



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dropping off your child in the morning:

- All drop offs should take place at the turning circle (accessible from the Lidgett Lane entrance).
- The turning circle vehicle access closes at 8:20 am. After this time students must be dropped off on Talbot Avenue.
- Student access from the turning circle closes at 8:25 am, after this time students must access the school from Talbot Avenue.

Keeping students safe:

A reminder to all our students and families – if students are concerned about their own safety, or that of other children, they can alert our Safeguarding Team **confidentially** by using the safe@allertongrange.com email facility.

This provision is also available to parents if they wish to alert the school of a safeguarding matter confidentially. The email address is checked throughout the day, every day, including weekends and holidays.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts
Positive points: 15,400
Negative points: 1,350
92% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 10 October - Frantic Assembly Theatre Workshop

Wednesday 11 October - Year 11 Trip to Leeds College of Building

Wednesday 11 October - Duke of Edinburgh Award Welcome Evening, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Thursday 12 October - Flu Vaccinations for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 (only if consent has been given)
The online consent form will close on Monday 9 October. If you haven't completed the form, there is still time to do so. <https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> School code: EE108058

Thursday 12 October - Drama Trip to York Theatre Royal

Monday 16 October - Year 12 Carlton Lodge Residential

Wednesday 18 October - Year 11 Careers Trip to Leeds City College Printworks Campus

Thursday 19 October - Year 12 Visit to Selwyn College, University of Cambridge

Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November - Half Term (School is closed)

Monday 6 November - Start of Half Term 2

BBC Contains Strong Language Festival

It was an absolute delight to watch five of our students from Year 9 and Year 10 perform on stage at the BBC Contains Strong Language festival of the spoken word on Saturday 23 September at Leeds Central Library.

They performed their own poems, which they've been working on in partnership with local poet Khadijah Ibrahim, alongside students from two other schools in Leeds.

Parents and family members attended the event, and we all felt very proud of our students, as they took to the stage and shared their work.

This is a great example of one of many opportunities students get at Allerton Grange to have their voices heard and to perform to a real audience - an experience we are passionate about providing for all of our young people.



Congratulations to Haleefah, Henry, Antonina, Zidaan, and Safah for your commitment to the project and for being creative and courageous.

Ms Halaka
Curriculum Leader for English

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 6 October, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher) and Ms Saunders (Deputy Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Abdullah in Year 7 who has been very helpful with new starters.

Dasi in Year 8 has shown grit and determination, despite setbacks, and always puts her best foot forward. Dasi, well done for being so brave and amazing!

Antonina in Year 9 was nominated for representing the school brilliantly on a recent poets trip to BBC Radio Leeds.

Sameul in Year 11 was nominated by Ms Ryding for having such an incredible attitude to English. He's positive, focused, willing to try every task, and his book presentation is exceptional!



National Poetry Day and Poetry Competition - Deadline Friday 13 October 2023

Thursday 5 October saw the English department celebrating National Poetry Day with a range of poetic activities taking place in lessons - from performances to planning and writing, to exploring their core texts through the lens of poetry. Great fun was had by all.

To mark the occasion, we invite students to enter our AGS 2023 Poetry Competition. If you'd like to enter, please hand in your entry (clearly labelled with your full name and form) to the entry box outside the English office by Friday 13 October to be in with a chance of winning. The theme is 'Refuge' - your poem can take any form as long as it's your best work! We'll be on the lookout for striking imagery and interesting word choices, along with a powerful message. Good luck!

Ms Halaka - Curriculum Leader for English

Sports Fixture Results

Netball

On Thursday 28 September, both of our **Year 8 Netball teams** travelled to Carr Manor for their first away game.

On a very slippery court, our B team won 2-0, with Isla scoring both in the final quarter, and the A team won 6-2, with Lucy getting her shooting mojo back.

On Tuesday 3 October, it was our first KS4 Netball matches of the year against Bishop Young. On a very wet and windy evening, the **Year 10 team** won 16-2 with Lucy, Eva and Izzy scoring, and Lucy H being named player of the game.

The **Year 11 team** won 13-1 with superb performances in awful weather, well done girls.

Finally, on Wednesday 4 October, the **Year 9 team** travelled to Bishop Young and won 19-3, with Amber being named opposition player of the game.

