

Welcome back everyone to a new academic year.

We have been very excited to welcome all students back this week – our new Year 7s have settled in extremely quickly and are finding their way around the building with increasing ease, and all other students have returned with a great sense of vigour and purpose.

We anticipated that the earlier start to the school day may have caught a number of families out but on Wednesday morning (first day back for everyone) out of 1700 students we only had 11 late to school.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for ensuring that students are arriving on time, in full uniform and fully equipped ready to learn.

Academisation consultation meetings:

At Allerton Grange, we are committed to our ethos and values, allowing all of our students to Aspire, Grow and Succeed.

Our staff team works with all students to help them to be the best they can be, regardless of background and ability, through our innovative KLAS curriculum and high expectations of behaviour, attitude, teaching and learning.

We are currently part way through our strategic plan to 2025. Looking to the future, we are in the early stages of exploring our options of how we could work more closely with a multi-academy trust. *Please join us for consultation meetings on Wednesday 13 September and Thursday 14 September, 5.30 – 6.30 pm to find out more.*

Open evening (21 September 6.00 - 8.00 pm):

If you know of any Year 6 families who wish to attend our Open Evening this year please encourage them to **book a place**. We opened the booking form during the summer and have already have 350 people attending the event.

Collecting students at the end of the day:

If you are dropping off or collecting children by car at the beginning and end of the day, please use the turning circle accessible from Lidgett Lane. The Talbot Road entrance is for staff only, and for pedestrians.

On Wednesday afternoon, on Talbot Avenue, there was a minor crash between cars caused simply by the number of vehicles collecting students – this is dangerous for our students, as well as inconsiderate to the local residents. Thank you.

Student toilets:

I informed everyone at the end of last year that to ensure safe supervision of student toilets, we would be restricting the number of students toilets available. Allerton Grange has 68 student toilet cubicles spread over six toilet blocks. Staffing restrictions mean that, previously, we have been unable to supervise all toilet blocks adequately during student social times. This has on occasion led to vandalism and bullying.

We have taken the decision to reduce the number of toilet facilities but ensure the ones available are suitably supervised. Therefore, we have been able to keep 34 toilet cubicles available and supervised throughout the day (including break and lunchtimes). Each of these toilet facilities are clean, safe and fully functioning. Considering that at any one time only 600 students are on break or lunch, this is within any statutory provision. Before doing so, we completed a full risk assessment, and this is available for viewing on the school website (Policies page and comes after the Health and Safety Policy).

REMINDER:

Full school uniform is required from Monday 11 September 2023. Year 7, 10, 11 & 12 students will be having individual school photos taken on Monday 11 September.

Mike Roper Headteacher Updated PPD (Policy for Positive Discipline) available on the school website Please read and check School Uniform requirements

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 11 September - Individual Photos for Years 7, 10, 11 and 12, during school

Wednesday 13 September - Parent Consultation Meeting, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 14 September - Parent Consultation Meeting, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Monday 18 September - Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening, 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 21 September - Open Evening for prospective students and their families, 6.00 - 8.00 pm Online booking form

Friday 22 September - Staff Training Day - School closed to students

Welcome to Year 7

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students to Allerton Grange.

On their first day, they spent time with their Form Teachers and KS3 Team, went on a tour of the building, navigated the canteen, and made new friends.

"A big well done to all Year 7 students for this week! You all look very smart in your uniform, have settled in so well already and are so polite.

You are already finding your way around school so well and are following your new timetables.

The high temperatures this week havent phased you, and you've coped so well! We're impressed with your adaptability and how you've adjusted to starting secondary school.

We're looking forward to seeing you all again next week!"

Ms Hosty, Mrs Wright, Ms Williams, Mr Fidler, Ms Whittingham - KS3 Behaviour & Welfare Team

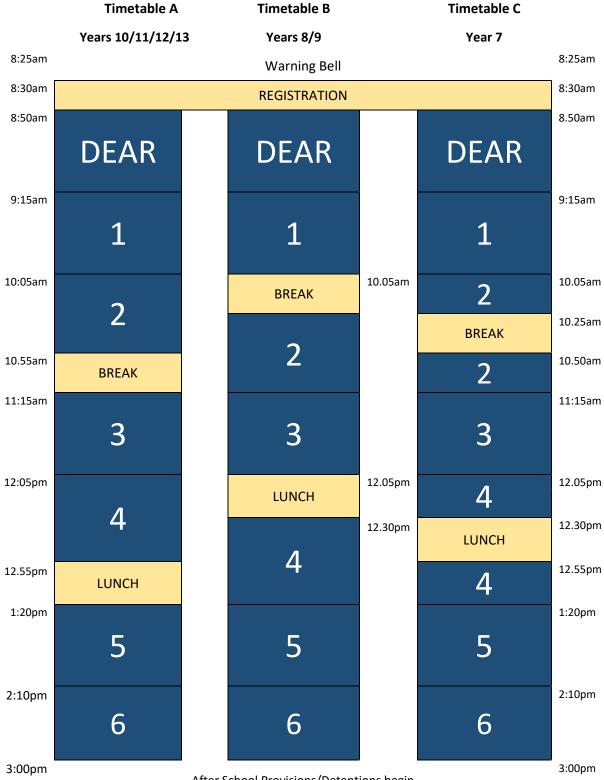








Don't start your day by being late to school! Students need to be in school , in their form room, at 8.25 am ready for the register to be taken at 8.30 am.



After School Provisions/Detentions begin

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.

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(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)
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