



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

RED Award update and launch of "Free To Be Me" news:

Three years ago, when Ofsted visited Allerton Grange, they celebrated our diversity: "This is a multicultural school and pupils enjoy the diversity."

Over the past 12 months, led by Ms Turner-Lindley, we have audited our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion provision against a regional wide set of criteria called the **RED (Respect/Equality/Diversity) Award**.

In December 2022, Allerton Grange secured the "**Certificate of Commitment to Equality & Diversity**". Since then, we have been working on an action plan to ensure that EDI is embedded into every aspect of our school life and the daily experiences of our students and staff.

Today, we launch a regular section of our Newsletter – Free To Be Me. This section will celebrate and share with our community the differences that exist within the Allerton Grange School community. Today, I want to share with you just how diverse the AGS community is.

Our AGS school community includes 1700 students and 250 staff from 52 different ethnic groups and 7+ faith groups.

Within the school community we have:

- Students and staff who are LGBTQ+
- Students and staff with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- A cohort of visually impaired students supported by specialist staff in our SEND Team
- A cohort of hearing impaired students supported by our in-school DAHIT unit, including staff who are Deaf

Everyone at Allerton Grange can celebrate these differences whilst recognising the strength of our community.



Mike Roper
Headteacher

<p>ClassCharts Positive Points this week: 10,000 Negative Points this week: 1,300 87% Positive Ratio</p>
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Dates for your Diary:

GCSE and A level Exams continue - Good luck to Year 11 and Year 13!

Year 8 HPV Vaccine (2nd dose) - Monday 22 May (Parental consent is required for vaccine to be given - [see letter for more information](#))

Year 12 Next Steps Day - Thursday 25 May

Year 11 Study Leave begins - Thursday 25 May after morning exam

Year 13 Study leave begins - Friday 26 May at 3 pm

Half Term - Monday 29 May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 2 June

Sports Fixture Results

Cricket:

On Tuesday 16 May, Ms Caisley took twelve Year 7 pupils to Allerton High School to play their first Cricket fixture of the year.

The girls were brilliant, we won by 20 runs and managed to take 7 wickets on the way.

Amrit and Zanah were great captains leading well, and Skye was the girl of the game taking two wickets and an amazing diving catch.

Well done!



Football:

The **Year 8 girls' Football team** lost 3-0 to Abbey Grange.

The **Year 7 boys' Football team** suffered an agonising and heartbreaking defeat in the semi-final of the Leeds Schools Cup against Ilkley Grammar.

With the score tied at 1-1 after normal time, the game went straight to a penalty shootout in which Ilkley managed to hold their nerve in order to progress.

Rounders

The **Year 9 Rounders team** went to Prince Henry's Otley to take part in the first Rounders Tournament of the season on Thursday 18 May. They played with great commitment, especially in the field, and Ellie took an amazing diving catch. We beat Wakefield and PHGS B but unfortunately narrowly lost to Horsforth meaning we came second overall.

Next tournament: Thursday 15 June at AGS

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 19 May, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Isla in Year 7 is performing at His Majesty's Theatre in the West End on Sunday with her stage school The Pauline Quirke Academy.

Esme in Year 8 has been fantastic all term, and the majority of her achievement points are for being positive, respectful and kind!

Umar in Year 9 always does the right thing. He is kind, considerate and hardworking, as well as being very resilient and a loyal friend to others.

Annabel in Year 10 has produced the most amazing interactive presentation for GCSE Drama and has really gone above and beyond, once again!

Amira in Year 12 did a fantastic job in helping to deliver the University of Leeds Dentistry Project to all the Year 7 students. Well done and thank you Amira!



Thank you to the PE Team for supporting OU students!

Key Stage 3 Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 3 – April to July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years – L031	Year 8 Girls Rounders Sports Field	Year 7 Girls Rounders Fields	KS3 Coding Club I002 – Mr Stone	Software Developer Club (after May half-term) Students who have chosen computing only – I001
Library / Book Club KS3 – LRC1	Year 9 and 10 Boys Cricket Fields	Year 9/10 Softball Fields	Darts Club (Year 9 and 10) Mr Taylor – L024	Grade 5 Theory KS4 Lunchtime – M002
All Years Girls Basketball Sports Hall	KS5 Boys Basketball Sports Hall	Year 7/8 Boys Cricket Fields	Year 9 / 10 Rounders Netball Courts	Writers' Collective L010
KS3 Art Club Art A003	Year 7 Boys Rounders/Softball (after basketball) Fields	Choir Main Hall	Chess / Board Games Club L035	
Year 8 and 9 Song Writing Club (Breaktime) – M003 – Mr Duff	KS3 Girls Cricket MUGA	Duff Club (Jazz Band) M003/1 – Mr Duff	STEM Club S004 – Mr Gledhill	
Junior and senior Concert Band M001 (Junior) and M002 (Senior)	Drama Club KS3 – D001	School of Rock M002	Abstract Writing L011	
Samba Lunchtimes – Storeroom 9	Year 7 song writing club (Week A) – Lunchtime	Drama Club KS3 – D001		
	American Literature Book Club L012	Debate Club L010		
		DJ Club Lunchtime 11:25-1145 Store 9		



