



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.

A new era of enrichment opportunities is launched at Allerton Grange:

Two key cornerstones of the KLAS curriculum at Allerton Grange are **Aspirational Enrichment** and **Service & Leadership** – all students are provided with opportunities for clubs and trips outside the classroom which broaden their horizons and trigger new interests and passions, whilst developing new skills.

I am always so proud of our after school enrichment programme and the dedication and commitment displayed by staff to offer over 30 clubs every week. This will remain in place, but despite our best efforts we have only ever attracted 50% of students to regularly attend after school clubs. Our new school day provided us with an opportunity to address this, and therefore, from 8 January 2024, every Session 6 on Friday week B will be devoted to Aspirational Enrichment.

Sixth Form students will be supporting and leading the KS3 enrichment activities, and undertaking the Oxbridge or Healthcare pathway programmes, which are designed to prepare students to make applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and other highly competitive health care courses.

Students in Year 10 and 11 will continue to develop their study skills, look at the world of work, focus on their post-16 plans as well as a variety of life skills.

Students in Key Stage 3 will embark on an exciting enrichment programme, with a different activity each term, linking to the broad themes of Community, Commitment and Creativity

Activities include: Mindfulness, Crochet 101, Mood Boards, Ceramics, Braiding, Contemporary Dance, Essential Economics, Performance Poetry, Orienteering, Life Fitness, Self Defence, Couch to 5k, Introduction to Japanese, Building Gadgets, Eco Club, BSL (British Sign Language), History Beyond the Curriculum, Archaeology, Communication Skills, Software Development, Cultural Studies, Crafting for Mindfulness.

Our after school enrichment programme will remain and, in addition, we have a new PE enrichment programme on offer, including Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Trampolining and Fitness.

Parents/carers – please encourage your child to make the most of the opportunities that Allerton Grange has to offer.

Mike Roper (Headteacher)

ClassCharts

Positive points: 15,000

Negative points: 1,640

90% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

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:

Year 7, 8 & 9 leave at 11.45 am / Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 leave at 12:05 pm



Sports Fixture Results

Basketball:

On Wednesday, our **Year 8/9 boys' Basketball team** travelled to a tournament at Bishop Young Academy.

We beat Bishop Young 22-0 with Omkar scoring 16 points by himself! We also played Roundhay and Carr Manor, and narrowly lost to both teams by only one point.

A brilliant well done to the team putting on three strong performances during their first ever basketball fixture representing AGS. Oli and Tyrese also earned praise for magnificent performances, as well as a special mention to Zayan, who was brave enough to involve himself in his first ever competitive basketball game.



Football:

On Monday 20 November, the **Year 7 B and C Football teams** went to Roundhay for a tournament. They won 4 games out of 5, and Caleb and Lucas stood out as players of the tournament and key goal scorers.

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 24 November, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Thomas in Year 7 was nominated by Miss Barlow: "Thomas is amazing because he gave such a good answer about Greek philosophers. It made my week".

Fraser in Year 8 was nominated for reaching 200 achievement points since September. He has made such an effort to do the right thing and gain this recognition.

Ohenewah in Year 9 comes into school every day and never complains. She is determined and resilient, and one of the politest students - she always stops for a conversation and tries as hard as she can in every subject.

Emily in Year 10 is an outstanding student, and a wonderful role model to others. She works hard in all lessons, she takes part in extracurricular activities, and gets involved in the school community.

Annie in Year 11 has been working with a primary school, coaching younger girls in football.



Leeds Conservatoire Concert Trip

Last Friday, students from Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 went to Leeds Conservatoire to see the Romantic Piano music of Chopin, Brahms and Grieg performed by Yuanfan Yang.



The pieces are studied at A level by students at AGS.

There was discussion time for students in Years 12 & 13 to explore musical analysis with the performer, and also younger students were able to hear what they would be studying if they continued to study music at A level.

Music Tour News:

We are pleased to announce that, following our audition, the Allerton Grange School Choir and Concert Band have successfully been accepted to perform at Disneyland Paris in July, on our Music Tour 2024.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students and a great experience for all members of the Music Tour.

Congratulations to the following Music students:

- **Alfie (Year 8)** - Grade 2 trumpet (pass)
- **Joshua (Year 8)** - Grade 4 saxophone (merit) and Grade 5 Piano (pass)!
- **Freya and Lucy (Year 11)** - Grade 5 clarinet
- **Mary (Year 11)** was successful in her audition for the National Youth Choir of GB this week! She's now a member of this world class choir and will be singing with them at Easter.

