



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 May - **Year 9 Boys' Football**  
Regional Championships Final at Wetherby Athletic FC

12 May - **Spring Music Showcase**  
7 - 9 pm, Tickets £4 on ParentPay

18 - 20 May - **Year 7 Bushcraft Trip**

30 May - 3 June - **Half Term Holiday**

22 June - **Parents' Forum meeting**  
6 - 7 pm (change of date from 19 May)

### Attendance

**Are you ensuring your child attends school every day and on time?**

AGS Attendance this week: 90.2%

National Average: 89.5%

### ClassCharts

**Are you a regular user of ClassCharts?  
Are you tracking your child's achievements and behaviour in school?**

**This week:**

**Positive points issued = 8000**

**Negative points issued = 600**

**93% positive ratio**

### Reporting Student Absence

Parents and carers can use ClassCharts to report student absence to school. You can also upload any supporting evidence.

Part of our KLAS curriculum is to ensure that students have opportunities to develop and learn outside the classroom, therefore, it is great to see our Personal Development programme getting back into full swing.

The opportunities beyond the classroom that we are offering for our students is superb:

**After school clubs** – we have a full programme of 40 after school clubs running from 3.00 to 4.00 pm every Monday to Friday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for a student to learn a new skill.

**Sports teams and competitions** – our PE staff provide a wide range of sporting opportunities and the calibre of our teams is getting stronger every year. You will have noticed from previous newsletters the number of teams reaching finals this year in local and regional competitions. Next year we will be winning trophies!

**Music and drama performances** – opportunities in these areas are back to full strength. Specialist instrumental lessons are available during the school day and in addition to our musical showcases, rehearsals for our end of year production of "Legally Blonde" are well under way.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award** – as you will have seen in previous newsletters this provision is growing every year with 150 students currently on the Bronze and Silver programme.

**Trips** – our trips programme is also going from strength to strength. This week alone we have run the following:

- Year 9 trip to Newcastle University as part of the Brilliant Club programme.
- Year 13 A Level Geography students attended an examination lecture.

In the near future we are running the following trips:

May – Year 7 Bushcraft adventure residential.

May – KS3 Sports activity trip to Barcelona.

June – Year 8 Bushcraft adventure residential.

July – End of year trips:

**Year 7 - Fountains Abbey, 18 & 19 July**

**Year 8 - The Deep, 19 & 20 July**

**Year 9 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park, 18 July**

**Year 10 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park, 18 July**

**Year 12 - Liverpool Cultural Visit, 19 July**

Please make sure your child has signed up for these trips – we don't want them missing out!

These activities listed would not be possible without the commitment of our staff who are prepared to offer their own time after school, on evenings and at weekends to run and supervise these events – thank you.

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

## Academic Vocabulary

'Words Matter' is a programme designed to improve literacy levels in KS3. Students need to learn these words to be able to fully access the curriculum, examinations, and a wide range of academic texts.

**1. coordinate** *bring the different parts of (a complex activity or organization) into a good working relationship.*

*Good dancers are able to coordinate their movements with music.*

**Synonyms: accommodate, attune, bring together**

**2. core** *The centre of an object or principle*  
*English, maths and science are considered to be core subjects because they are central to understanding other subjects;*

*The earth has an enormous molten core that contains vast amounts of energy.*

**Synonyms: centre, heart, essence**

**3. corporate** *relating to a large company or group.*

*She worked her way up through the corporate levels to become president.*

*Their company organizes corporate hospitality tents at major outdoor sporting events.*

**Synonyms: associated, collective**

**4. correspond** *have a close similarity; match or agree almost exactly.*

*In America, Grade 6 corresponds to our Year 7;*

*The weight of an object does not correspond to the speed at which it will fall.*

**Synonyms: correlate, harmonise, conform**

**5. criteria** *principles or standards by which something may be judged or decided. (plural form of criterion)*

*Good attitude to learning and excellent attendance are amongst the criteria you must meet to become a lead learner.*

**Synonyms: requirements, standards**

**6. deduce** *arrive at (a fact or a conclusion) by reasoning; figure something out on the basis of what you know.*

*Sherlock Holmes was able to deduce the identity of many criminals from the clues they left behind.*

**Synonyms: infer, work out**

## Spring Music Showcase

We're delighted to be holding a Spring Music Showcase on Thursday 12 May, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Tickets are £4 and available from ParentPay.



## Deaf Awareness Week

We are proud that we have supported the campaign that has resulted in the British Sign Language Act 2022, recognising BSL as a language of England, Wales and Scotland.



On Wednesday 4 May, DAHIT held a Deaf Awareness Event after school. Students joined DAHIT staff to practise BSL signs and play signing games together.

*Please contact Henri Grumbridge or Rose Priestley for more information.*



## Sports Fixtures

### Football:

Our **Year 7** boys' football team lost 3-2 in the last minute of the final of the Leeds Cup. Their opponents, Garforth, reached the quarter final of the English Schools' National Cup this year, so this was a fantastic effort from our students.

The **Year 9** boys' football team will be playing in the final of the Regional Championships on **Monday 9 May at Wetherby Athletic FC**. Kick off is at 5.30 pm. Spectators are welcome and there is a charge (£5/£3 concession) for this event.

**Badminton:** Our **KS4** boys badminton team lost in the final of the Leeds Badminton Championship to Prince Henry's.



**Rugby:** Allerton Grange hosted a **KS3** Leeds Rhinos girls' rugby tournament on Wednesday with our team winning one match and losing two.