Key Stage 4/5 Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 3 – April to July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years – L031 – Ms Arden	Year 9 and 10 Boys Cricket Fields	Year 9/10 Softball Fields	Darts Club Year 9 and 10 – Mr Taylor – L024	Software Developer Club (after May half-term) KS4 and KS5 – I001
All Years Girls Basketball Sports Hall	GCSE Geography Revision Physical geography – L022 Human Geography – L023	EPQ Club Sixth Form	Year 9 / 10 Rounders Netball Courts	Grade 5 Theory (KS4 Lunch) M002 – Ms Shrimpton
Library / Book Club Library – Ms Williams	English Revision L015	Year 13 Business Revision Sixth Form	GCSE Photography and Art Catch up Art Department	Writers' Collective L010
Junior and senior Concert Band M001 (Junior) and M002 (Senior)		Debate Club L010	Chess / Board Games Club L035	Creative Revision L031
Samba Lunchtimes – Storeroom 9		English Revision Drop-in Year 11 – L012	STEM Club S004 – Mr Gledhill	Page Turners (Book Club) L009
		School of Rock M002	Year 13 Economics Revision Sixth Form	English Revision L015
			Abstract Writing L011	

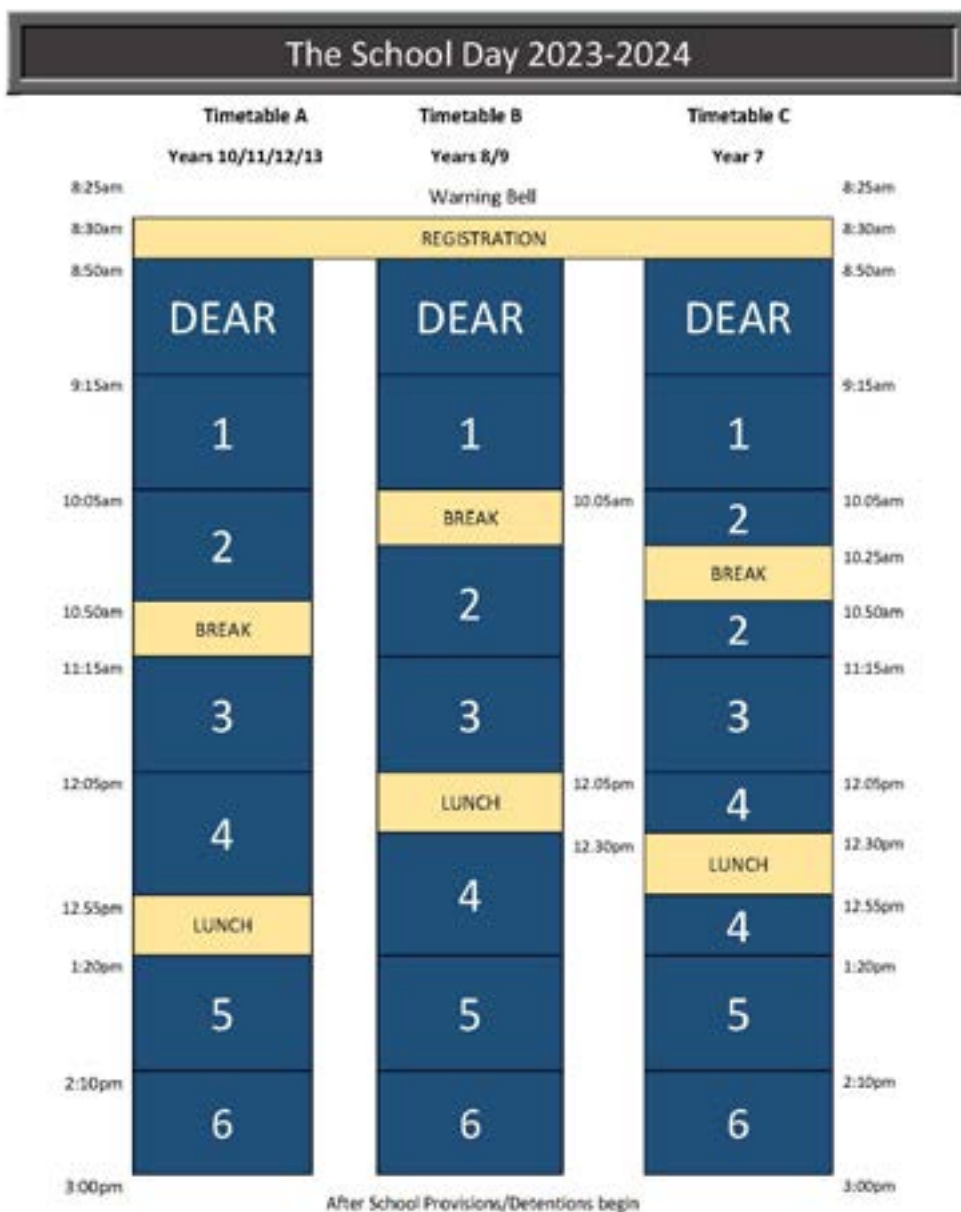


Reminder: From September 2023, there will be changes to the timings of the School Day.

Students will need to arrive by 8.25 am for Registration at 8.30 am.

The School Day will be amended, with the first lesson starting at 9.15 am.

School will still finish at 3.00 pm, unless students are staying for extra-curricular clubs, revision sessions or detentions.



All students should leave the school site by 3.10pm unless attending a session 7 or working with a member of staff. There is to be no waiting in the cafe after school. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, a session 7, or isolation/detention.

(Monday) Stage 3 - SLT Detentions – 3:05pm – 4:30pm (85 minutes)

(Tuesday - Friday)

Stage 1 Detentions – 3:05pm - 3:35pm (30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detentions - 3:05pm – 4:00pm (55 minutes)

Isolation takes place between 9:00am-3pm/3.30pm/4.00pm (Depending on Behaviour)

There is no immediate change as the current School Day timings remain for the Summer Term (April to July 2023).

The new times will start after the summer holidays, in September 2023.

Sixth Form Trip

This week, Year 12 students had a Careers trip with a really interesting tour of the Nissan Manufacturing Plant, followed by an afternoon at Northumbria University.



Students heard about life at Northumbria, were given information about student finance and UCAS, took part in a personal statement writing workshop and had a tour of the University.

Ms Mills, Mrs Braim and Mrs Gillibrand said: "It was a pleasure to take this fantastic group of students to see the engineering, automotive and manufacturing industry in action, and also have the chance to see, and hear from, another great university."



St Gemma's Hospice Sunset Walk

Health and Social Care students have recently visited St Gemma's Hospice in Moortown. Whilst there, they learnt about an upcoming fundraising campaign they would like to share with the school community.

