



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

### Arrangements for the last day of term (Friday 21 July 2023):

- Form time starts as normal at 08:50.
- Lesson 1 and break time will run as normal.
- **At 11:25 – Year 10 and Year 12 students will be dismissed.**
- **At 11:45 – Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students will be dismissed.**
- All students will be expected to have left the school site by 12:00 noon.
- There will be a limited menu for students during break time and **no catering service will run for lunchtime.**

### Morning arrangements for September 2023:

- School gates will open at 08:00.
- Access to the building will be from 08:15.
- Year 7 access will be from the bridge entrance and they will be escorted to their form rooms upon entry by the Year Team.
- Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 access will be from either the student entrance or the PE corridor entrance. Upon entry, students will wait in the dining hall and will be permitted to make their way to their form groups from 08:25.
- Sixth Form students will access their building from the main entrance.
- All form times and registration will begin at 08:30.
- **Lidgett Lane school gates will close at 08:25.**
- **After 08:25 the only access to the school will be from the Talbot Road entrance.**

### Thank you and good luck to staff leaving:

At the end of every term it is always difficult to say goodbye to colleagues. This term the following staff are leaving:

Miss Altaf	Progress & Welfare Manager	Starting a new career
Mr Aslam	Teacher of Maths	Retirement
Ms Arden	Food Technician	Exploring new opportunities
Ms Barnes	Teaching Assistant	Returning to University for final year of degree
Mr Gledhill	Teacher of Physics	Starting a new career
Miss Harman	Teacher of Food/Technology	Promotion to Head of department
Mr Halpin	Technician	Travelling and returning to a previous career
Miss Napier	CR for English	Promotion to Head of department
Miss Janiszewska	Teaching Assistant for EAL students	Promotion
Ms Payne`	Reception/Main Office	Moving to a school closer to home
Mrs Postlethwaite	Teacher of English	Taking some time out of teaching
Mrs Rai	Teacher of Economics	Promotion to Head of department

We wish them all well in their new positions.

Mike Roper  
Headteacher

[Updated PPD \(Policy for Positive Discipline\) available on the school website](#)

### Dates for your Diary:

A level Classics Trip to University of Leeds - 17 July

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip - 17 July (second half of Year 9) and 20 July (Year 10)

Music Tour to Belgium - 17 to 20 July

Liverpool Cultural Trip - 18 July (Year 12)

Last Day of Term - 21 July

**ClassCharts**  
Positive Points this week: 6,500  
Negative Points this week: 800  
89% Positive Ratio

**Reminder for students to check lost property before the end of term**  
**There are school uniform items, coats, glasses plus other items at Main Reception.**  
**If you've lost something this year, please come and check!**

## End of Term Message from the Board of Governors

As the end of the academic year 2022/23 approaches, the governors applaud and thank the hard work and dedication of all the staff, students, parents and carers for their commitment to the values and ethos of Allerton Grange School! A huge thank you!

Once again, the governors have been proactive this year with termly meetings, as well as being present at a variety of school activities. Meetings have taken place with senior leaders reporting on Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, Safeguarding, Personal Development and the Quality of Education.

In my role as Chair of Governors, weekly meetings take place with Mike Roper, which allows the governing body to be kept informed of any developments, including external reviews, extracurricular activities, school trips etc., as well as planning for the next academic year.

We are extremely proud that the school has achieved the Red Award **The RED (Respect, Equality & Diversity) Award enabled the school to review, strengthen and celebrate our provision in terms of equality, diversity, respect for individuals and community cohesion.** The wonderful Culture Day, organised and led by the Sixth Form students in the spring term, was a perfect example of the inclusivity, diversity and celebration of the Allerton Grange Community. Governors are grateful to the Student Leadership Group for their hard work and commitment in making Culture Day a reality.

On a personal note, it was a pleasure to spend time with our newly-appointed Head students. I am sure they will add a new dimension to the work that takes place post-16, as well as their involvement with KS3 students, Year 7 in particular.

