



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 March - **BBC Roadshow**

Year 7, 8, 9, 10

(During school day)

16 March - **Covid booster vaccine**

Parental consent required

(During school day)

17 & 18 March - **Year 11 Results Revealed**

(During Form Time)

18 March - **Year 7 & 8 Physics Roadshow**

(During school day)

24 March - **KS4&5 Concert**

(7.00 - 9.00 pm)

31 March - **Moor Allerton Hall has Talent**

(6.00 - 9.00 pm)

### Attendance

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

AGS Attendance this week: **93%**

**3.29%** above national average

### ClassCharts

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

**This week:**

**Positive points issued = 12,500**

**Negative points issued = 1,300**

**90% positive ratio**

### Student ambassadors:

It is always a delight to hear from visitors or members of the community praising our students. Last week I experienced two examples of this. Firstly, during our careers fair, (see details below) which was a wonderful event attended by over 50 higher education providers and employers; a visitor from Sheffield University approached me to comment on how aspirational our students were. She said they clearly have ambition and confidence in wanting to apply to some of the top universities in the country. This was great to hear. This was followed on Friday afternoon, when the last of our 110 Year 10 GCSE Geography students returned from their field work expedition on the Holderness coast, and a member of staff informed me she had been approached by a member of the public praising the conduct and maturity of our students during the field work surveys. We are so proud of all our students but messages like these are icing on the cake!

### More external reviews:

Last month we experienced another review – this time from the local authority focusing on PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education). They were checking to see if Allerton Grange met the criteria to be awarded the new PSHE Friendly status by Leeds City Council. WE DID! – the report about the quality of PSHE was glowing. It stated:

*"Great care and consideration have gone into implementing a curriculum that, not only meets the DfE statutory guidance, but also the needs of the students and the local community. It is regularly evaluated and adapted where necessary."*

*"The PSHE leader (Miss Beenan) is very responsive to current issues and, in response to Ofsted's review, swiftly implemented a sexual harassment policy and lessons across the school. Students spoke about the messages they receive and feel that this has made a big impact. They said that if issues were to arise now, they feel empowered to deal with them and feel a strong sense of community and support."*

**Mike Roper**

Headteacher

### Careers Fair

On Thursday 3 March, Allerton Grange hosted a Careers Fair for KS4 & KS5 students. Over 50 employers and universities attended, including the Environment Agency, West Yorkshire Police, the Army, the NHS, Leeds City Council, Sky, DAC Beechcroft, Unilever and the Civil Service. Some of the exhibitors were even former students!



# Spotlight on the Curriculum

In this section we will provide updates on the curriculum and some of the topics year groups are studying during this half term.

## ***In this issue we focus on Year 8:***

### **Biology**

This half term students are learning about how the structure of a leaf is related to function; sketching a line graph to show how the rate of photosynthesis is limited; describing the role of phloem in the leaf transport system, how root structure is adapted for function; and performing qualitative testing for starch in the leaf.

### **Computing**

This half term students are working on 'Introduction to algorithms'.

### **Languages**

**Spanish** - Past holiday descriptions, future holiday plans and dream holidays

**French** - Module 14 and 16 of Michel Thomas

**German** - Expressing opinions about food, eating out and shopping

### **Music**

Currently students are participating in a '**Band Skills**' unit or '**Creating Their Own Music**' on GarageBand. In the 'Band Skills' unit, students learn how to work independently and as an ensemble, developing all-round musicianship and performance skills on keyboards, ukulele, drums, guitar, and bass guitar. The song for this project is Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes. For 'Create Their Own Music', they are learning how to put together chord progression in the key of C Major and develop the texture through adding loops and basslines, all the while learning how to use complex music software.

## **Battle of the Bands Auditions**

The first round of auditions for this year's Battle of the Bands is taking place on Friday 11 March but it isn't too late for students to get involved. There is a second audition after school, on Thursday 21 April, in M001.

**Students** - if you are interested in participating, this year's winning criteria will be on the following:

- Band Image
- Quality of music - a cover song... **You will not have to compose your own song.**
- Stage Presence

If you have not signed up yet, you can still sign the sheet on Kieran's door.

We can't wait to watch the performances - good luck!

## **Trips and Clubs**

Here is an introduction to our inclusive **Spectrum club**, written by one of our students: "Spectrum is an after-school club open to anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community. The staff and teachers are extremely welcoming. You can share as little or as much information about yourself with support for everything. It has been a safe place for many young members of the school. We do a variety of activities such as baking, art, and even more. We also talk about current school & out of school issues. It is a wonderful place full of wonderful people!"



## **A Level Drama & Theatre Studies Exam**

Year 13 students took to the stage for their A level exam this week. They used their skills to perform, using minimal props, and themselves and each other, to create the story and draw in the audience.



## **At Hot Chocolate Friday on 4 March, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.**

**Ethan in Year 7** was nominated for his superb work in Drama - "We are delighted with his professionalism and the extra effort he goes to in every Drama lesson".

**Haris in Year 8** has made great improvements to his behaviour recently and has shown a great deal of maturity. Well done and keep it up.

**Daniel in Year 9** was recognised for being an all-round, positive person, who always tries his best and is a credit to the school.

**Lloyd in Year 10** has had a successful move to Allerton Grange. He is always polite and respectful and has shown excellent behaviour.

**Ibrahim in Year 11** is a fantastic student. He is quietly getting on with what he needs to do and is conscientious about his future and his goals.

**Sarah in Year 12** started with us in September and has made a brilliant start to Sixth Form. She is hard working, proactive and always seeking opportunities to further herself.

**Lee in Year 13** is a hard worker, gets on with it and gives everything 110%!