Football:

On Thursday 28 September, **Year 8** were unfortunately beaten 2-1 at home to Temple Moor.

On Tuesday 3 October, the **Year 9 team** played Cockburn in the schools FA Cup and won 3-1. They now progress onto the next round.

Year 10 unfortunately lost 2-1 against St Mary's Menston. Kye, Oscar and Max were the outstanding performers on the day.

On Wednesday 4 October, there were two football fixtures, the **girls' Football team** went to Carr Manor and were victorious, Mrs Ainger said "the whole team were superb".

We also played Allerton High this week. Our **B team** were unfortunately beaten 11-5, however the **A team** won 9 - 4. Miss Caisley's player of the match was Harriet for exceptional defending.



The **Year 8 boys' Football team** played Rossett in the FA Cup. Leo, Archie and Sam scored 1 goal each and Elijah got a hat trick, and Will netted 2 for AGS, with the final score being 8-0! They now progress onto the next round!

Thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students to take part in competitive fixtures.

Duke Of Edinburgh Award - Information Evening

11 October 2023, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

We are incredibly excited to have over 130 Year 9 students signed up to start their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh journey this year.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award letters have been sent to Year 12 students this week and the Silver Award will launch on Friday 6 October.

We are looking forward to meeting parents who come to the Duke of Edinburgh Welcome Evening next Wednesday 11 October at 5.00pm. Parents of students undertaking the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards are welcome. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the award, understand what you can do to support your child and a chance to meet the expedition leaders.

If you require any further information, please email: dofe@allertongrange.com.

Mr Morgan

Aspirational Enrichment Co-ordinator

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 9 November 2023
6.00 - 8.00 pm

[Online Bookings - Now Open](#)

Year 11 students are invited to join us to find out about the options for studying at Allerton Grange Sixth Form.

For more information please visit our Sixth Form website or email:
sixthform@allertongrange.com



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4 October (3.15-4.20, Main Hall)
Screening of BBC documentary 'Black and British': Ep1 First Encounters

 Historian and broadcaster David Olusoga tells the rich and revealing story of the long relationship between the British Isles and the people of Africa and the Caribbean. This episode explores these roots, from African Romans who guarded Hadrian's Wall in the 3rd century AD to the Black trumpeter of the Tudor courts. [Links to Key Stage 3 Curriculum.](#)

Thursday 12 October (3.15-4.20, L018)
Screening of 'Black Tudors: Three Untold Stories', lecture by Dr Miranda Kaufman

 Dr Kaufman tells the intriguing tales of three Africans living in Tudor England – Jacques Francis, a diver employed by Henry VIII; Mary Fillis, a Moroccan woman baptized in Elizabethan London; and Edward Swarthye, a porter living in a Gloucestershire manor house. Their stories illuminate key issues: how did they come to England? What were their lives like? Most importantly, were they free? [Links to GCSE History: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588.](#)

Thursday 19 October: (3.15-4.20, L018)
Screening of 'Women of the Harlem Renaissance', lecture by Prof Kate Dossett

 In the cultural movement known as the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s, African Americans created new platforms to promote their work and learned to navigate white gatekeepers who controlled America's publishing and cultural industries. At the forefront of this movement, women were among its most radical thinkers: as playwrights, poets, novelists and artists. [Links to A Level History: USA Boom and Bust, 1920-1955.](#)

Thursday 26 October: (3.15-4.20, L018)
Screening of 'Race and Post-War Migration Policy', lecture by David Olusoga MBE

 Britain's immigration policy was re-invented after 1945 to maintain historic ties to the Old Commonwealth, and shore-up Britain's position as a 'world power'. This lecture explores the significance of post-WWII emigration, the Windrush and the passing of the British Nationality Act in 1948. [Links to A Level History: Britain Transformed, 1918-1995.](#)

All AGS students are welcome to attend the events, regardless of whether they study History at GCSE or A Level. Please collect a permission slip from a History teacher.

THE CLASSICS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

AN AUDIENCE WITH

JENNIFER SAINT

23 NOVEMBER 6PM

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT AT ALLERTON GRANGE SCHOOL

SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF





Careers Update

Year 10 have all been set a Work Experience Challenge, to complete three virtual work experiences using the [‘Start’ website \(linked here\)](#).