On behalf of the Governors at Allerton Grange, I wish everyone a pleasant summer and look forward to continuing our work in the new school year; and very best wishes to staff and students who will be leaving us to embark upon pastures new.

Regards  
**Barbara Trayer**  
**Chair of Governors**

## Year 12 Taster Days

This week, we welcomed students, who will be joining Year 12 in September, to our Sixth Form. It was a busy two days where they took part in taster classes, found out about enrichment opportunities and met lots of new people.

[Year 12 Induction and Enrolment information](#) is available on the school website. There is also information about [Student Finance and Bursaries](#).

If you have any questions, please email [sixthform@allertongrange.com](mailto:sixthform@allertongrange.com).



## Year 12 Work Experience

This week, current Year 12 students have been on work experience placements in a range of roles and organisations, including: NHS Optometry, NHS Transplant Surgery, Cardiology Department at the LGI, Oncology at St James's Hospital, University of Leeds, Bradford Council, Yorkshire Water, Leeds United, ITV, PWC, Schools (Allerton Grange, Moor Allerton Hall Primary, Gledhow Primary, St Matthew's Primary, Manor Wood, Hillcrest Academy, Roundhay School).

Last week, a group of **Year 12 students (Sam, Isaac, Abdur-Raheem, Rowan and Kabeer)** were on their work experience placements with the **ARUP Design programme**. We've received some lovely feedback from ARUP about their placements:

*"The staff working with the students were blown away by them. They have never had such a strong group before. The students were hard working, showed great initiative and were 100% committed to the programme. They were also polite to work with, interacted brilliantly with other staff and students, and remained incredibly professional throughout the week. Some fantastic feedback for a group of wonderful students!"*

## Sports Fixture Results

by Mr Gaunt

### Cricket

The **Year 7/8 girl's Cricket team** competed in a tournament held at Allerton High. On an extremely dominant evening for AGS, our girls won every game they played comfortably, with Year 7 Skye being the stand-out player, taking 8 wickets overall in the evening.

### Wimbledon Trip

This week also saw Year 8 and Year 9 students attend our annual Wimbledon trip, in which we witnessed some outstanding tennis played on Monday, as well as having quite the fright at London dungeons on Tuesday!



*Thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students!*

### Primary Sports Days

Our Year 9 students have been busy helping at two Primary School Sports Days this week. On Wednesday they were at Wigton Moor and on Thursday at Moortown. All students involved were superb and great role models for the younger children.



## Sporting Excellence

### Cricket:

Congratulations to Zainab in Year 12 who has been selected to represent the National Asian Cricket Council Squad for 2023. Last week, Zainab played in Birmingham and also plays for North Leeds Cricket Club in the girls and womens' team.



### Hockey:

Congratulations to Charlie in Year 10 who has been selected to train with the former Head of Loughborough University and Yorkshire Talent Academy Lead Coach for Hockey.

Charlie plays in the U18s Boys' team for Leeds Hockey Club. They won the England tier 2 plate at Easter in Nottingham, at the England Hockey Centre - the first time in Leeds Hockey history!



### Moortown Primary Health Week

Year 5 students from Moortown Primary School had their first experience of Softball on Wednesday, as part of their Health Week, with the assistance of some of our Year 9 students. Ms Smith said: "The students loved the experience of a new sport, and I was very impressed with their skill level and effort."



## Year 11 Prom

On Friday, Allerton Grange was transformed into a magical, forest wonderland, for Year 11 to celebrate in style at their Prom.

It was a fun-filled evening to mark the end of Year 11, with fabulous gowns, sharp suits, dancing, refreshments and many photos!

Thank you to the Prom Committee, Mrs Wright, Mr Whincup, Ms Walker, Ms Drew, the Tech Crew and everyone else who supported the event.





## Year 11 Students:

Please check ClassCharts to find out how to view photos from Prom and the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly.

## KS3 students visit Germany Ms Walker reports:

On 4 July, forty Year 8 and 9 students and five staff travelled through the night to Boppard in Germany.

We spent four days there, enjoying beautiful weather and jam-packed days.

