



# 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 opens its doors

We have had such a busy week, opening our doors and inviting visitors to come and see what a vibrant, diverse, welcoming and progressive school Allerton Grange is.

#### a) AGS welcomes prospective parents:

Last Thursday evening, we welcomed 300 prospective families to our annual Open Evening. They received a presentation from me and were able to tour the school speaking to staff and students. All staff attended and we had approximately 150 AGS students helping out. The feedback we received about the event was extremely positive – especially how wonderful our students are! Then this week we started our Open Morning programme. Over 4 mornings, we have 100 families booked in to come and see Allerton Grange during the day. This has proved so popular that we have had to close bookings early. If anyone has missed out, there is a Coffee Morning on 19 October where prospective parents can speak to our Transition Lead and SENDCo.

#### b) AGS welcomes aspiring headteachers and senior leaders:

On Wednesday, Allerton Grange hosted a conference for 45 aspiring headteachers and senior leaders from across Yorkshire. This event, organised by Red Kite Alliance, was part of the National Professional Qualification programme, and delegates received lectures from serving Headteachers. This is the first time Allerton Grange has hosted such an event and it was so successful, I am confident others will follow.

#### c) AGS welcomes trainee teachers:

On Thursday, this week, Allerton Grange welcomed 12 trainee teachers to spend the day with us. These colleagues, who are training through Red Kite, were selected to visit Allerton Grange to observe how secondary schools achieve good behaviour in lessons and throughout the day. The trainees spent the day visiting lessons and receiving presentations from key leaders across the school.

It is so important that we keep our doors open and welcome people from different schools, educational providers and universities. By working in partnership with these organisations, it supports Allerton Grange to get better and better.

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary:

**Year 13 UCAS Information Evening - Thursday 6 October, 5.30 - 6.30 pm**

**Parents Forum - Tuesday 11 October, 6.00 - 7.00 pm. Please email [agadmin@allertongrange.com](mailto:agadmin@allertongrange.com) if you would like more information or would like to attend.**

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening - Wednesday 12 October, 5.00 - 6.00 pm**

**Coffee Morning - Wednesday 19 October, 9.15 - 10.15 am [You can book here](#)**

**Year 7 PE Parental Engagement meeting - Thursday 20 October, 6.00 - 8.00 pm**

## Red Kite Conference

This week Allerton Grange hosted a National Professional Qualification programme conference, organised by the Red Kite Alliance. Forty five aspiring headteachers and leaders from across Yorkshire spent the day with us.



## Sixth Form Update

Mrs Ryding's Sixth Form Group completed their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations this week. The EPQ involves students undertaking an independent research project about a topic of their choice, and then presenting their findings to teachers and their peers.

It is a standalone Level 3 qualification, worth half of an A level and is recognised by universities and employers. EPQ is also worth 28 UCAS points.

If you would like to know more about the EPQ, please get in touch with Mrs Ryding.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Students considering their post-16 options are invited to join us at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3 November 2022, 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Our Sixth Form Centre will be open to visitors and you will be able to speak to subject teachers about the A levels available.

There will be two Headteacher & Sixth Form talks during the evening which will introduce Allerton Grange Sixth Form and the benefits of choosing to continue your post-16 education here.

Please book your place using our online booking form (click on the purple box below):

[Sixth Form Open Evening Booking Form](#)

## Netball

On Thursday, the Year 9 Netball A team played Carr Manor, and won the match 21-4. The B team narrowly lost, 10-4, despite having only 6 players available.



## Class Charts Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please set up your ClassCharts account. It allows you to report absence to school, monitor your child's attendance and behaviour, check homework set and receive messages from school.

**If you need help or a reminder of your log in details, please get in touch with the school office or email [agadmin@allertongrange.com](mailto:agadmin@allertongrange.com).**

## Music Tuition

We are very proud of our thriving Music department and all students are encouraged to learn to play a musical instrument and take part in after school music clubs.

There is a wide and diverse range of instrument lessons including:

**Brass** – Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone with the capacity for other brass instruments if required

**DJing** – Digital DJ Controller and Mixer Decks

**Drums** – Drum Kit and Percussion including Samba

**Guitars** – Electric, Acoustic and Bass

**Keyboards** – Piano and Electric Keyboards

**Strings** – Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

**Vocals** – All Styles

**Woodwind** – Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorder

There is more information on the [school website](#) or students can speak to Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton or Mr Duff.



## Open Evening

We welcomed record numbers of prospective students and their families to Allerton Grange at our Open Evening on Thursday 22 September.

It was a packed evening with lots to see, with activities in all subject areas, the Headteacher talk, Community Ambassador tours and visits to the Sixth Form Centre. A highlight seemed to be the lemon meringue pies made by students in Food Technology!

