



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.

Computer coding whizzes recognised by Oxford University

Allerton Grange students have once again performed brilliantly in this year's Oxford University Bebras Challenge.

In KS3, Seb, Omar, Alfie, Joshua, Charlie, Imogen, Jasper, Ollie, Anaïs, Ming Yan (all Year 8) and Marley (Year 9) were in the top 10% of UK students (out of 209,000). In KS4, Matthew (Year 11) and Reuben (Year 10) were in the top 10% for their age range.

A special mention to Ming Yan and Matthew who were the highest scoring students in their category within the school.

The students who achieved in the top 10% are invited to the Oxford Computing Challenge which is just for UK students. This will take place in January, and again is an online competition.

Exciting plans for our Student Leadership Group (SLG)

This week members of our SLG presented their annual plans to Senior Leaders:

- 1. Student Peer mentoring programme** – Year 13 students will be identified and trained to provide subject specific mentoring for Year 12 students, and a similar programme will be put in place for Year 11 and Year 12 students.
- 2. Food Bank Collection** - We are excited to announce this year's winter food drive. We are asking for those families who are able, to bring in as many cans and packets of pasta and boxes of cereal as possible in order to help Leeds North and West Foodbank. There will be big boxes in Year pods for students to fill with contributions. We understand that not every student will be able to contribute, so we ask that you motivate your peers to help as much as they can. The Year group that brings the most food in will receive a reward. You have until the end of the term to bring in anything you are able. Thanks!
- 3. Culture Day** – This event will return in late Spring and will provide an opportunity for our students and staff to celebrate their cultural heritage. There will be opportunities for members of our school community to showcase music, cultural dress and cuisine throughout the day.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts

Positive points: 15,500

Negative points: 1,450

91% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 5 December - London Drama Trip Parent Info Meeting, 6 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 7 December - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14 December - World of Music Concert

**Tuesday 19 December - Year 7 Parent's Evening
CANCELLED - WILL BE RESCHEDULED IN THE NEW YEAR**

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

Rugby:

Our **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** played in the semi-final match of Leeds Schools' Challenge Cup at Leeds Rhinos' Headingley Stadium against Sherburn High School.

As defending champions, the pressure was on for the Allerton Grange team, and they rose to the challenge, beating Sherburn 24-12 to secure their place in the Grand Final for the second consecutive year.



Football:

On Tuesday, the **Sixth Form Football team** played a fixture against Garforth.

The score finished 1 - 1 with Sam scoring an absolute Worldie of a goal from about 35 yards. The students were a credit to the school and represented the Allerton Grange in a great manner. The match was evenly balanced between the two teams with Isaac making some excellent saves in goal and James (drafted in at the last minute) putting in an excellent display at centre back.



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 1 December, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Mike in Year 7 for his beautiful performance in assembly. It made me feel emotional!!!

Ming Yan in Year 8 has achieved in the top 10% of UK students (out of 209,000) for the Oxford University Bebras International Challenge, and was also one of the highest scoring students in their category within the school.

Esha in Year 9 is an absolute star, and one of the most polite and conscientious students in Year 9. Already on 216 achievement points, she attends regular extra curricular activities after school, smashing every subject she does and her attendance is outstanding. Well done, Esha

Josh in Year 10 is one of our anti-bullying ambassadors and was nominated by Mr Gracey. This week a Year 9 student has approached him seeking help with a safeguarding issue, Josh has handled this troubling situation with a great degree of maturity and sensitivity, and really helped the student out. Well done and thank you!

Rafiza in Year 11 was nominated by Ms Crampton for working really hard and producing wonderful work for her Art Mock exam. She is also a kind and very respectful student, such a pleasure to teach!

Usman in Year 13 has come back into Year 13 with a real 'can do' attitude and his work ethic is amazing. He does extra work whenever he can and in lessons is always fully engaged.



Attendance Matters

At Allerton Grange, our target is for all students to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. The minimum expectation is for all students to have 97% attendance over the academic year. We appreciate the efforts of parents, carers and families to ensure that students are attending school every day, and on time.

All parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child/ren receive a suitable education for their age and aptitude. Research has shown that excellent attendance is key for ensuring positive outcomes for children and young people, and is vital to students being able to learn effectively and take an active part in school life.

As we approach the end of term, please keep in mind that every day at school is important. All students are expected to be in school until their finish time on Friday 22 December 2023.