St Gemma's Hospice has a brand new campaign and would love to have support and involvement from the local community!

The Sunset Campaign is taking place throughout the Summer, with its main event, the Sunset Walk at Temple Newsam on Saturday 3rd June.

The Walk will be a celebratory event with a moment of reflection to remember all those loved ones we have lost. From 8pm there will be exciting entertainment and lots of tasty food, followed by watching the sun set over Temple Newsam at 9.29pm. From there you are invited to join us on a 5K walk around the beautiful grounds.

[Find out more](#)



Year 11 Prom 2023

Date: 7th July 2023
Time: 18:00 – 21:30
Location: Alton Grange School
Payment: £40

Arrive on the red carpet and celebrate with your friends at the Prom. Enjoy artisan pizza and dance the night away at this special event to mark the end of Year 11.

You can pay all at once or in two instalments of £20.
Payment needs to be made by 5 June 2023

Work Experience Opportunities

I recently wrote to all parents regarding our Careers provision and included some useful resources/links to websites that are used by school.

Please find [here](#) some fantastic opportunities with **Speakers For Schools**, which offers virtual work experience placements with a huge range of national and international employers. The majority of opportunities are for students aged 14-19 and are a brilliant way of learning more about a specific organisation, sector or role.

Students are welcome to sign up for as many placements as they would like to, *but please be mindful of the time and day, as it is not something we are able to allow students time out of school or off timetable to complete.*

[Click to open Speakers for Schools pdf](#)

Louise Mills

Careers/AGS Futures Lead



Calling all Year 12, 13, S5 & S6 students!

Applications are now open for SMBP's Work Insight and Skills Week

- meet different **high-profile organisations** and learn about their businesses
- discover **career routes available to you**
- **develop key skills** by completing business-like tasks
- learn about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models

When: during Summer 2023

Where: Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Glasgow, Leeds, London, North East (Newcastle), North West (Manchester), Norwich, Reading, Rugby & Coventry

Deadline: Monday 29th May 2023, 11:59pm



Reminder to arrive on time for school

We are concerned about the increasing numbers of students arriving to school late.

Please support us by ensuring that students arrive to school on time.

We recommend that students arrive by 8.45 am to start Form Time at 8.50 am.

When children are late and arrive after their peers, and lessons have already started, it often has a negative impact on their confidence and self-esteem.

Students also miss out on lesson time and are at risk of falling behind with their learning.

