



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Recent external reviews on Allerton Grange:

Every year, we commission the Local Authority and the Red Kite Alliance to visit the school and conduct reviews of key strategic priorities. In recent months, we have had reviews into the quality of education provided in Maths and Modern Foreign Languages, plus a review into how we support our trainee teachers and newly qualified teachers.

Here are some of the headlines:

Modern Foreign Languages review – conducted by Local Authority

- Unlike most schools in Leeds ,or indeed in England, Allerton Grange School enters the vast majority of students for a modern foreign language at Key Stage 4. Last academic year, the school entered 86% of students for the full EBACC suite. Languages also have a presence at KS5.
- The commitment demonstrated by the leadership of the school to support a policy of languages for all, including for those students with SEND, is creditable and gives all students the opportunity to receive a fully rounded education, one which values modern languages.
- All lessons observed were secure in terms of delivery, class management, subject knowledge and adherence to the department model for the lesson structures.
- Almost exclusively, the students enjoy their language lessons and look forward to them. They see the value of languages from a personal and career point of view. They engage in lessons and comply with teacher instructions and are keen to participate in the range of activities.

Maths review – conducted by an Ofsted Inspector and Head of Maths from Harrogate Grammar School (Red Kite Alliance)

- Mathematics at Allerton Grange school is well led and well taught. It is having a positive impact on learners.
- The implementation of the curriculum and the delivery in the classrooms is strong. Teachers know what is expected of them and work collaboratively as a team. This was good to see.
- In lessons, strong formative assessment, and responsive teaching is the norm. Teacher questioning is good and enables teachers to make appropriate and timely adaptations to what and how they are teaching.
- Students' attitudes to learning and their behaviours in lessons is excellent. Students engage well with their learning and relationships between students and with staff is very good.
- The quality of work seen in the student exercise books was good. Students present work neatly and it is very encouraging to see the high degree of endeavour and engagement demonstrated by the majority of the students.
- All groups of students were polite, respectful, and engaging. They speak well with adults and took turns to speak in their group situations.

Trainee teachers and newly qualified teacher review – conducted by Red Kite Teaching School Hub (Awarding Body)

- The provision and support for trainee and newly qualified teachers at Allerton Grange is rigorous and methodical.
- Allerton Grange is fairly unique in terms of the level of input provided by Senior Leaders and the funding and TLR attachment to the mentoring role. This ensures that you are committed to providing teachers early in their careers with the necessary support and progression to enable them to establish solid foundations for a long and successful career.
- The provision for ECT's within Allerton Grange is robust and well thought out. Due to this, another Quality Assurance visit from the Appropriate Body will not be required for 3 years, unless requested.

Of course, each review report provides recommendations about how we might improve our provision in the future. These recommendations are incorporated into subject specific and whole school development plans.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 12 to Friday 16 February - Half Term Holiday

School reopens on Monday 19 February

Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 February - Raised in Yorkshire Dental Project with Year 7

Wednesday 21 February - Anti-Knife Crime Assemblies for Years 8, 9 & 10. This is part of a city-wide project.

Wednesday 21 February - Year 11 Health & Social Care Project Presentation evening, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Thursday 22 February - Classics Assemblies for Years 7, 8 & 9 with author Jennifer Saint (rearranged from November)

Thursday 22 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening online, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

ClassCharts

Positive points: 16,400

Negative points: 1,930

89% 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**

Message from the Chair of Governors

In my last communication regarding academisation before Christmas, I referred to the interviews with the CEO's from our shortlisted MAT's – Red Kite, The Collaborative Learning Trust and The Education Alliance (TEAL).

The governors are being extremely thorough in their research of this very significant issue, and therefore, spent two days on 1 and 2 February working with an experienced external consultant to interview each CEO. The interviews were thorough in terms of the questions asked and the broad headings were:

- Strategic autonomy
- Educational standards and school improvement
- Collaboration, partnerships and alliances
- Future growth plans
- Financial planning and human resources
- Parent and Community Engagement

The next stage is for the consultant to produce an independent report summarising the discussions that took place.

On receipt of the report, the governors have arranged for an EGM to take place in the last week of February, after which I will be able to provide a further update.

Please rest assured that we are working in the best interests of the Allerton Grange School community which includes staff, students, parents/carers and the wider community.

Mrs Barbara Trayer
Chair of the Board of Governors

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 9 February, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Lucas and Ewan in Year 7 were nominated for qualifying for the National Cross Country Finals in March.

