



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

**Ramadan Mubarak to all the members of our Muslim community**  
**We wish you a peaceful holy month.**

**Get ready for the AGS Spring/Summer trip calendar:**

Allerton Grange staff are putting together the final details for our trip calendar over spring and summer. Please ensure you check for permission letters which will be coming home in the next few weeks. Some of the highlights include:

- **March** - 80 students in Year 9 are embarking on their first overnight expedition as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.
- **March** - 120 students in Year 11 are visiting York to conduct their GCSE Geography fieldwork investigation.
- **April** - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award expedition.
- **May** - Year 7 PE PGL trip to North Yorkshire.
- **May** - Year 12 A level Geography residential field trip.
- **May** - Year 10 GCSE geography field trips.
- **June** - Year 7 End of year trip to Fountains Abbey.
- **June** - Year 8 End of year trip Malham Cove.
- **July** - 200 students in Year 7 attending the Bushcraft Wild camping experience.
- **July** - Wimbledon Championships trip.
- **July** - Year 9 End of year trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park.
- **July** - Year 10 End of year trip is a cultural experience around York.
- **July** - Year 12 End of year trip is a cultural experience around Liverpool.
- **July** - Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award expedition.

Thank you to all our staff because we are so fortunate to have a staff community who are willing to give up their time to provide our students with such a wealth of opportunities and experiences.

***"Let's hear both sides of the argument"* - MACE Annual Debating competition.** The AGS Team took part in the Regional Finals this week: see the story on page 4.

It's official, **Allerton Grange has some of the best mathematicians in the city:** see the story on page 3.

**Mike Roper**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Tuesday 19 March - GCSE Drama Exam**

**Wednesday 20 March - Culture Day**

**Thursday 21 March - KS4/5 Concert - Tickets £3 on ParentPay**

**Tuesday 26 March - A level Drama Exam**

**Wednesday 27 May - Classics Trip to the University of Cambridge**

**Wednesday 27 May - Year 11 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7 pm**

**Thursday 28 March - Last day of term.**

**School closes at the usual time for the Easter Holidays and reopens on Monday 15 April 2024**

### **ClassCharts**

**Positive points: 15,570**

**Negative points: 1,960**

**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**

## Sports Results

### Cross Country Success

Ellie in Year 8 recently competed in an Inter County Cross Country competition, racing for Yorkshire, and placed 17th out of 300 runners.

The under 13 Yorkshire girls' team came second overall, getting silver.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

**At Hot Chocolate Friday on 15 March, with Ms Saunders (Deputy Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.**

Congratulations this week to:

**Ava in Year 7** was nominated by Ms Barlow for sharing photos of her mum's trip to the River Ganges, the study of which forms part of our unit on Dharmic Religions.

**Edie in Year 8** was nominated for her kindness, considerate nature and support to staff. During a recent lunchtime, she picked up rubbish left by other students without being asked as she wanted to help.

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

**Freddie in Year 10** was nominated for consistent effort with a calm and positive attitude and for not receiving any behaviour points so far this year.

**Archie in Year 11** is a credit to Allerton Grange and an outstanding rugby player. This week, he has been offered a second scholarship for his KS5 pathway.

**Will in Year 13** was nominated for showing kindness and compassion to a member of the local community on his way to school as he took a cyclist to A&E when they had an accident outside school.



## 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.



## Science Week at Allerton Grange

Science week at AGS was celebrated in style; there was a fabulous response to the KS3 Chemical treasure hunt round the school with a lot of entries already in before the close of the week. Years 8 and 9 learnt about ocean acidification and coral bleaching in an engaging competition to "save the coral", with spectacular demonstrations involving dry ice, as pictured. Guest speakers from the University of Bradford gave an interesting and informative guide to Year 9s about the possibilities of studying STEM subjects at University. In addition, Dr Kyriacou wowed assembly audiences with the story of her malaria drug discovery, as modelled with a stunning hydrogen balloon explosion!

Thanks to all who were involved in the lessons, asked questions in the assemblies, and took part in the treasure hunt. Dr Kyriacou said: "AGS has some fabulous Scientists, and she was very proud of the way the students engaged with all the activities."



## Chemistry Olympiad

In January, Morven, Emma and Jess in Year 13 were entered into the RSC Chemistry Olympiad, a national competition aimed at Year 13 students. This is a two hour test that challenges their critical thinking skills and encourages them to think creatively about real life applications of chemistry e.g. they had a question about the bronze medal for the Women's World Cup.

Over 14000 students were entered across the country and approximately 30% of students did not meet the criteria to gain a certificate. I am extremely proud and excited to say that all three of our girls gained enough marks to earn certificates. Jess and Emma both gained Bronze (Emma was one mark away from a Silver) and Morven gained a Silver (only 4 marks away from a Gold).

This is a huge achievement! They worked hard in the lead up to the test, coming to preparation lessons after school and working it around their mock exams. They showed commitment, determination and resilience as the question paper is very challenging.

## Maths Feast Competition

On Monday, two teams took part in the Year 10 Maths Feast competition against other schools in Leeds, which is for the most able students in the city.

One of our teams (Reuben, William, Emily and Olivia) won the competition!

They performed excellently, and received one of the best scores the competition has **ever** seen, winning each of the four rounds of the competition. They beat all of the other schools, including both teams from GSAL! This is the first time Allerton Grange School has won. Huge congratulations to them!

Thanks to Mr Lewin and Ms Nazir for taking the students and supporting them throughout the day.

## Culture Day is Back!

For the second year, we are delighted to be holding a Culture Day at Allerton Grange School, on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

[Please see the Culture Day letter on the school website.](#)



### Debating Team Regional Final

On Tuesday, our incredible Debate Team took part in the Regional Final of the ESU Schools' Mace Debating competition.

Six teams took part: Allerton Grange School, Ripon Grammar School, Yarm School, Malton School, St Peter's York and Beckfoot School.

It was a fantastic evening of debating - all six teams were incredibly strong. Sadly, we didn't make it through to the final - the winning team was Yarm School.

The Allerton Grange team received excellent feedback and - as always - our students put on a passionate display and impressed all of us with their debating prowess. Congratulations to Maya, Hester, and Harry, as well as Sophie, who was timer and question fielder for the head judge - a role she just stepped into with confidence and no prior warning!

Thank you to Ms Halaka and the English Team for supporting the students.

## 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.**

**Please check the Lost Property before the end of term as unclaimed items without names will be donated to charity.**

### Primary Talent Shows Galore!

This week, we've hosted Talent Shows for both Moor Allerton Hall Primary and Talbot Primary at Allerton Grange, as well as providing judges for the panel.

It's always a treat to see younger students show off their talents, from singing, dancing and acting, to comedy and magic, on the 'big stage' in our school hall.

It's such a great experience to step up, be brave and show your skills to an audience.

A massive well done to everyone who took part, including AGS Core Dancers and Yacht Club who performed at the Talbot Talent Show.

# 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
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 - 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	
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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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		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

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)