On the first day, we travelled to Cologne where we visited the Chocolate Museum, enjoying lots of free samples. In the afternoon, we visited the famous Cologne Cathedral before enjoying some shopping in the city centre. We finished the day with bowling and a pizza tea.

The next day was a full day at Phantasialand Theme Park, where students and teachers enjoyed the rides; the water rides were especially welcome in the hot weather!

Saturday started with a boat cruise down the River Rhine. We then visited Marksburg Castle where the group enjoyed a fascinating tour about the history of the castle and the area. In the afternoon, we travelled to Rudesheim where we went up on the chair lifts and enjoyed the stunning views.

We all had an amazing time and it was lovely to see the students discovering new things and trying out their German.



### KS3 Drama present:

#### Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Our KS3 Drama Club attendees have been working incredibly hard on their end of term play 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' by Alan Ayckbourn.

Miss MacFadyen and the students produced a unique and hilarious version that was performed to an audience of family and friends on 12 July.

Thank you to everyone who supported this production.



### Primary Maths Challenge

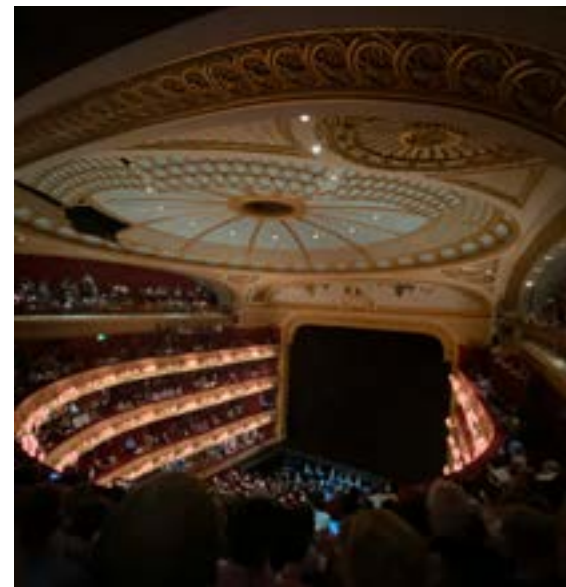
We welcomed mathematicians from local primary schools this week to take part in our annual Primary Maths Challenge competition.



## Music Students Visit London

Last weekend, Ms Shrimpton, Mrs Casey and Mr Duff and a group of Music students went to London to see Mozart's Marriage of Figaro at the Royal Opera House. This is a studied set work for students that study Music at A level.

The group visited China Town and Covent Garden, and also visited Leake Street Arches where they saw London's longest legal graffiti wall and urban art, including artwork by Banksy.



## Year 7 Bushcraft Experience

### Ms Ryding reports:

Some people recoil at the thought of taking 158 Year 7s camping in the woods for two nights but it's only the lucky few of us who get to go with them that truly understand what a liberating, empowering and entirely bonkers experience it really is.

Our wonderful young people embraced every experience that came their way over the three days we were there: from learning and administering emergency first aid when their intrepid teachers were involved in a plane crash (*NB this was a role play simulation!*), to plaiting bracelets and belts, to creating fires and building shelters. They learned and applied their new skills with the most positive of attitudes. There were plenty of hurdles to overcome on the trip as well but again, every single one of them faced the challenge head-on and found a way through.

I'm hoping that every student has come home with a 'favourite moment' and that you can get a feel from the pictures just how much was had by all but if I had to choose a personal highlight, it would be the feedback from the Bushcraft staff about our students: they said they hadn't laughed with a group this much in a long time; they were gutted to see us leave and requesting that we request the same camp leaders for next year but most of all, they loved how enthusiastically our students embraced the new experiences. Coming from people who see multiple school groups each week, this is a huge compliment to our school but mostly to our students: we should all be incredibly proud.

Onto next year!







## Transition Music Project with Gledhow Primary School

Students from our Concert Band and Year 7 Choir have been working with Year 6 students from Gledhow Primary School performed together at a concert on 11 July 2023.

It was a fantastic concert and was lovely for the Year 6 and Year 7 students to collaborate. We were extremely impressed by the musical talents of the students from Gledhow!



