



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Celebrating our KLAS curriculum:

The KLAS curriculum is unique to Allerton Grange and represents a student's day to day experience at our school.

K refers to our knowledge rich curriculum where our students are taught the most important powerful knowledge for each of the subjects they study.

L refers to literacy. Our curriculum is word rich. Students are taught a variety of new words and read widely.

A refers to our aspirational enrichment programme. Students have opportunities to take part in many experiences outside the classroom, through clubs, trips, assemblies, visiting speakers and PSHE.

S refers to service and leadership which is a key part of our personal development programme. Students develop these skills through the work they do in community projects and careers.



At Allerton Grange, we believe that our KLAS curriculum provides students with the knowledge, the vocabulary, the experiences, and the character, to secure places at world renowned universities and on elite training programmes, enabling them to make aspirational career choices. We regularly receive visits from other schools wanting to see our KLAS curriculum in operation.

This week – a focus on knowledge:

At Allerton Grange, our curriculum is ambitious and challenging. Our curriculum is highly academic and is based upon the EBacc suite of subjects – this means that all students (for the full 5 years Year 7 to Year 11) will study Maths, English, Science, History or Geography and a Modern Foreign Language. In addition throughout Key Stage 3 (Year 7 to Year 9) all students study PE, Art, Music, Drama, Technology, Computing, Classics and PSHE. The curriculum at Allerton Grange is broad and balanced. We believe that this challenging academic curriculum provides students with the key powerful knowledge that maximises opportunities for them in later life. We are particularly proud that:

- We are the only state school throughout Yorkshire to offer Classics at GCSE, A Level and across Key Stage 3.
- All students are taught the sciences separately (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) by qualified specialist teachers. Over 50% of students take 3 sciences at GCSE – this is double the national average.
- At GCSE, 86% of students complete the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) examinations. This is more than double the national average.

We aim for all students to become experts in their subject by the end of Y11 and therefore all students are taught and regularly assessed on the powerful knowledge associated with that subject. This knowledge is regularly returned to in class to ensure that it "sticks" in a student's memory and so they can recall it at ease when being assessed.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 31 January - Woman in Black Trip to York Grand Opera House

Wednesday 31 January - Sixth Form visit to Leeds Dental School

Thursday 1 February - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings, 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 February - Our House: The Madness Musical, 7 - 9.30 pm - Tickets available on ParentPay

Friday 9 February - Year 9 Options Deadline

ClassCharts

Positive points: 15,730

Negative points: 1,500

91% positive points ratio

Training Days 2023-24

The remaining Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

**Friday 5 July,
Monday 22 July and
Tuesday 23 July**

BATTLE OF THE BANDS - WINNERS!

On 18 January, Sixth Form students Eddie, Niamh, Krisha and Luke, and Lilia in Year 10, AKA 'Yacht Club' were crowned winners of the Red Kite Alliance Battle of the Bands 2024 at the Wardrobe.

They competed against 11 other schools within the Red Kite Alliance and won the professional judges votes for their exceptional performance of Locked Out of Heaven.

The announcement was given by Richard Sheriff, the CEO of The Red Kite Alliance, and they were presented the award by Simon Rix (bassist from Kaiser Chiefs/Holy Moly Management), Sally Bryant (an A&R Representative/Artist Manager, Dance to the Radio/Futuresound) and Sam Nicholls (aka whiskas, Director of Music Local and Music:Leeds).

You can watch the moment the Yacht Club were announced as winners and their final performance of the evening:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue5xfBTING0>



"The whole night was an amazing experience. It really taught us an awful lot about what it's like to perform at such an impressive venue like the Wardrobe.

We learnt so much about performing and thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening.

A huge thank you has to go to the whole music department, Miss Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Al and Miss Casey, for both organising the experience but also being the most amazing mentors and always giving us the confidence to strive for better.

Another massive thank you has to go to Lilia for stepping in and performing with us at the last minute. Learning the song in two days before going out and performing with a band for the first time is incredibly impressive and we owe her a lot.

The win made the night that much better and to be able to celebrate with everyone who came to watch made the accomplishment feel even more special"

**Luke, Eddie, Krisha and Niamh
Yacht Club**

Congratulations from the Music Team:

"I have been lucky enough to follow the band's musical journey as individuals and a group throughout the past 7 years. They all have exceptional talent and when they perform as one, outstanding musicianship. When Yacht Club were announced as the winners of the Judges vote, we were jumping with delight. So proud of every single one of them. Well deserved!"

Mrs Casey

"It has been a pleasure to watch you work together over the last couple of years, observing you all collaborate to accomplish this achievement. I cannot think of a group of young musicians who deserve the win more than you do and it truly has paid off. You deserve every success that comes your way."

Miss Shrimpton

"It's an ongoing privilege to watch such talented young musicians develop such a mature and strong sound between them. I was elated to see them win and they couldn't have deserved it more. Massively pleased for them!"

Mr Duff

"They won not just because of their exceptional talents. The close friendships they have formed from working together over the years gives the band a special on-stage chemistry, such is the power of music."

