fidler and has lead the department with great skill over the past 2 ½ years. He has contributed more broadly than Maths, supporting the school as we moved over to ClassCharts. Mr Smyth has secured an Assistant Headteacher post at Fulneck School.
- **Mr Howarth** – joined us in March 2020 and over the past 3 years has thrown himself into supporting the pastoral needs of Year 7. He leaves AGS to take up new opportunities.

We thank each of them for everything they have given to Allerton Grange and wish them the very best of luck in their new posts.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday everyone and I look forward to working with you all again at the start of the Summer Term.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

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| ClassCharts Positive Points this week: 10,000 Negative Points this week: 1,400 88% Positive Ratio |
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Dates for your Diary:

Easter Holiday - School closes on Friday 31 March at the usual time, reopens on Monday 17 April 2023

Ski Trip departs - Friday 31 March 2023

Social Science Trip to London - Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 April 2023

Moor Allerton Hall Has Talent - Thursday 27 April 2023, 6 pm

Year 11 Study Skills

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Study Skills session on Wednesday evening.

[The presentation slides are available for you to read on the school website and by clicking here.](#)

[The summer exam timetable is also available on the school website on the Exams and Revision page and by clicking here.](#)

Lost Property

If your child has lost any items, please remind them to check with their Year Team and also visit Main Reception. We have many coats and other smaller items that have not been claimed.

Any items not claimed by Friday 21 April will be donated to a charity collection.

ClassCharts and Reporting Student Absences

If your child is unable to attend school you need to report this through ClassCharts. The Attendance answerphone line is no longer in use.

If you need help, or a reminder of your log in details, please get in touch with the school office or email agadmin@allertongrange.com

Year 11 Prom Tickets - £40

Available on ParentPay!

You don't have to pay it all at once - you can pay in two instalments of £20.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 31 March, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Adam in Year 7 was nominated as he plays bagpipes with the City of Leeds Pipe Band. The band has been invited to perform at Leeds First Direct Arena with Andre Rieu on Thursday 11th May 2023. What an incredible experience!

Man in Year 8 was recognised for working very hard in his lessons and always being very respectful towards staff and his peers.

Salih in Year 9 was nominated for his behaviour during a PSHE session this week. He showed incredible maturity when discussing a topic he felt uncomfortable with. He was very respectful throughout, asking appropriate, articulate questions that were also delivered with acute consideration in terms of tone and volume.

Nelly in Year 10 was recognised for showing incredible resilience in delivering a sensitive speech in her English lesson.

Megan in Year 11 was nominated for her performance in the KS4/5 Concert.

Simmy in Year 12 was nominated for having an outstanding work ethic and focus, and for always doing the right thing.

Yasmin in Year 13 was nominated for having an outstanding work ethic.



Careers at Allerton Grange

If you are looking for careers guidance, work experience opportunities, labour market information and much more, to develop knowledge and skills and help to prepare your child for their future, below are the platforms that we use the most in school.

Your child will be introduced to these platforms throughout their time at Allerton Grange and encouraged to spend time doing their own research as well. All students have a Unifrog account and they can also sign up for a student account with Springpod, Start and Speakers for Schools.

Please invest some time with your child to explore the information, webinars and other opportunities that these platforms provide, in order to support them in widening their understanding of the opportunities available to them when they leave Allerton Grange School and help them to be prepared for their future.

You can click on the hyperlinks below to find out more:

[Springpod](#) - Work experience opportunities, job and apprenticeship advertisements.

[Speakers for Schools](#) - Work experience opportunities, webinars, talks and blogs. All aimed at providing students with knowledge and experience of the workplace and options available.

[Unifrog](#) - Used by school to log careers appointments (interactions) in Years 11 and 12. Used by school to coordinate Work Experience placements in Year 12 and has a wealth of information about all things careers, universities, college, workplace, labour market and jobs skills related. Students all have login details for Unifrog. If they have forgotten their login details, or were absent when they were provided, Years 7-9 can ask their computing teacher for help and Years 10-13 can ask Mrs Mills (via their form tutor if needed).

[Start](#) - Information about Post-16 options (including local searches for courses), virtual work experience opportunities, apprenticeships information and job opportunities.

Millionaire Readers

Avid readers in KS3 have been recognised for reading over 1 million words!

We also have two students who have read over 2 million words! Well done to all!



Year 7 students:

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| Joshua | 2,208,890 | Imogen | 1,075,038 |
| Isa | 1,296,660 | Larry | 1,166,027 |
| Thomas | 1,505,871 | Isla | 1,272,440 |
| Amelia | 1,092,923 | Ava | 1,566,445 |
| Elijah | 1,164,286 | Thaleia | 1,000,399 |
| Alfie | 1,032,203 | Zahaan | 1,183,415 |
| | | Sreehari | 1,280,250 |



Year 8 students:

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| Saba | 1,146,187 | Robert | 1,376,089 |
| Ahmed | 1,511,013 | Azizul | 1,054,607 |
| Jemima | 1,403,428 | | |
| Sufyaan | 2,401,545 | | |
| Noah | 1,213,879 | | |
| Olivia | 1,158,518 | | |

Planetarium Experience

Linking to the British Science Week activities earlier in the term, students visited an 'out of this world' planetarium experience in school this week. Thank you to Mr Warne for organising.



Reading Cloud

We have started working with **Reading Cloud**, a library management system that includes an online student portal.

From 17 April, **Year 7 and Year 8** students will be given their own, individual, accounts to access the system and lots of library resources.

There will be lots of help and support to help you get set up and using the online student portal.

From September 2023, this will be available for students in all other year groups, as well as Allerton Grange staff.

If you would like to find out more about Reading Cloud, please get in touch with Miss Williams, School Librarian.



Into University Workshops

Students have been taking part in sessions with Into University this week.

Our ongoing partnership with Into University allows students to gain skills and knowledge that help to prepare them for their future. It is not just about moving on to university, it's about all of the skills that are important to be successful throughout their school career and beyond.

Our Year 7 and 8 Into University groups had excellent workshops with Into University. Year 7 students focused on becoming an independent learner and Year 8 were looking ahead to understand more about the process of choosing GCSE options and how to make important decisions.



A triumph for Allerton Grange at the Language and Business Competition - University of Leeds

Mr Kleczkowski reports:

On Wednesday 29 March, Mr Wrightson and I took two teams of students to the University of Leeds for a Language and Business Competition, in which they were required to present a business pitch of a particular product or service to a German-speaking country.

After weeks of rigorous research and practice, I am pleased to announce that one of our two teams won the competition in the category of 'Best Presentation', which recognised their very high level of German, overall communication and their presentation itself. The winners were Joel, Reuben, Alex and Josh. The category for best 'Business Idea' went to a worthy group of students from Bradford Girls' Grammar.

A very special mention goes to Afsana in our other team who carried herself so professionally and answered the judges' questions brilliantly!

We had a really fun-packed day with a Mandarin Chinese Language Taster Session, a tour of the amazing campus of the University and an International Business Taster Session, in which each of our pupils showcased their outstanding knowledge of Business with such eloquence and were congratulated by those hosting the session. They really did make us proud!

What a fantastic day and an outstanding achievement for Allerton Grange School! Well done to our fantastic students!



Poetry Slam

Year 7 students took part in a poetry workshop with Rob Bradley, a rapper and poet, on Thursday 30 March.

15 teams of students spent the day in the poetry workshop, honing their skills, writing a poem and performing it in front of an audience of 100 students and staff.



The winning team was Pose Poets who wowed with their poem and delivery. Well done to everyone who took part!

