



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.

Safeguarding is strong at Allerton Grange

At Allerton Grange safeguarding our students is a top priority and as such we commission the Local Authority to conduct a full review every 2 years. On Monday, this week, we invited the Local Authority into school to complete a review of safeguarding procedures and practice.

They interviewed staff and students, scrutinised documentation and audited our safeguarding practice against 80 criteria. Against 99% of the criteria, the practice at Allerton Grange met the required standard – even better against 10% of the criteria our practice was judged to be exemplary.

The Auditor commented in the report:

“When speaking to the pupils, they were asked if they feel safe in school and what makes them feel safe. They said that they felt safe because of staff who are visible throughout the day, the fences around the school site and their friends. They went on to say that if they were scared or worried they would speak to their year manager but specifically mentioned Ms Whittingham and Ms Rowbotham as members of staff with responsibility for safeguarding. The pupils stated that when they had witnessed any bullying in school, it was dealt with promptly by members of staff. They stated that behaviour in school had improved, and when there was any inappropriate behaviour or fights, staff are very quick to act to diffuse the situation. I asked the pupils what they would do if they saw any pupils behaving in a sexually inappropriate way to another pupil and they all stated clearly that they would inform a member of staff immediately. They told me that they learn about keeping themselves safe through their PSHE lessons and tutor periods.

The members of staff spoken to were asked about safeguarding training and the contents of KCSiE 2022, Annex B. They said that they receive regular safeguarding training and updates from the safeguarding team and could tell me some of the contents of Annex B. When asked how they would raise a concern about a child, an adult and the headteacher they were correct in their answers.

There is evidence of exemplary work being undertaken at Allerton Grange particularly in how school supports pupils and how pupils are taught to safeguard themselves through the preventative curriculum.”

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Class Charts

Positive Points this week: 15,000
Negative Points this week: 1,400
91% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

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

Half Term Holiday - Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022

School reopens on Monday 31 October 2022 (Timetable Week B)

Year 11 Academic Tutoring Information Evening - Tuesday 1 November, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 3 November, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

KS4&5 Concert - Thursday 17 November, 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay.

Sports Results

Rugby

Last Thursday, the **Year 8 & 9 girls' Rugby Team** played in the Leeds Rhinos Foundation regional tournament and came third overall. Well done girls!



Football

The **Year 8 boys' Football Team** lost in extra time in the second round of the English Schools FA Cup to Carleton School, Pontefract.

Year 8 & 9 girls' Football Team played a number of games on Monday night, drawing three and winning one to remain unbeaten!

Netball

Year 7A and B Netball Teams both lost in their first ever match against Roundhay.

Sports Ambassadors

We had a large number of applications this year, with students showing a keen interest in the development of sport at Allerton Grange and in the wider community.

The following students were selected due to their commitment to sports both in and outside of school, and desirable characteristics:

Year 8

Lily, Stan, Anoushka, Elena, Tom, Arthur

Year 9

Tanya, Gabriella, Lucy, Freya, Isabelle, Matin



At Hot Chocolate Friday on 14 October, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

William in Year 7 was nominated for trying really hard and being helpful towards other students.

Ela in Year 8 has achieved an incredible amount of achievement points so far this year. This is due to her excellent work, contribution in class and the resilience she is building every day. She turns up to all of her after school extra curricular activities and gets involved. An all round superstar!

Yusuf in Year 9 has had an outstanding few weeks with many, many achievement points. He always tries his best and shows kindness, respect and enthusiasm to all.

Ellenor in Year 10 was nominated for showing real dedication and commitment to her Further Maths work.

Lani in Year 11 only joined us a few weeks ago and has had an amazing start to Year 11.

Annabella in Year 12 was nominated for her amazing involvement in the Sixth Form, including charity projects collecting clothes for Calais refugees.

Sulaiman in Year 13 was nominated for being generally amazing. His subject references from his teachers for his medicine application are absolutely fantastic!

Congratulations to all students nominated this week!



A message from the DEAR Team:

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us at Parent Forum this week.

There were some really interesting discussion points, and we are extremely grateful for the feedback we received.