Thomas in Year 8 is an outstanding student and has gained a significant amount of achievement points since September. The Year Team is really proud of you!

Daniel in Year 9 has been working hard to improve his behaviour. The Year Team is proud of your determination and you've been a superstar on the rugby field.

Mihrel in Year 10 is having a fantastic term, has improved her behaviour and asks for help when needed. We are very proud of you.

Kovan in Year 11 has really improved in both attitude and behaviour, plus he has been very organised with his college application.



Sparx Maths

This year in Maths, Years 7 to 10 are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most.

The top five students are:

- Melissa (9ag3),
- Alex (9ag4),
- Ethan (7ag7),
- Aisha (7ag4)
- Amelia (8ag1)



Well done to these, and every student, for their hard work this half term.

Sports Fixture Results

Football:

Our **Year 10 Football team** played Roundhay and won 1-0. This is the first time this team has beaten Roundhay!

Year 8 travelled to Boston Spa and won 2-1.

Basketball:

The **Year 8 & 9 boys' Basketball team** played the final game of their tri-tournament against Roundhay, Bishop Young and Carr Manor. They beat all three teams and won the series overall.

Netball:

Our **Year 7 Netball team** played Cockburn and won 16-10, with Bea playing GS for the first time, and some excellent play from Betty, Sophie and Grace.

Badminton:

Our **KS3 and KS4 Badminton teams** travelled to GSAL to take part in a tournament. The KS3 teams unfortunately lost to GSAL but our KS4 teams beat Brigshaw and Prince Henry's.

West Yorkshire Trials - Cross Country

Last weekend, Lucas and Ewan in Year 7 went to the West Yorkshire Cross Country Trials.

Lucas came 7th and Ewan 5th, and they have both qualified for the National Cross Country Finals on 3 March in Leicester.

This is an amazing achievement! Well done to you both.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to Harrison in Year 7 who competed at the Yorkshire Swimming Championships over the weekend.

Last month, he also took part in Sprint with the Stars, and swam against Olympians Lucas Matzerath and James Guy.

Important information if you have a Yahoo or AOL email address

It has come to our attention that some, if not all, emails from the 'Yahoo' or 'AOL' domain are not getting through to Allerton Grange recipients, and if they are, replies are not getting through.

We have investigated this, and it appears that the issue is at the Yahoo end.

Unfortunately, there is nothing Allerton Grange can do to remedy this.

If you use the Yahoo network, please get in touch with the School Office to provide an alternative email address.

'Our House' - A student's Point Of View

This year, the musical 'Our House' - a jukebox classic - has been brought to AGS and with reviews such as 'phenomenal' and 'exciting'. It is clear to see that the hours of hard work and effort invested in this production have clearly paid off.

The musical stars a teenager called Joe and preys upon the butterfly effect - *How can one adrenaline induced decision can alter the trajectory of his life?*

Joe grapples with what would happen if he hands himself off to the police, or even worse, escapes and faces the repercussions that it has on winning over his one true love.

With the production's attention to detail from lighting splendour and brilliant acting, it is apparent the lengthy time and effort that was put into pulling off this performance. The synchronised dancing, upbeat music and blazing lights had a real party feel, fostering community unity. In particular, the seamless transitions were notably the most jaw dropping aspect of this performance - the authentic yet clever outfits were indeed eye catching and kept the performance incredibly fluid.

Although the musical in itself was exhilarating, the band truly brought it all to life and perfectly encapsulated the different emotions and feelings of all the characters by creating an immersive and unforgettable experience - one reflective of all the hours put into crafting a memorable performance.

Overall, 'Our House' was a smashing success; one that will definitely be hard to beat!

**Maryama
(Year 12)**

Our House - The Madness Musical

Wow! What a show! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch Our House this week.

We're so incredibly proud of all of the students who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes - you've all worked so hard and put on a fabulous show.

A special thank you to our student and staff musicians in the Band - they were outstanding. And Team Drama and Music - you've somehow outdone yourselves again!

Also, thank you to all parents and carers for supporting our students to have such amazing opportunities.



Careers Update

Apprenticeships with the Government

Students in Year 11 can apply for Level 2 (Intermediate) or Level 3 (Advanced) Apprenticeships. Students in Year 13 can apply for any level.

Have you seen some of these vacancies that are currently live? There are 216 apprenticeship vacancies in Leeds currently on the government apprenticeships website, and many more in addition to this if you search on job sites such as Indeed or Reed, or on specific company websites.

