



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Trips, trips and more trips

A key cornerstone of our KLAS curriculum programme is Aspirational Enrichment.

We want every student to be able to experience a curriculum outside the traditional classroom, and engage with culture, nature and learn new exciting skills.

Part of this was re-designing our trip offer to make it more exciting and aspirational. Over the past two weeks, we are seeing this become a reality, with the first of our end of year trips to Fountains Abbey with Year 7 and Malham Cove with Year 8.

More broadly, our magnificent trip programme now includes:

- Ski Trip to Italy.
- Normandy Trip.
- Rhineland Germany trip.
- International Music Tour.
- London theatre land trip.
- Wimbledon trip.
- Bushcraft trip.
- Many Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.
- Many curriculum focussed trips.
- Our end of year trip programme.

None of this would be possible without the discretionary effort displayed by the staff at Allerton Grange. The time and effort that goes into planning a single trip is not to be underestimated. I want to thank every member of staff for their dedication and tireless energy in making sure the students at Allerton Grange really do get an aspirational curriculum outside the classroom.

Mike Roper
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary:

GCSE and A level Exams continue until Friday 23 June - Good luck to Year 11 and Year 13!

Sports Week:

Inter Primary Sports Day - Monday 19 June

Year 9 Sports Day - Tuesday 20 June

Year 7 Sports Day - Wednesday 21 June

Year 10 Sports Day - Thursday 22 June (Sessions 4 & 5)

Year 8 Sports Day - Friday 23 June

ClassCharts

Positive Points this week: 7,000
Negative Points this week: 860
88% Positive Ratio

Transition Days for new Year 7 students - Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 June

New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening - Tuesday 27 June, 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Sports Fixture Results

Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who competed in the Leeds Schools Athletics Competition on Tuesday 13 June.

Sixteen students competed in a pool of eight schools, with 32 schools taking part. Both the boys' and girls' teams came first in their group, winning their pool!

Well done to Evie Mae, Ellie, Lara, Mary, Esmee, Edie, Holly, Skye, Rory, Will, Luke, Jude, Elijah, Woody and Leo.

Ms Hawkrige said: "They were an absolute credit to the school and did exceptionally well."



Rounders

Year 7 Rounders also finished top of their pool in a tournament held at Guiseley, winning all three games against Carr Manor, Horsforth and the hosts, Guiseley.

Cricket

The **Year 10 Cricket** team suffered a four run defeat against Castleford Academy despite a heroic 75 not out by Finn Wilson. Castleford scored 145 from their 20 overs while we were only able to reach 140 in reply.

Thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students!

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 16 June, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Ming in Year 7 was nominated for taking part in the UKMT Maths Challenge. Ming was awarded the gold certificate for gaining a score within the top 10% in the country for both Year 7 and 8!

Marianne in Year 8 is an excellent example of an Allerton Grange student, is extremely polite and always does the right thing. Keep it up and well done!

Hussain in Year 8 showed fantastic determination and resilience on the trip to Malham Cove.

Peter in Year 9 has had such a great year. He is a model student, is kind, respectful and hardworking. He has been awarded our Star Student in Rewards Assembly. Well done Peter!

Ayla in Year 10 was nominated for showing great bravery and completing her Arabic GCSE, even though she was terrified at the very prospect! Well done Ayla!

James in Year 12 was nominated for showing incredible resilience and continuing with his EPQ project.

Muaz in Year 13 was nominated for attending every revision session for Business and Economics, and has done a huge amount of work across the two subjects to really achieve his best possible grades.



Year 12 Biology Fieldtrip

Ms Claydon reports:

We had a great day on our A level Biology fieldtrip to Runswick Bay on Friday 9 June.

Forty-seven A level Biologists spent the day at Runswick Bay, carrying out field studies for their A level practical assessment.

We used transects to sample the density of air bladders on seaweed, investigated if limpets had a preference for rock type and used keys to identify species in rock pools.

We even finished off the day with an ice cream! A great day was had by all.



Year 8 Malham Cove Trip

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 8 students visited Malham Cove, North Yorkshire.

Shaped by the flow of glacial meltwater during the last ice age, Malham cove is a high curved amphitheatre shaped cliff formation of limestone rock. The vertical face of the cliff is about 80m high and is topped by an open area of deeply eroded limestone pavement, of a strange pattern rarely seen in England. The views over the North Yorkshire National Park have featured in numerous Hollywood movies.

Thank you to all members of school staff who made these trips possible.



Year 12 UCAS Fair at Leeds Beckett University

On Thursday (15th) we took all the Year 12 students to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Leeds Beckett University. It was a fantastic day where students were able to visit stalls from over 100 universities, further education colleges and apprenticeship employers as well as listen to live talks from experts with the latest advice and information on different career choices. We were so proud of our students as they asked lots of questions as they walked around the exhibition and gathered information about university courses and careers.



Careers Events

On Tuesday 13 June, Year 9 took part in a Careers Speed Networking event with 14 volunteers from a wide variety of organisations.



In groups of 10, students spent 7 minutes with each guest, hearing about their roles and organisations, and asking some fantastic questions to gain further insight into the world of work.

