



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to highlight a matter of great importance for your child's education and overall success - **School Attendance**.

At Allerton Grange, we are committed to providing every student with the best possible education, and regular attendance is fundamental to achieving this goal.

Missing school not only affects academic progress but can also impact a child's social development and emotional wellbeing.

Why Attendance Matters

Research consistently shows a strong link between attendance and achievement. Put simply, children who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed.

In England:

- In the 2022/23 academic year, pupils with attendance below 90% (classified as persistently absent) achieved significantly lower GCSE results than their peers, with just 36.2% achieving a grade 4 or above in English and Maths.
- Nationally, over 1 in 5 pupils (22.3%) were persistently absent in 2022/23, compared to 10.9% pre-pandemic in 2018/19.
- Every day of absence reduces learning opportunities. Just 90% attendance means your child is missing the equivalent of one day every two weeks - nearly a full month of learning over the year.

Our Commitment

We understand that children may occasionally need time off due to illness or exceptional circumstances. However, we ask for your full support in ensuring your child attends school every day, arrives on time, and is ready to access our fantastic KLAS curriculum.

If you are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our Pastoral Team is here to help, and can offer support and guidance.

Let's work together to make sure your child gets the most out of their time at school - because every day really does count. Thank you for your continued support.

Visits to School

We deeply value our partnership with you in supporting your child's learning and wellbeing. In order to ensure that our staff can remain fully focused on teaching and supporting students throughout the day, we kindly remind all families that visits to the school must be made by appointment only.

Recently, we have seen an increase in parents/carers arriving without prior arrangements, which significantly disrupts our ability to maintain a safe and productive environment for all students. Please understand that, going forward, any parent/carer or visitor who arrives on site without an appointment will be asked to leave and contact the school to schedule a suitable meeting time.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our school focused, secure, and supportive for every child.

Andrew Norrington (Associate Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 13 May - A level Exams start

Tuesday 20 to 24 May - Normandy Trip

Monday 26 May - Bank Holiday

**Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May - Half Term Holiday.
School reopens on Monday 2 June**

**Sunday 8 June to Tuesday 10 June - Social Science
Residential, London**

Monday 16 June - Inter Primary Sports Day

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 June - Sports Week

Friday 20 June - End of GCSE and A level exams

**Monday 23 June to Tuesday 24 June - Transition Days
for Year 7 students starting in September**

**Tuesday 24 June - New Year 7 Parents' Information
Evening, 4.30 - 6.00 pm**

Wednesday 25 June - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Thursday 26 June - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 26 June - Year 8 Public Speaking Competition

Thursday 26 June - Year 13 Prom

Friday 27 June - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 27 June - Year 7 Public Speaking Competition

Tuesday 1 July - Awards Evening

**Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 July - Year 7 Bushcraft
Residential**

Thursday 3 July - Sports Awards Dinner

Friday 4 July - Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Wimbledon Trip

Tuesday 8 to 9 July - Year 11 into Sixth Form Transition

Wednesday 9 July - KS3 Play, 6.00 pm

Thursday 10 July - Pre Tour concert, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Monday 14 to Thursday 17 July - Music Tour

Training Days 2024-25

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

Monday 2 September 2024 ✓

Friday 20 September 2024 ✓

Monday 6 January 2025 ✓

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Minibus Driver Wanted



Find out more and apply:

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Free STARS Online Workshops for Parents and Professionals

STARS are running a series of free online parent/professional workshops linked to supporting neurodivergent children in the home. Each workshop will be delivered via Teams from 9.45 to 11.15 am on each date.

Dates and topics:

06.06.2025	A basic introduction to Intensive Interaction
04.07.2025	Puberty and sexuality

To book your place:

Parents: email starsteam@leeds.gov.uk stating your name, email address and workshops you would like to book.

ASDA Futures

A group of Year 9 students have been working with local employer, ASDA, throughout this academic year. They have been looking at the wide variety of roles within the company, hearing from a range of employees and working on a project to create and market a vegan ready meal for ASDA's 'Exceptional' range.

This week saw the students take their 5th trip to ASDA House, and the focus of the visit was logistics. Students learnt how the items seen in stores are stored, picked and delivered to the shelves, they also planned journeys for ASDA drivers, taking into consideration fuel efficiency and the law around driving times and journeys.

One of the most exciting parts of the day was experiencing life as a HGV driver; testing the drivers seat, blasting the horn and learning what a day in the life of a HGV driver looks like.

We are looking forward to the final session next half term, where students will be presenting their vegan ready meal to ASDA bosses.

Thanks to Robert, Sam and Alex in the photos



Chemistry Olympiad

by Ms Staley, Teacher of Chemistry/Physics

In January, fifteen of our Year 12 and Year 13 students entered the Chemistry Olympiad 2025.