Al Matthews

Sports Fixture Results

Basketball:

The **Year 7 Basketball team** competed in their first tournament last week. They drew 1 and lost 2 matches, but had a great time!

Football:

The **Year 9 girls' Football team** beat Dixon's Trinity Chapeltown 9-0.

Badminton:

The **KS3 girls' Badminton team** took part in a tournament at GSAL. They won their match against Prince Henry's but lost to Brigshaw.

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 26 January, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Ethan in Year 7 is always respectful and polite towards staff and peers - a lovely young man.

Ellie in Year 8 was nominated by Miss Ainger for competing in the Cross Country Yorkshire championships. She came in 8th place, making it through to Yorkshire selection, with the Northern Championships soon. This is an amazing achievement, congratulations Ellie!

Riah in Year 9 was nominated for helping a new student with a tour of the school and making them feel comfortable. Riah is doing exceptionally well in lessons, especially Science, and has even volunteered to work with students in the Hub. Well done Riah!

Lilia in Year 10 stepped in for Niamh at the last minute for Battle of the Bands, as Niamh had not been well. Lilia learnt the song in a day, practiced with the band (that she has never worked with before and are 2-3 years older) three days in a row, and did a mega performance at The Wardrobe, which helped with the winning decision.



LEEDS LOCAL OFFER
LIVE Thursday 21 March 2024
10am-2pm (drop in)
Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

The Leeds Local Offer website provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers in a single place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to find out more about support services available to them in Leeds.

There will also be workshop sessions at the event.

To book your free ticket scan the QR code with your phone camera or visit <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/LLOLive2024/>

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Sixth Form Debating Society take part in the English Speaking Union Schools' Mace Debating Competition again- and win! by Sophie (Year 12)

On Monday 22 January, the AGS Sixth Form Debating Society travelled to Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School to take part in the second round of the English Speaking Union Schools' Mace debating competition.



The team consisted of Harry (first speaker), Maya (second speaker) and Hester (summary speaker). Our team were the proposition, arguing for the motion that This House would grant all prisoners the right to vote. This debate took place directly after Hymer's College versus Cardinal Heenan, who argued the motion This House believes that schools should focus on maximising students value to the modern workplace over a broad and balanced education. The final motion of the evening - between St Peter's School, York, and Beckfoot School - was This House believes we should abolish the House of Lords.



All of our speakers were absolutely fantastic! Harry opened with a passionate speech and equally emphatic delivery that set the tone for the whole debate, followed by Maya who wowed with her profound political knowledge and persuasive delivery, and finally Hester, whose summary speech

Our House - The Madness Musical

Tickets for Our House, on **6, 7 & 8 February**, are now available from ParentPay. It promises to be a fantastic show. Last year, we had sold out shows, so don't miss out!

Doors open at 6.30 pm

Performances starts at 7.00 pm

If you have any accessibility needs, please email vikimciver@allertongrange.com.



skillfully (and somewhat prophetically) encapsulated all of the opposition's rebuttals before they'd even been made!

They were each wonderfully articulate, knowledgeable and all commanded a great stage presence. They faced St Aidan's and St John Fisher's Associated Sixth Form, a seasoned debating team who proved to be fierce competition - but our team's debating prowess won out in the end. We are proud to announce that our team not only beat their opponents, St Aidan's, but will be competing in the Regional Finals this spring after being selected along with Beckfoot School and St Peter's, York, out of six schools overall. Well done to all involved!

Careers Update

Apprenticeships at Irwin Mitchell Webinar, 7 February 2024, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Irwin Mitchell is the UK's largest full service law firm and offer legal and non-legal roles including apprenticeships in the following disciplines

- Assistant Accountant
- Business Administration (starting at the age of 16)
- IT (Software Tester and Software Engineer)
- Paralegal
- Solicitor

The Irwin Mitchell Early Careers team is hosting an apprenticeship webinar on the 7th February at 6pm where they will be bringing their apprenticeship proposition to life to encourage applications

To sign up to attend the virtual event please [click on this link](#).

A poster for EY Office Insight Evening. It features a row of five diverse people's faces at the top. The text reads: 'EY', 'Start your career with EY', 'Office Insight Evening', 'Interested in an apprenticeship in Business, Finance or Technology?', 'Come along to your local EY office to learn about our apprenticeship and work experience opportunities for year 11/14, 12/15 and year 13/16.', 'You will have the chance to learn about the application process, and speak with current apprentices as well as more senior team members too.', 'Please see below the list of events:', a table of events, a QR code, and a 'REGISTER' button.

Location	Date
Birmingham	Monday, 29 January 2024
Bristol	Thursday, 9 February 2024
Cambridge	Wednesday, 31 January 2024
Edinburgh	Monday, 29 January 2024
Glasgow	Tuesday, 20 January 2024
Leeds	Wednesday, 7 February 2024
Liverpool	Wednesday, 14 February 2024
London	Monday, 4 March 2024
Manchester	Thursday, 15 February 2024
Newcastle	Friday, 2 February 2024
Reading	Tuesday, 13 February 2024
Southampton	Tuesday, 6 February 2024

All events will be from 4pm - 7.30pm

Connect with us

Medic Mentor - Virtual Work Experience

Participating in this virtual work experience not only opens doors for students to gain insights and opportunities that may otherwise be hard to access but also serves as a crucial step in preparing them for their upcoming physical placements.