We had representatives from KPMG, The Army, Ministry of Justice, DWP, TS Grate, Arriva, Equins, and Brackenwood Community Association, along with two trainee Quantity Surveyors and a lecturer on Data Science from Leeds Beckett University.

The students showcased the very best of our Allerton Grange values, and all of our guests commented on what a wonderful school they had come to. Thank you to all of the volunteers and well done to Year 9 students for embracing the opportunity and being wonderfully enthusiastic learners.

Year 10 Computer Science and Year 12 Computer Science / Information Technology students took part in a guest speaker session with a software engineer from Sky, who also visited school on Tuesday afternoon.

They gained an insight into the industry and potential career pathways. The students asked well-thought questions during the Q&A session and now have a taste of what it's like to work in the digital tech industry.

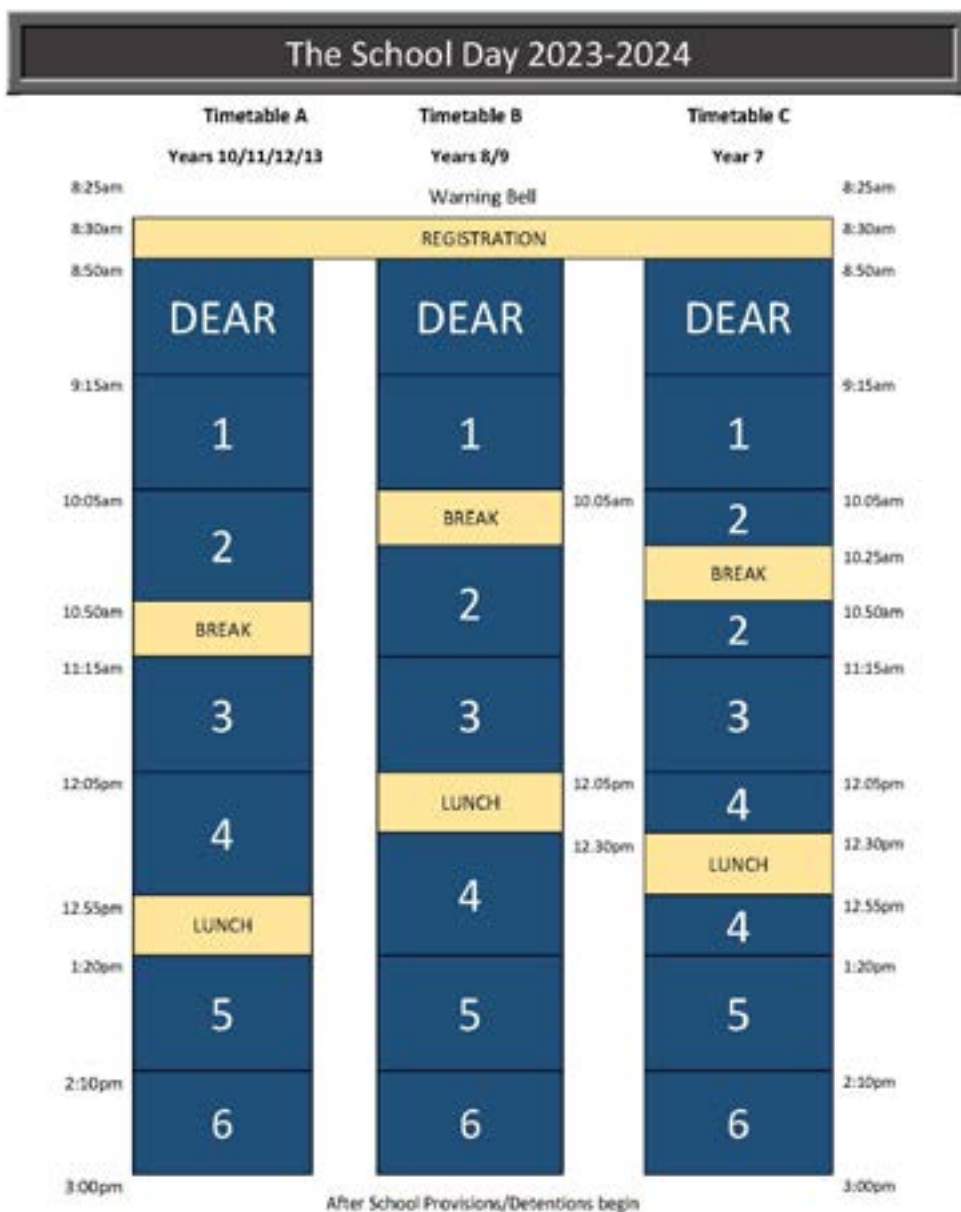
A promotional poster for the Leeds Digital Careers Fair. The poster features a dark blue background with green and yellow wavy lines. At the top, it says 'EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS'. The main title is 'LEEDS DIGITAL CAREERS FAIR' with the hashtag '#LDCF23' below it. A QR code is provided for booking a free ticket. The date and time are '26.09.23 2PM-7PM'. The poster also includes a description of the event, stating it will bring together employers and organisations in the digital sector, and a list of sponsors: first direct arena, Leeds City Council, and Inspire.

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.