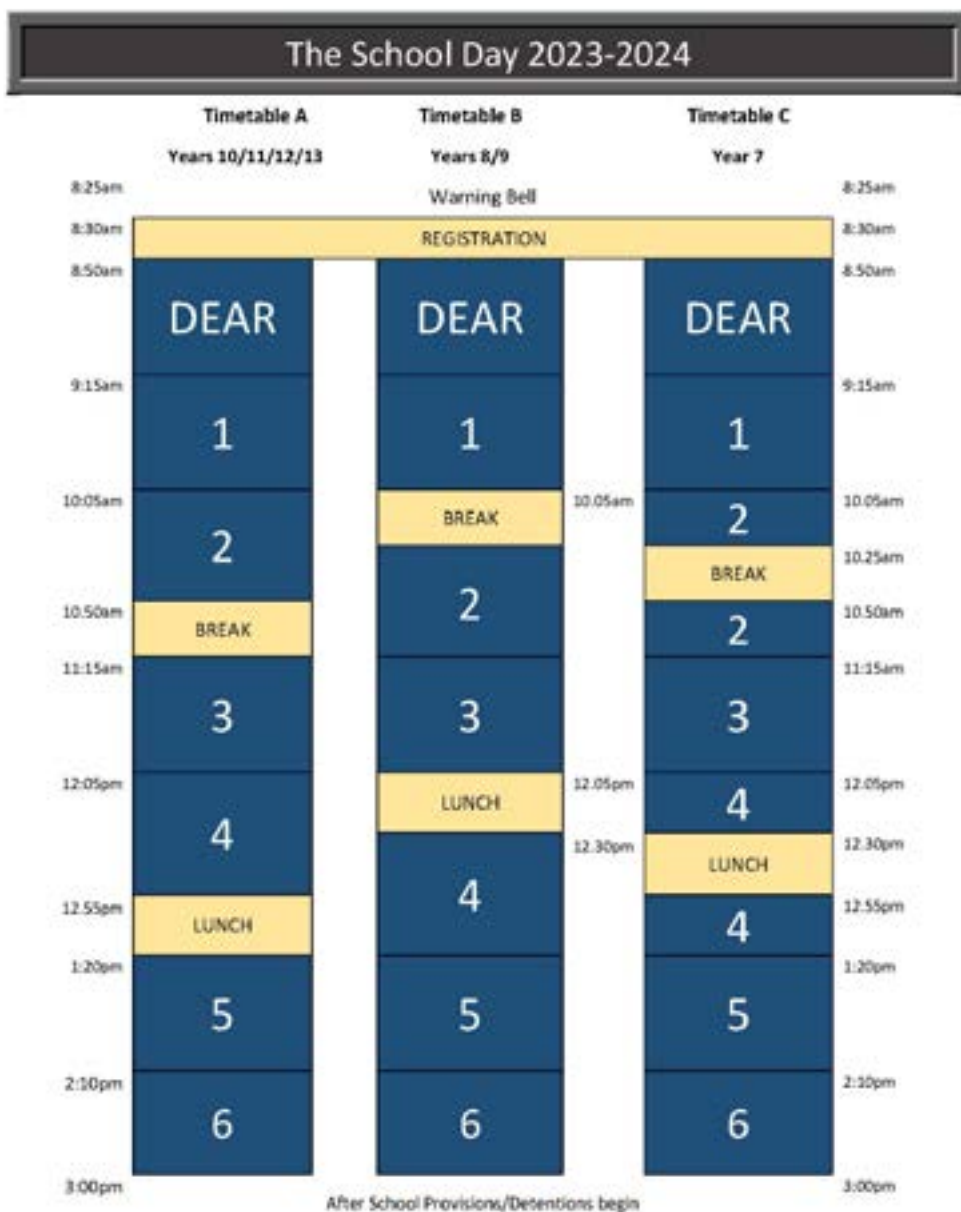
**Thank you to Ms Shrimpton and the Music Team, Music Ambassadors and all the students who took part.**

**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.**