Below is a reminder of what to do if your child is ill, is going to be late or has an appointment during the school day:

Illness

If your child is ill, you can check the NHS website to help you decide if they are too ill to attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
If your child is absent, a parent/carer must contact school using ClassCharts before 8.30 am on each day of absence.

Lateness

If your child is going to be late to school, they need to have a note from their parent or carer explaining the reason why they are late. On arrival, the student must sign in at the Attendance Office and then go straight to their lesson. Persistent lateness will result in detention and/or isolation.

Appointments during the school day

Where possible, please make appointments for your child outside of school hours. If your child has an appointment during school time, this should be recorded on ClassCharts and they must take a note from their parent or carer to their Year Office to receive a green slip. At the time they need to leave school, the student must hand the slip into Main Reception, where they will receive a Police signing out slip. **Students should never leave school without permission.**

If you would like to talk to us about your child's attendance, or if you need support, please get in touch.

Choir Trip Tuesday Pudsey

On Tuesday 28 November, Ms Shrimpton took the Allerton Grange Choir to perform at Winter Voices 2023 at Pudsey Civic Hall to an audience of 500 people.

They were also joined by other schools including the Guisely School Choir and the Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra (LYJRO). It was a fabulous experience!



EPQ students visit University of Leeds

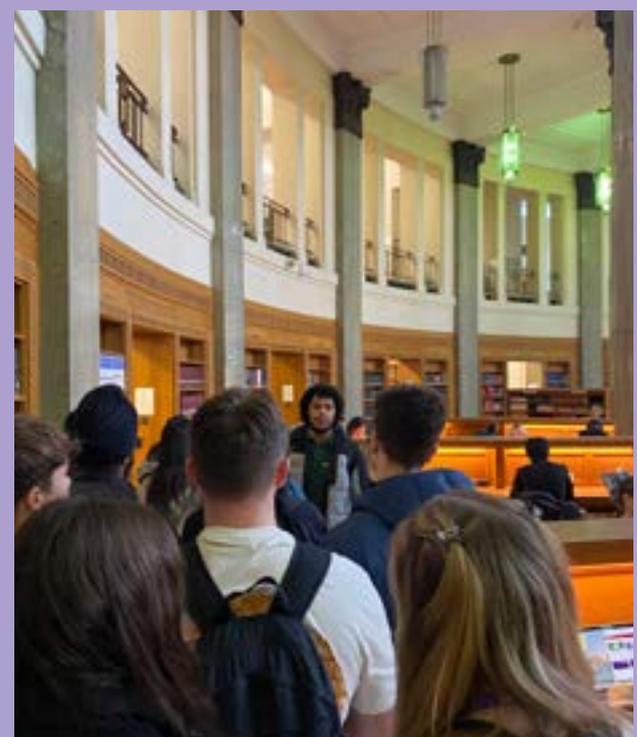
On Tuesday, Ms Ryding, Ms Fryer and Ms Gillibrand took 38 of our current EPQ cohort to the University of Leeds for an academic skills day.

The students participated in two workshops: Critical Thinking and Using Resources to develop their skills for both the EPQ and their core A-Levels. They were also given a tour of the campus where they had the opportunity to see two of the university libraries, go into the on-campus art gallery and get a taste of university life with Student Education Engagement Ambassadors working with us and answering questions all day.

Our students were able to demonstrate the skills they've been learning with Ms Ryding in the 'taught skills' sessions each week in school. The University of Leeds staff were very complimentary about this, feeding back that they were one of the best behaved and most engaged groups they've had.

Our students will do more work with the wonderful people at the University of Leeds later this year when they come into school to conduct an Academic Writing and Referencing workshop with the same students.

Some of the topics our students are exploring this year include: a history of dentistry; the role of the law in protecting peoples' mental health; the stigma associated with people suffering from addiction; an exploration of women in STEM and the impact being a child elite athlete has on the individual.



Medical Conference in Harrogate

On Wednesday this week, nine students who have applied to dentistry and medicine courses, were at a medical conference at Harrogate Grammar School.

The students worked solidly for 3 hours, honing their interview technique, carrying out patient role plays, testing their manual dexterity and debating ethical issues within the NHS.



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 Years 10/11/12/13		Timetable B Years 8/9	Timetable C 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	10:05am	
10:55am	BREAK	2		10:30am	
11:15am	3	3		10:50am	
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	11:15am	
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	12:05pm	
1:20pm	5	5		12:30pm	
2:10pm	6	6		12:55pm	
3:00pm				1:20pm	
		After School Provisions/Detentions begin		2:10pm	
				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)