Partnering with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, our Virtual Work Experience has been a game-changer for thousands of secondary school students in the past year.

If any students aged 14-18 haven't yet attended a Get Into Conference but are interested in joining the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the upcoming conferences on these dates to gain INSTANT access after attending:

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Saturday 27 January, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Saturday 3 February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Sunday 4 February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Sunday 28 January, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at these links:
Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

Throughout these conferences, students will have the chance to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students LIVE. They'll gain critical information to make a competitive application to study medicine or dentistry at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtH3MGpjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Leeds - Meet Your Army: The Army Engagement Group

Wednesday 28 February 2024 18:30 - 21:00

Elland Road Stadium

[Book your ticket here \(click on link\)](#)

Join us for an exciting evening at Elland Road Stadium on Wed 28 Feb 2024 at 18:30 GMT. Get ready to meet the Army Engagement Group and discover what they're all about!

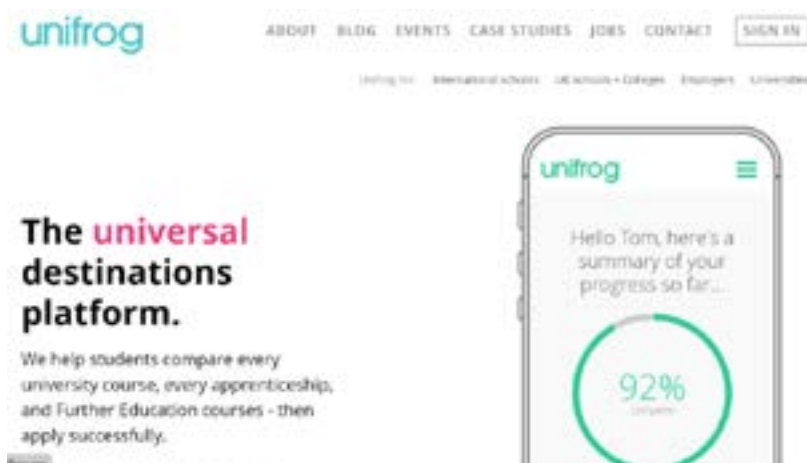
This in-person event offers a unique opportunity to engage with the Army and gain insights into their work. Whether you're curious about the army's role or considering a career, this event is perfect for you.

Learn about the army's various departments, their missions, and the incredible individuals who serve. You'll have the chance to interact with army personnel.

Don't miss this chance to get up close and personal with the army. Mark your calendars for Wed 28 Feb 2024 and join us at Elland Road Stadium

[Book your ticket here](#)

We're a Unifrog School!



Unifrog is the universal destinations platform and is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. All students have their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV. Students have access to a wide variety of video and written content, and interactive quizzes and tests, including:

Section of the platform	Examples of what students can do	Suitable age range
Quizzes	Finding their interests, personality type, preferred work environment, and skillset.	Years 7-13
Exploring pathways	Explore careers, career sectors, subjects, sign up to free webinars, explore MOOCs and courses, and find wider reading materials.	Years 7-13
Recording what you've done	Record their in-class and extracurricular activities, record examples of their skills, and see the record of CEIAG events the school has added to their accounts.	Years 7-13
Searching for opportunities	Find scholarships, activities, and bursaries to support their HE journey. Find and compare degrees in the UK and overseas, live apprenticeships, and FE courses.	Years 10-13
Application materials / Making applications	Write their CV, cover letter, Personal Statement, and more. Track their applications and record their Post 16 / 18 intentions.	Years 11-13

Students sign in to Unifrog using their school email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. A welcome email has been sent to all students.

We have also added a parent sign in code, to enable you to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps. **The sign up code you need is: [AGSparents](#) and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code.**

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 2 – January to April

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	Pit Band Rehearsal M002
Girls Basketball Sports Hall	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years - M002	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years - L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Art Club Art	Spars Maths All Year - Maths Pod	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House - Rehearsals All Years - Hall
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Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Year 8/9 Trampoline Sports Hall	KS3 Table Tennis Sports Hall	Product Design Drop-in T002
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	Our House - Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall	
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Politics Club KS3 - L053	Coding Club (WEEK 4) KS3 - M007	
	Writers' Collective KS3 - L011	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	Physics Olympiad KS4 - L11 (from March)	
	Darts Club Year 8 - L024	Foundation French GCSE Revision L002	Product Design Drop-in T002	
	KS4 Fitness Fitness Suite	Product Design Drop-in T002	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15	
	Physics Drop-in Year 11 - S004	GCSE PE Revision L044	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	
	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop Art	Geography A-Level Drop-in KS3 - L022	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15	
	Geography GCSE Drop-in KS5 - L022	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051	EPQ Club KS5 - M001	
	Product Design Drop-in T002		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051	
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**ALL
YEARS
KS3
KS4
KS5**



[Click here to open a PDF version of the Extra-Curricular timetable](#)



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.

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	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)