All students are encouraged to look for virtual work experience/insight opportunities. These can be found on websites such as Springpod and Speakers for Schools. Students will need to register for a free account and, although these sites are recommended and verified by school, I recommend that they use their school email and other school details to protect their digital footprint.

EXCITING NEWS! Channel 4 have opened applications for their Virtual Work Experience Programme.

The application deadline is 13 October. More information can be found [here](#) and registration can be completed [here](#).

Apprenticeships

The ASK padlet has information about apprenticeships local to the area.

Please find the link to their [information and live vacancies here](#).

For degree apprenticeships, UCAS and Unifrog are a great source of information and they have lots of opportunities to apply for.

Aspiring doctors in Years 10-12 please have a look at the opportunities offered by Medic Mentor. [Find out more](#) and [Virtual Work Experience](#)

Start Up Sherpas and HMRC are offering an online event on Tuesday 10 Oct 2023 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

The aim of the event is to provide information about the world of cybersecurity, discover how our digital world is protected from cyber threats and explore careers in IT and computer science

The session is aimed at 13 to 19-year-olds.

Highlights of the event:

- Introduction to HMRC and what security means to them
- Showcase of some cyber security roles at HMRC from the people themselves
- Introduction to what Startup Sherpas are doing in the cyber space and how students can get involved

Full details, including how to register, can be found via [this link](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 1 – September - December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years – M003
Girls Basketball All years - Courts	Badminton All Years	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years – L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall
Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Girls Rugby All Years	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK B) KS4 and KS5 – I001
	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Boys Basketball All Years	Netball Year 9	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	Girls Football Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Netball Year 8	Netball Year 7	
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Girls Football Year 7	
	Boys Football Year 7	Boys Rugby KS3	Boys Football Year 8	
	Netball Year 10 and Year 11	Boys Football Year 9	Coding Club (WEEK A) KS3 - I002	
		Maths GCSE Drop-in KS4 – L035	Boys Football Year 10 and 11	
		Geography A-Level Drop-in KS5 – L022	EPQ Club KS5 – I001	
		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	



PHYSICAL EDUCATION		AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS	
WEEK A	SPORTS CLUB	WEEK B	SPORTS CLUB
MONDAY	GIRLS BASKETBALL (JGA)	MONDAY	GIRLS BASKETBALL (JGA)
TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCA & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGA) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)	TUESDAY	VR 10 & 11 NETBALL (BCA & JSM) VR 8, 9, 10 & 11 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGA) VR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) BADMINTON (SNO)
WEDNESDAY	VR 8 NETBALL (BCA) GIRLS RUGBY (GGA & Leeds Rhinos) BOYS BASKETBALL (DTG) KS3 BOYS RUGBY (JGA) VR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL (SNO)	WEDNESDAY	VR 8 NETBALL (BCA) GIRLS RUGBY (Leeds Rhinos) BOYS BASKETBALL (DTG) KS3 BOYS RUGBY (JGA) VR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL (SNO)
THURSDAY	VR 9 NETBALL (BCA) VR 7 NETBALL (JSM) VR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGA) VR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) VR 10 & 11 BOYS FOOTBALL (JGA)	THURSDAY	VR 9 NETBALL (BCA) VR 7 NETBALL (JSM) VR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL (KGA) VR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL (DTG) VR 10 & 11 BOYS FOOTBALL (JGA)
If you DO NOT have PE on the above days you can still come to school in your PE kit!		STARTING TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER	

Please check with your child if they are staying for an after school club so you know what time they will be leaving school.
Thank you for your support.

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.

Timetable A		Timetable B	Timetable C
Years 10/11/12/13		Years 8/9	Year 7
8:25am		Warning Bell	8:25am
8:30am	REGISTRATION		
8:50am	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR
9:15am	1	1	1
10:05am	2	BREAK	2
10:55am	BREAK	2	BREAK
11:15am	3	3	3
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	4
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	LUNCH
1:20pm	5	5	5
2:10pm	6	6	6
3:00pm	After School Provisions/Detentions begin		
			3:00pm

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)