SEND Bowling

This week saw the eagerly anticipated Bowling trip for a group of SEND students. It was an inter-school ten pin bowling competition, where our students played against a number of other schools.

We took two teams and the students had a thoroughly exciting time. They even got some strikes, with some impressive final scores!

Mrs Child (SEND CO) said: "A fabulous time was had by all and the students really enjoyed the trip."

Thank to Ms Neilson, Ms Dunne, Ms Brown and Mr Morawiecki-Watkins for accompanying the students.



Classics Guest Lecture

On Thursday 23 November, Allerton Grange hosted a visit from best-selling author Jennifer Saint,

We welcomed parents and carers, students, members of the wider community and Allerton Grange staff for a Classics Guest Lecture.

It was a captivating evening, where Jennifer Saint took the audience on a journey into the fascinating world of Greek mythology, to discover the untold stories of powerful women from ancient Greece. These women have been brought to life in her best-selling books *Ariadne*, *Elektra* and *Atalanta*.

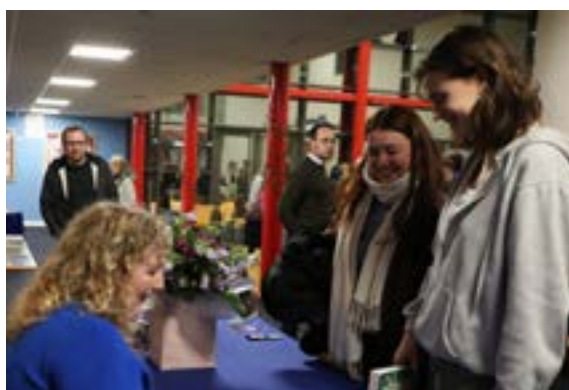
Jennifer Saint shared her insights, research, and inspiration behind her compelling work and explored the hidden depths of mythological heroines, their triumphs, struggles, and the timeless relevance of their stories.

There was an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions to gain a deeper understanding of the remarkable women who shaped Greek mythology.

Following the talk, thanks to our friends from The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton, visitors were able to buy a copy of one of Jennifer Saint's books,

There was also a book signing and chance to meet Jennifer Saint, which was very popular!

Thank you to the Classics Team (Ms Adams and Mr Flint), Mr Morgan, Ms Cooper-Hockey, Ms Guilder, Ms Ryding, Ms Drew, Mr Macrow, Mr Goodfield, the Tech Team (Ben from Year 11, Charlie and Nic), our Sixth Form Classics students and everyone else who supported this engaging and thought-provoking event.





YOUNG INNOVATORS COUNCIL

The voice of young people at Northern Gas Networks

The Young Innovators Council (YIC) gives young people the opportunity to share their perspectives on Northern Gas Networks' (NGN) projects and plans, and NGN ensures that these thoughts and opinions are put at the heart of the business' decision making.

We are looking for 40 young people to join the YIC 2024, attending a minimum of five online meetings between January and September 2024 (outside school hours).

By joining the Young Innovators Council, you will:

- inform and influence the agenda and decisions of a major utility company.
- expand your network and develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication.
- increase your knowledge about UK energy infrastructure.
- co-create ideas with Northern Gas Networks around environmental issues, approaches to sustainability, innovation and net zero programmes, social strategy and supporting customers in vulnerable situations.



ARE YOU...

- 14 - 19 years old?
- an innovative trailblazer?
- naturally curious?
- passionate about our collective future?
- interested in STEM*, society, innovation and future energy solutions?

(*Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

If so, apply [HERE!](#)



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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	



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	BCA
TUESDAY	All Years Badminton KS4 Fitness	Sports Hall Fitness Suite	SNO JGA
WEDNESDAY	Boys Basketball Y7 Fitness Y8/9 Trampoline Year 11 GCSE Revision	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall L44	DTO JGA KAI BCA
THURSDAY	KS3 Table Tennis Year 8/9 Fitness Year 7 Trampoline	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall	SNO JSM BCA & KAI

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 27th November until February half term.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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.

The School Day 2023-2024

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				8:30am
8:50am	DEAR			DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1			1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3			2	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	3	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	4	12:05pm
1:20pm	5			LUNCH	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	5		4	12:55pm
		6		5	1:20pm
3:00pm				6	2:10pm
	After School Provisions/Detentions begin				3:00pm

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.

(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)