For more information on recommended reading lists to promote reading for pleasure, please see the clickable link below:

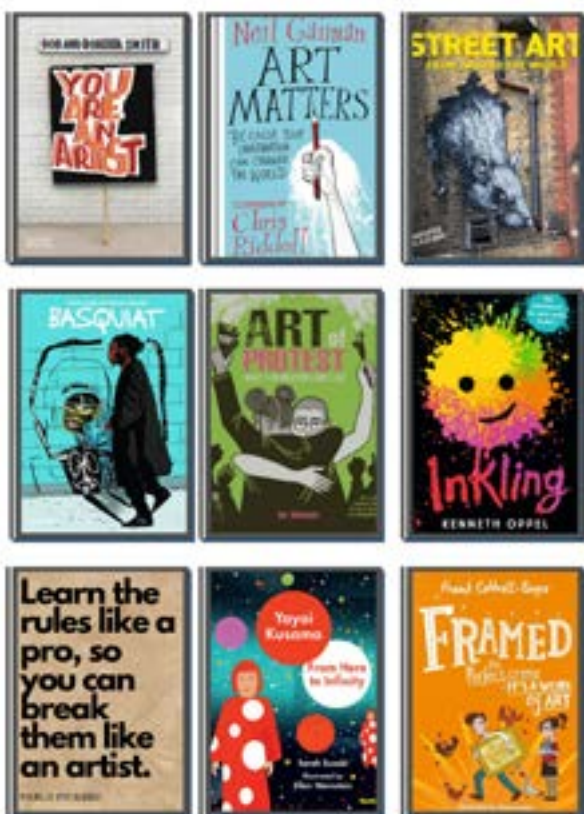
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>

Ms Taylor and Ms Cooper-Hockey



READ
FOR CREATIVITY
FOR SKILL

FOR ART



Music Ambassador Applications are open!

If you take part in extra-curricular Music and would like the opportunity to become a Music Ambassador, the Music department is looking for 15 students to assist with projects, advertisements, concerts, shows and audition processes.

This experience is an excellent opportunity and superb to put on personal statements for your future.

Successful students will have the opportunity to:

- Be trained as a music leader and be involved with music projects.
- Help host, advertise, organise and fund raise for our music concerts.
- Be on the audition panel for our two whole school concerts.
- Get your voice heard! Your opinion counts in our school. We want to know how we can make music great for you!

If you are interested, please write a personal statement (no more than a side of A4) outlining why you would make an effective music ambassador.

You will need to play an instrument, take part in one or more of our extra-curricular clubs and want to get involved in our events. Also state what you can offer as an ambassador.

Please bring your personal statements to Mrs Casey in M001 by Friday 21 October.



Vacancies in School Teaching Assistant

We currently have a permanent vacancy for a Teaching Assistant to join our team.

A3/B1 level 4 to 6 (Actual Starting salary £13,404 rising to £14,084)

The role is term time plus 5 days, 30 hours a week. Requests for flexible hours (eg to fit around school drop off and pick up) will be considered.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is skilled in this area and is passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people.

Administrator

We have a permanent vacancy for an Administrative Assistant to join our support staff team, working alongside colleagues in the main school office.

Grade: B1 Level 4 to 6 (Pro rata £16,532 rising to £17,371)

This role is term time plus 5 days, 37 hours per week.

Exam Invigilators

Join our casual pool of Examination Invigilators. NJC Scale B3 level 7 = £10.60 per hour

The Invigilation role oversees internal and external examinations as directed by the Examinations Manager and Lead Invigilator. The successful candidate will receive full training.

Mini Bus Drivers

Join our casual pool of Mini Bus Drivers NJC £9.90 per hour

Candidates must be confident drivers, hold a clean driving licence, enjoy interacting with the students and are willing to undergo the Minibus training course – MiDAS - which we will fund. (This qualification is transferrable for use outside of school).

This role mainly consists of driving students to and from external provisions to support their learning.

The hours would be split with a morning session from approximately 8 am for up to 2 hours and then the afternoon from 12.30 pm, once again for up to two hours. The opportunity, for more hours may be possible from time to time.

For more information about these roles, please get in touch:

Email: agadmin@allertongrange.com

Phone: 0113 393 0304

School Uniform Exchange

Thank you to parents and carers who have donated school uniform items to our School Uniform Exchange.

We have rehomed a lot of the donations but still have some uniform available. There are some grey jumpers (Years 7 -10) and a smaller number of navy jumpers (Year 11) available, as well as some PE kit (mainly polo shirts).

Please get in touch if you are looking for any Allerton Grange uniform with what you are looking for and the size.

Email vikimciver@allertongrange.com.

Hidden Figures Film Screening

On Thursday 13 October, the History Team held a screening of Hidden Figures after school, as part of our Black History Month celebrations. The 2016 film tells the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the United States of America space programme. All students in school were invited and it was lovely to see so many of them at the event.

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](#)