



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

A polite reminder that the gates at the back of the school (Lidgett Lane/Turning Circle Entrance) close to all vehicles at 8.20 am and the footpath gate closes to students at 8.25 am. This is to ensure that students are on time to morning registration and that the site is secured for safeguarding reasons.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

End of Term Arrangements

Please see below the End of Term Arrangements for week commencing 18 December 2023:

Reward Assemblies will take place that week:

Monday 18 December - Year 7

Tuesday 19 December - Year 8

Wednesday 20 December - Year 9

Thursday 21 December - Year 10

Friday 22 December - Year 11

Last Day of Term - Friday 22 December 2023

- **All students** will go to form (or assembly for Year 11) and attend normal lessons.
- **Year 7** break as normal at 10.30 am
- **Year 8 & 9** break as normal at 10.05 am
- **Key Stage 4** break as normal at 10.55 am
- **All students** back in Session 3 at 11.15 am

At 11.45 am, Years 7, 8 and 9 (KS3 students) will be dismissed from their Session 3 lesson and safely leave the building.

At 12.05 pm, the end of Session 3, **ALL other year groups (Year 10.11.12 & 13)** will be dismissed and will safely exit the building.

We are sharing this information now to help you to plan for the early closure to students on the last day of term.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive points: 15,000

Negative points: 1,310

91% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 23 November - Jennifer Saint Classics Talks: Years 7, 8, 9, 10

- Jennifer Saint Community Classics Lecture, 6 - 7 pm [Book free tickets](#)

Wednesday 29 November - Year 12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 30 November - Year 11 Drama Exam

Thursday 7 December - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14 December - World of Music Concert

Tuesday 19 December - Year 7 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 20 - Thursday 21 December - Drama Trip to London

Friday 22 December - Last Day of Term



Sports Fixture Results

Netball:

The **Year 10 & 11 Netball teams** played Allerton High on Tuesday.

The **Year 10 team** managed to claw back a 6-4 deficit in the final quarter to draw 7-7.

The **Year 11 team** played really well with some excellent stamina from Lucy, Charlotte and Mary in particular, but unfortunately they lost 3-1.

On Thursday 16 November, the **Year 8 teams** played Carr Manor at Home.

Our **A team** were victorious winning 14-1 with Jasleen scoring 5, Daisy, 5 and Lucy 3 of the goals.

The **B team** had a much more tense and competitive game, with seconds to go and the score being 4-4, Avani showed great concentration and emotional control to score the winning goal for AGS to win 5-4. Olivia was named player of the game with her exceptional defending. Well done all.

International Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to Matilda in Year 10, who competed for Yorkshire at her first international Women's Artistic Gymnastics competition in Portugal at the weekend.



There were 180 gymnasts from 9 countries. Matilda performed well in a tough category, coming 7th. An amazing result!

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 17 November, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Ava in Year 7 was nominated for having an exceptional start to Year 7, and winning Star of the Form, and 100% attendance, in the first Rewards Assembly of the year. She's also an outstanding artist.

Lucy in Year 8 has had a faultless start to the year and is an excellent example to others.

Sasha in Year 9 arrived at AGS at the start of the year. She already has 132 achievement points, fabulous feedback from her teachers, and is making strong progress. Well done Sasha!

Amrit in Year 10 is such a fantastic role model to others. She is kind, caring and hardworking. Well done Amrit!

Mollie in Year 12 was nominated for a research project she has completed for Aim High.



Congratulations to the following Music students:

Izzy and Edie have passed their grade 2 vocal exam. Well done to you both!

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

Sixth Form Debating Society take on the English Speaking Union Schools' Mace Debating Competition

On Friday 10 November, the AGS Sixth Form Debating Society took part in round one of the national English Speaking Union Schools' Mace debating competition. The team consisted of Maya (first speaker), Harry (second speaker), and Sasha (summary speaker), with an amazing support team of Hester, Sophie, Shayaan, Molly and Sienna. The debate motion was: **This House Believes that environmental campaigning should focus on changing government policy rather than individual behaviours** and our team were the proposition.

Our students were all phenomenal! A last-minute change to the schedule meant that, rather than a local team, we were competing against St Paul's Girls School from London - a private school famed for its debating prowess. Despite the initial intimidation, all three of our speakers rose to the challenge and delivered passionate, convincing, and - to quote one of the judges - 'rousing' speeches.

After our debate, we listened to a second debate between Beckfoot School and Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School - the motion was: **This House Would broadcast court cases in the British justice system** and we heard an interesting and thought-provoking debate from both sides.

We are delighted to inform you that AGS are through to the next round, which will take place in January.

A special thank you to the IT team for setting us up with the necessary technology, and the site team for keeping the building open for us so late on a Friday evening. Without our wonderful behind-the-scenes staff, we could not take part in such exciting events.

Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English



[An Audience with Jennifer Saint](#)

On Thursday 23 November, AGS students will be attending a Classics lecture with author, Jennifer Saint, discussing Greek mythology, specifically the role of women in myth.

As well as the students attending the lecture during the day, we are also holding a free community event that evening from 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

This talk will be longer and aimed at an adult audience. Jennifer Saint will share her insights, research, and inspiration behind her work. She will explore the hidden depths of mythological heroines, their triumphs, struggles, and the timeless relevance of their stories.

The evening event is open to all members of the school and wider community.

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

A level Drama and Theatre students present 'The Bloody Chamber'

Ms Spencer-Matthews reports:

This week, our Year 13 A level Drama and Theatre students performed a devised production of *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter.

A hilarious twist on a dark and sultry tale, our students produced a dynamic, sharp and witty performance, and we are so proud of the countless hours of work they have put into this. Incorporating dance, stage combat, song, comedy and more - the range of skills displayed was both inventive and supremely entertaining!

A special mention must also go to our technical creatives Ian and Al who have given our students an outstanding professional theatre environment to thrive in.



Music Careers Talk with Wildbear Music College

On Wednesday, we had Waterbear Music College come in to talk to our students about careers in the music industry. They informed students of the success of the creative arts sector and the various career paths they could go down.

A successful and informative event, delivered by Seppy and Stefan, who are successful Music Therapists and Producers within the industry.

CAREERS IN MUSIC

WATER BEAR



The College of Music



KS4/5 Concert

On Thursday 16 November, our music students, from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, showcased their talents at the KS4/5 Concert.

The audience of family, friends and staff were treated to performances across different musical genres, including *Boys Don't Cry* by the Cure; *Mr PC* by John Coltrane; *Stars*, and *On My Own*, from *Les Miserables*; *Beethoven Piano Sonata No.8 in C minor Op. 13.*; *Little Lies* by Fleetwood Mac; and *I've Been Waiting for You* by Abba.

Huge thanks to the many students and staff who assisted in the staging of the concert, especially the Music Team, the Music Tech Team including Ben, Owen, Eddie and Daniel, and the Music Ambassadors.

One of our parents has sent some lovely feedback about the concert: *"Just wanted to pass on a thank you to you and the music staff for a lovely concert last night. We really appreciate the value placed on music at Allerton Grange and the opportunities you provide for the children."*



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)