



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Allerton Grange is the school of first choice for our local community

We were thrilled to find out this week that Allerton Grange received 980 applications from Year 6 families, to join the school in September. This represents a 17% increase since 2021. Of the 300 successful applications, 80% are first preferences and we are thrilled to have 17 primary schools represented in our new Year 7 cohort. We will be in touch with our new families in the coming weeks and look forward to welcoming the new students, formally, into Allerton Grange at the end of June.

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 "Aspirational Enrichment"

I am unashamed in my desire to establish a curriculum at Allerton Grange that matches that of any private or selective school in the country. A significant element of such an ambitious curriculum is the provision of opportunities outside of the traditional classroom. There have been numerous reports written and research conducted that show the benefits young people gain from engaging with a full and broad enrichment programme. At Allerton Grange we believe that a well-rounded curriculum develops a young person's character and confidence thus enabling them to become a more attractive candidate for universities and training programmes. Our Aspirational Enrichment curriculum covers all seven years at Allerton Grange – here are some of the highlights:

- **All** our students now experience at least one enrichment activity every two weeks.
- Our extra-curricular (after school) timetable consists of **57** clubs running throughout the week.
- Our PE department run **12** sports clubs (all age groups) after school with our sports teams represented in local and national competitions.
- In the last academic year, we ran **82** curriculum school trips, with opportunities for all students of all ages and backgrounds.
- Our PE department supervised over **400** sporting fixtures in the past year.
- We have **170** students enrolled onto the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
- Our Music and Drama departments are thriving – with **termly performances** put on after school.
- We ran **15** residential or overseas trips in the last academic year, including:
 - Our bi-annual ski trip.
 - Our annual Theatre Land trip to London.
 - Our annual trip to the Wimbledon Championships.
 - Our annual Year 7 Bushcraft "Wild Camping" experience.
 - Our annual European music tour.

ClassCharts

Positive points: 16,350

Negative points: 1,690

90% positive points ratio

All of these experiences beyond the classroom mean our students have opportunities to develop their cultural capital, visit new places, try a new activity, make new friends or become experts in a field of interest.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4 to Friday 8 March - National Careers Week

Thursday 7 March - World Book Day

Monday 11 to Friday 15 March - National Science Week

Tuesday 12 March - Debating Team at the Regional Final of the ESU Schools' Mace

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

Sports Results

Basketball

On Tuesday 27 February, the **Year 10 Basketball team** travelled to Bishop Young for the final tournament of the season. They won all of their games and are now North Leeds Champions. A massive congratulations to the team!

Rugby

On Wednesday 28 February, the **Year 8 Girls' Rugby Team** competed in the Indoor Touch Final at Leeds West. They unfortunately lost but to even get to the final was a great achievement.

World Book Day - 7 March 2024

Join our literary celebrations with the AGS Book Swap!

You are invited to bring in a reading book (in good condition) suited to your key stage at the beginning of the week (Monday 4 March).

This will need to be dropped off in the library by Wednesday 6 March at the latest.

In return, you will receive a book token which you can swap for your new book on Thursday 7 March - World Book Day. There will be a book stall outside the library during break and lunch for you to choose your new book.

If you have any questions, please email Ms Taylor charlottetaylor@allertongranger.com

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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Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 1 March, with Ms Saunders (Deputy Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Max in Year 7 was nominated for working really hard and making huge progress in Reading Plus this year, and is now joint highest in the whole year!

Aadil in Year 8 was an absolute credit to the school on the trip to the University of Leeds, this week. He was engaged throughout, asked really good questions and represented the school in a great manner.

Audrey in Year 9 was nominated for writing beautiful poems, along with other students in their mother tongue, and then translating them to English.

Aliesha in Year 10 was nominated for always being kind and polite, and for being resilient and persevering through all the challenges she's facing.

Mehvish in Year 11 has been extremely kind and proactive in supporting our new EAL students in Year 11. She has been making sure that they are where they need to be in school and helping in lessons with translation.



