



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Statement from Chair of Governors (Mrs Barbara Trayer)

Academy update:

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended one of the presentations in September at which both Mike Roper and myself explained the rationale behind this objective on the School Development Plan.

We made a commitment to keep you updated and as reiterated on several occasions, we are taking our time to research the opportunities and options that are available to us.

Having, reflected upon the points raised at both meetings, we are 100% committed to not only being transparent and honest, but to be thorough in any future actions. To this end, the governors will be holding an EGM (Extra-Ordinary Governors' Meeting) before the end of this half term to discuss our options/position and reassess our next steps.

We will ensure that you are kept updated.

Dropping off your child in the morning:

- All drop offs should take place at the turning circle (accessible from Lidgett Lane entrance).
- **The turning circle vehicle access closes at 08:20.** After this time students must be dropped off on Talbot Avenue.
- **Student access from the turning circle closes at 08:25,** after this time students must access the school from Talbot Avenue.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive points: 14,200

Negative points: 1,400

91% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 23 to Thursday 26 October - Netball Tour to Paris

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

Monday 6 November - Start of Half Term 2

Tuesday 7 November - Year 11 and Year 13 Group photos

Thursday 9 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm - Book your place to attend

Friday 10 November - Year 11 Careers Interviews

Monday 13 November - Odd Socks Day in support of Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 15 November - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15 November - Music Careers Talk

Thursday 16 November - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm - Tickets available from ParentPay

Sports Fixture Results

Netball:

On 16 October, Allerton Grange organised and hosted the first ever **Leeds Schools Mixed Netball Tournament** with 3 schools participating including AGS, Fulneck and the Farnley Academy. Miss Caisley is keen that the sport is opened up to new audiences, including men and boys, and it was fantastic to see such a positive, collaborative approach to sport. AGS were very competitive with Jasper being the player of the team and we were 2nd over all, only losing to Fulneck in the final. Well done to all the pupils who took part.



Football:

On Thursday, we had our first ever **Sixth Form Football** fixture where we drew 1-1 with Roundhay.

The spectacle drew a capacity crowd, who were treated to an enthralling end to end game, which was also well supplemented by a fantastic atmosphere created by both home and travelling fans.



Football:

Our **Year 7 boys' football team** continued their flying start to the year as they beat Allerton High 3-2 with Jacob, Louis and Jay scoring.

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

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 20 October, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Courtney in Year 7 is always polite, respectful and super conscientious with homework.

Isla in Year 8 has written a script, which is absolutely incredible. Her storytelling ability and the detail she puts in for her age is phenomenal. We're going to bring the script to life after half term in Drama Club, so she will get to see her piece come to life, and also a chance to direct it if she would like to.

Sam in Year 9 is constantly focused during lessons and the Year Team has received such amazing feedback over the past term. His Drama teacher said: "Sam is working brilliantly in Drama, using excellent practical skills and thinking carefully about his character."

David in Year 10 was nominated for meeting all his targets, resulting in a successful managed move to have a permanent place at AGS. Well done!

Ernest in Year 11 joined Allerton Grange in June this year and is a model student. It's an absolute privilege to have him in Year 11!



Rugby:

Last week, our **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** beat Crawshaw 58-6! The boys continued their momentum from winning the Cup last year. A dominant performance saw Billy, Stan, James and Dan all excel.

Our **Year 8 boys' Rugby team** showed a lot of heart and resilience as they were defeated 32-12 by a strong and experienced Brighshaw side. The game threatened to be extremely one sided after a quick Brighshaw start, but AGS showed fantastic character to not give in and make the game much more competitive than it might have been.

Year 12 Residential Adventure

A group of Year 12 students, along with Ms Braim and Mr Morgan, took part in the annual residential at Carlton Lodge this week.

They stepped out of their comfort zones and took part in lots of activities including archery, indoor climbing, raft building, canoeing, raft building, high ropes, zip wire, and bushcraft.



Leeds Rhinos Coaches

Year 7 PE lessons have had visits from Ellis and Josh, two Leeds Rhinos coaches. They have been giving some expert coaching to all students (both our male and female students) in Year 7.

The students have absolutely loved it and the coaches have been excellent in motivating the students, passing on great advice and encouraging some students to think about continuing playing rugby outside of class as well.

Ellis has also been attending our after school girls' rugby club, providing more coaching and promoting girls rugby in school.





Odd Socks Day - Monday 13 November 2023

Mr Wall and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors would like everyone to put Monday 13 November into their diaries to remember to wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying Week.

Celebrate what makes us all unique by wearing odd socks to school!

Lost Property Reminder

It is your child's responsibility to look after the items they bring into school.

Please ensure all items of clothing and bags have the student's name in.

If they have misplaced something, students need to check the classrooms they have been in, the dining hall, PE (if the item is PE related) and with the Year Team.

Lost property is in reception for students to check as well.

The Lost property bin will be emptied at the end of this half term and unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



There are coats, blazers, jumpers, PE tops and other items without names. Please ask your child to have a look for any missing items before the end of Friday 27 October.

Thank you

Sixth Form Open Evening



**9 November 2023
6-8pm**

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



**B:IM
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, 1918-1998.](#)

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.



[Book online to attend An Audience with Jennifer Saint](#)

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)
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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)