



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

**Reminder to all parents that student entrances onto the school site do not open until 08:25 every morning. Students who arrive before this time will need to wait at the gate until 08:25.**

## Allerton Grange partners up for the next phase of school improvement

Since 2020 we have been committed to delivering an exceptional quality of education through our KLAS (Knowledge, Literacy, Aspirational Enrichment and Social Mobility) curriculum model. We continue to work on ensuring that KLAS is delivered securely and consistently in every area of the school.

This year there are two priorities that we are focusing on to achieve this ambition:

### 1. Developing students' oracy skills

We have partnered up with the national charity "Voice 21", who work with over 600 schools across the country. By becoming a Voice 21 Oracy School, Allerton Grange is committed to transform oracy teaching and learning across our school, enabling all students to access and benefit from a high-quality oracy education. Teachers will receive bespoke training and, as a result, we will support students in speaking more accurately and confidently about the knowledge and experiences they are gaining at Allerton Grange. Staff receive their first training on this priority next Friday (23 September).

### 2. Narrowing the knowledge and word gap for disadvantaged students

The pandemic widened the knowledge and word gap between disadvantaged students and their peers. The ambition at Allerton Grange is that all students, regardless of background or ability, can access our highly ambitious KLAS curriculum. Too many students lack the prior knowledge, the cultural capital and the bank of vocabulary that allows them to fully access our curriculum and so Allerton Grange is joining forces with Huntington Research School and Leeds City Council to develop effective strategies to narrow this gap.

Further information on both projects can be found on the following websites:

<https://researchschool.org.uk/huntington>

<https://voice21.org/>

**Mike Roper - Headteacher**

## School closures:

**Monday 19 September - Bank Holiday - The funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II - School closed to all**

**Friday 23 September - Staff Training Day - School closed to students**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Year 7 Welcome Event - Tuesday 20 September, 5.30 - 6.30 pm**

**SEND Careers sessions - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September, in school time**

**Year 12 Welcome Event - Tuesday 27 September, 5.00 - 6.00 pm**

## BBC Bitesize Careers Sessions

This week students from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 took part in sessions with a BBC Bitesize panel to learn about career opportunities in the media and creative industries.



## Governors' Update

As the Chair of the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new students, and their families, to Allerton Grange School and to welcome back all of our current students and their families.

After 3 turbulent school years let's hope that this academic year is able to return to normality with the Covid pandemic being behind us, whilst at the same time trying to keep ourselves safe.

I am delighted to be able to report that the summer examination results were superb after the years of disruption. We have also enrolled over 150 Year 12 students on to their Post 16 courses, as well as enabling our outgoing Year 13 students to progress onto Higher Education and /or apprenticeships.

Allerton Grange School was extremely proactive in the recruitment process to ensure that all students are taught by specialist teachers. To that end this is such a positive outcome when you hear about the problems of teacher recruitment. The candidates, many of whom I had the opportunity to be part of the interview panel, are all fully committed to the ethos and vision of the school. What a wonderful position to be in!

I was delighted to hear that over 75% of the Year 9 students who entered a national Creative Writing competition were successful. A huge well done to them. This means that their entries will be included in a published book which will be released towards the end of 2022.

Wishing the entire Allerton Grange School Community, a successful 2022-23.

**Barbara Trayer**  
Chair of Governors

## Open Evening and Open Mornings

**These events are for parents and carers applying for a high school place for their child for September 2023.**

### Open Evening:

Thursday 22 September  
6.00 - 8.00 pm

### Open Mornings:

Thursday 29 September,  
Friday 30 September,  
Monday 3 October &  
Tuesday 4 October  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Bookings are open and you can register for your place using our [online Booking Form](#).**