This is a prestigious national competition, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry, which encourages students to develop their problem solving skills in this field. They attended weekly sessions in their own time to prepare for a two hour test, which is renowned for being particularly challenging. Participants demonstrated the AGS values of curiosity and courage, showing how resilient they are as they prepared and rose to the challenge.

All students received a certificate of participation. Special congratulations go to the following students who gained awards: Harnoor (Year 13), Mollie (Year 13), Joseph (Year 12) and Matthew (Year 12) all achieved Silver. Arun (Year 13), Sadiq (Year 13) and Erin (Year 12) achieved Bronze.



This is the third year that we have entered students into the Olympiad and this has been our most successful year to date. I look forward to inviting next year's cohort of chemists to take up the challenge in September.

Bebras Coding Competition

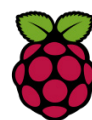
Huge congratulations from Mr Morris, Curriculum Leader for Computing!

On 4 May 2025, a number of students across all year groups participated in a Bebras coding competition in school, organised by the Raspberry Pi foundation.

Well done to all of those involved and special congratulations to:

- Adam (Year 7),
- Louis (Year 8),
- Sara (Year 10),
- Reuben (Year 11) and
- Aditya (Year 12)

who achieved first place in their categories.



RaspberryPi

Good Luck to Year 13 Students

Year 13, we are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished over the past (almost) two years. It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey and to see you grow in confidence in yourselves, develop new skills and increase your subject knowledge.

As you know, A level exams start on Tuesday 13 May and we wish each and every one of you good luck.

Your teachers and the Sixth Form Team have been supporting you to work hard and prepare, and we know you can do it.

Remember to take a deep breath and believe in yourselves!

And, don't forget, we are here if you need us.

Mr Macrow, Ms Knox-Renshaw and Mrs Wraith (Sixth Form Team)



Raised in Yorkshire

This week, Year 7 students took part in workshops led by our Year 12 Raised in Yorkshire Student Research Fellows, who have been trained by the University of Leeds School of Dentistry to become oral health educators.



Year 7 can now use what they've learnt to improve how they brush their teeth and will have follow up dental examination before the end of term to evaluate the programme.

Travelling to School Consultation Have Your Say by 11 June 2025

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would like to have your views on how they can best support travel to school. As a parent or carer of a pupil currently attending secondary school, they want to understand you and your child's needs, to help shape future plans.

The consultation opened on 23 April and you have until 11 June 2025 to participate. The survey is open to those aged 13 and over, so we encourage eligible pupils to also take part.

To find out more and complete the survey, visit:

yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel

[Read the consultation letter here.](#)

Transport for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and school bus services to primary schools are not part of this consultation and will remain unaffected.

Please see below for updates to the After School Activities Timetable.

You can click on the images below to visit the After School Clubs page on the school website.

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Samba [Lunchtimes] For anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Jazz club Grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M002	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002/Hall	KS3 - Coding Club Week A & B I002
KS3 Art Club A002	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001/2	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	Latin Club- All year groups L20	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
KS4 Theory Club INVITE ONLY 3-4pm	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- for all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Club- for all cast members 3-4pm Hall/ D001	Year 7 School of Rock For anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001	
KS5 Theory Club INVITE ONLY 3-4pm	Year 7 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa	Years 9 & 10 Rounders Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 7 Cricket Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Years 7 & 8 Girls Rounders Field 3-4pm Eca & ADe	Years 7 & 8 Boys Rounders Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Athletics Field 3-4pm DTo, Ade, Eca	
	Years 8 & 9 Girls Cricket Field 3-4pm BCa	Years 8 & 9 Boys Cricket Field 3-4pm DTo	GCSE Revision L44 3-4pm BCa	
	Years 7 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	KS4 Science drop-in S002 Chemistry, S011 Physics, S009 Biology 3-4pm	KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	
	Softball Field 3-4pm SNo	Year 11 English Lang. & Lit. revision L32 3-4pm	KS4 - photography catch up A004	
		KS4 - photography catch up A004	Years 10 & 11 Product Design T002 3-4pm	
		KS4 - Art catch up A002/3	KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51	
		KS4 - 3D Design/ Textiles Catch Up T002/T01B	EPQ Club Year 12 I001 3-4pm	
		KS5 Social Sciences drop-in L51		



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 7 & 8 Rounders (Girls) Y7 Boys Rugby Softball Y7/8/9 Girls Cricket	Field Field Field MUGA	ECA & ADE JGA SNO BCA
WEDNESDAY	Year 9 & 10 Rounders Y7 & 8 Boys Rounders Y8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Field Field Field	BCA SNO DTO
THURSDAY	All Years Athletics Y7 Boys Cricket GCSE Revision	Field Field L044	DTO, ADE, ECA JGA BCA

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

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.

SCHOOL DAY 2024-25

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	4	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	LUNCH	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.