Rugby Final Match:

On Monday 4 March, the Year 9 Boys' Rugby Team are playing in the Rugby Final at 5.00 pm the John Charles Stadium. All welcome - please come along and support if you can.

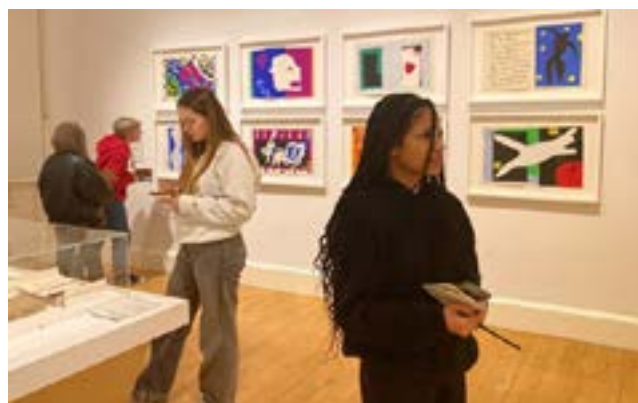
Sixth Form Art Trip to Edinburgh

On Monday 26 February, Sixth Form students travelled by train to Edinburgh to visit the Scottish National and Modern Galleries with Mrs Crampton and Mrs Fiander.

They saw a plethora of famous artworks visiting the Impressionism and French Modernism Exhibition, and the Conversations with the Collection exhibition.

They saw iconic artists including Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Paul Gauguin, Henri Matisse alongside contemporary artists such as Anish Kapoor, Sarah Lucas, Jackson Pollock, Tracey Emin and Cindy Sherman.

It was a fabulous experience, enjoyed by all.



AGS Young Writers Win Critical Acclaim Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English

A number of our students entered the Roundhay Rotary Club 2023-24 Writing Competition and we are delighted to announce that many of them were successful with their entries. The judges were delighted with the quality and style of our students' written expression and enjoyed reading all the entries. Well done to all who entered. Students listed below will be receiving their prizes in the next week - congratulations!

Junior category:

Highly Commended: **Ava**

Very Highly Commended: **Antonina and Sara**

Senior category:

Highly Commended: **Hester**

Very Highly Commended: **Khadija and Sumayyah**

Runner-up: **Afsana**

Winner: **Umar**

For students who are interested in entering more writing competitions, there is a list available here organised by entry date - please do let your English teacher know if you are entering any competitions independently, as we love to know what you're up to:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/>

Textiles Trip to Manchester

On Wednesday 28 February, we had a fabulous Textiles trip to Manchester.

We visited the Whitworth gallery with lots of contemporary textiles to inspire our projects.

We then went onto the Manchester Art Gallery, which was more traditional, but did have a great fashion gallery with an exhibit called unpicking couture which showcased amazing garments from some of the most leading fashion designers.

It was a really good day with lots of tired faces on the way back!



Lost Property

Please help your child by making sure their name is in all of their belongings, particularly coats.

If your child loses something in school, they should retrace their steps and check they haven't left it in a classroom, or the dining room, before checking with their Year Team or Lost Property.

We have a large number of items in Lost Property at Main Reception, including coats and school uniform items without names.

Start Up Sherpas

Paid work experience with large companies and organisations is available for students aged 13-18.

Opportunities are available in 2024 and beyond with Startup Sherpas.

Over 70 Allerton Grange Students took part in a Startup Sherpas paid work experience last summer!

New opportunities will be advertised with students via ClassCharts, when they become available, but please check out <https://startupsherpas.org/> to sign up to your own alerts.



KS4 & 5 Concert

On Thursday 21 March, our GCSE and A level musicians in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will be showcasing their talents at the KS4&5 Concert.

For some of the students, this will be their final concert performance at Allerton Grange.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown.

All are welcome to join us for the concert. Tickets are £3 each and available from ParentPay.



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
Our House - Rehearsals All Years - Hall	All Years Badminton Sports Hall	Boys Basketball Sports Hall	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK 8) KS4 and KS5 - M001
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 - M002	
	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	
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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	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.
Please refer to this timetable rather than the combined version above
for PE clubs.

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)