[Level 3 - RAF Weapon Technician - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship](#)

[Level 2 RAF Mover](#)

[Level 2 or Level 3 Finance Assistant](#)

[Level 2 - Apprentice Pharmacy Assistant](#)

[Level 3 Apprentice Travel Consultant](#)

[Level 6 \(Degree\) Apprentice Civil Engineer](#)

[Level 4 \(Higher\) Construction Management Apprenticeship](#)

[Level 6 Creative Digital Design Professional Degree Apprenticeship](#)

[Level 3 Networking Engineer](#)

[Level 3 Engineering - Machining Technician Apprentice](#)

[Level 2 Apprentice Plasterer](#)

There are many more on the [government apprenticeships website](#). Apprenticeships are highly competitive, but are a great way to work and gain qualifications at the same time and lots of students are interested in them.

If you'd like any more help or advice with apprenticeships or anything else careers related, please contact Mrs Mills, Careers Lead (louisemills@allertongranger.com).

Raised in Yorkshire - Oral Health Project by Maryama (Year 12)

On Wednesday 31 January 2024, my classmates and I went to Leeds University and the Co-operative Academy to talk about the importance of maintaining good oral health through running various interactive workshops.

Although slightly nerve-racking, we successfully taught the Year 7s about how to maintain good oral hygiene, focusing on correct tooth brushing techniques and how to avoid dental problems. This was especially crucial considering Yorkshire and the Humber have the 2nd highest number of tooth cavities among 11-12 year olds.

Here are some thoughts from other oral health ambassadors:

Mollie: "The Raised in Yorkshire programme has allowed me to take an active role in my community through helping to improve oral health and feel as though I am positively impacting those around me."

Aki: "Taking part in the Raised in Yorkshire programme has been such a valuable opportunity - it has given me more confidence and experience talking to and educating others, and has provided me with an insight into what a career in healthcare might look like."

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

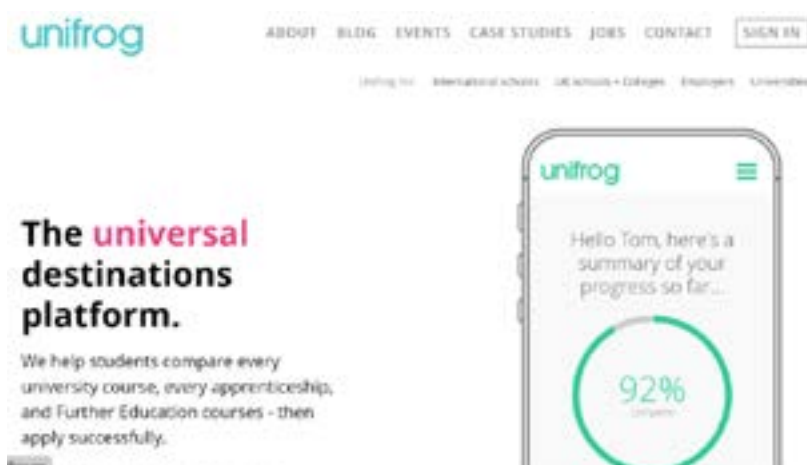
[Book your ticket here](#)

Flynn: "I found the two days of experience fascinating and an incredible opportunity to learn new things, including facts surrounding the topic of oral hygiene and a great deal of teaching and presentation skills, as well as the experience generally being really enjoyable through meeting a load of new people!"

Lily: "It gave us valuable experience working with children and in a dental field."



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	Spax 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
Product Design Drop-in T002	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Year 7 Fitness Fitness Suite	Year 8/9 Fitness Fitness Suite	GCSE Music Revision M003
	Our House - Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	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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[Click here to open a PDF version of the Extra-Curricular timetable](#)



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	All Years Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	BCA
TUESDAY	All Years Badminton KS3 Netball Club KS3 Girls Football	Sports Hall MUGA Fields	SNO BCA & JAD KAI
WEDNESDAY	Boys Basketball Y7 Fitness Y8/9 Trampoline Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball (teams only)	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall MUGA	DTO JGA KAI BCA & JAD
THURSDAY	Year 7 Boys Football Year 8/9 Fitness Year 7 Trampoline Year 11 GCSE PE revision	Fields Fitness Suite Sports Hall L44	DTO SNO KAI BCA

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 19th February until the Easter Holiday.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

This is a new PE After-School timetable starting on 19 February 2024.

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)