



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25/26 April - **DTP Vaccinations**  
Year 9 - consent required

25/26 April - **GCSE 3D Design Exam**

27/28 April - **GCSE Art & Photography Exam**

2 May - **Bank Holiday**

**3 May - Year 7 Boys' Football**  
**Champions of Leeds Final at Wetherby Athletic FC**

4 May - **Deaf Awareness Event**  
Cyber Cafe After School - All Welcome

### Attendance

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

AGS Attendance this week: 93.7%

National Average: 85%

### ClassCharts

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

***This week:***

***Positive points issued = 10,900***

***Negative points issued = 982***

***92% positive ratio***

### Reporting Student Absence

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

**Hello everyone and welcome to the Summer term. I hope everyone had a wonderful two weeks holiday.**

### **New arrivals in science:**

This week Spring was clearly in the air at Allerton Grange with the hatching of ten chicks in our science incubators. The little balls of yellow fluff have become instant celebrities and students have been queuing up to view them. Students in Y7 have named them after Greek gods and goddesses: Poseidon, Artemis, Dino, Gaia, Apollo, Hades, Ares, Athena, Aphrodite and Zeus.

### **Revised Policy for Positive Discipline:**

We have made some updates to our Policy for Positive Discipline (Behaviour Policy), these include the new detention system and the removal of our COVID measures. The latest version is [now available on the website](#) for parents to view.

### **Exam season:**

Exams seem to start sooner and sooner every year – some GCSE and A level exams are beginning next week. Y11 students are involved in their GCSE MFL speaking exams for the next few weeks and GCSE courses in 3D product design, Art and Photography come to end in a week's time with the completion of students coursework. We wish all our Y11 and Y13 students the very best of luck in their upcoming examinations.

### **Key Stage 4 Review:**

On Tuesday this week we had a very experienced ex-Headteacher visit Allerton Grange to conduct a review of our provision at KS4. Neil Clephan visited assemblies, attended form time, observed lessons and conducted student/staff interviews throughout the day. He was very impressed with our Y10 and Y11 students, their conduct and their learning. He was equally complimentary about the quality of our KS4 team – so congratulations to Miss Drew, Miss Walker, Mr Mahoney, Miss Hibbert, Miss Wright and Mr Whincup. We will receive his final report in the coming days which will provide us with some recommendations to enhance our provision even more.

**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. **alternative** one of two or more available possibilities.

*An alternative is one of two or more possibilities that may happen or that may be chosen. You may, for example, choose to study Drama in Year 9, but could choose Photography or PE as an alternative.*

**Synonyms:** option, choice

2. **circumstance** a factor or condition that play a part in determining an outcome.

*The COVID-19 pandemic is a circumstance which requires us all to take special precautions; Under no circumstance should you leave a lesson without permission.*

**Synonyms:** the way things are; situation, state of affairs

3. **comment** a written or verbal opinion or answer to something

*'Subscribe, hit like, and let us know what you think in the comments' is a common feature of social media posts.*

**Synonyms:** response, remark, observation

4. **compensate** make up for something

*If you have to wait too long for a takeaway delivery, you may be given some free drinks as compensation. The driver received a large amount of money as compensation for her injuries.*

**Synonyms:** recompense, redress

5. **component** a part or element of a larger object

*Computers have many components. Algebra and Trigonometry are two major components of maths.*

**Synonyms:** part, element, constituent

6. **consent** permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.

*The school has records which show whether parents have given consent to take and publish photographs of students.*

**Synonyms:** agreement, permission, authorisation, approval

## Sports Fixtures

### Football:

Our **Year 7** boys' football team beat Woodkirk 2-1 in the Champions of Leeds semi-final on 20 April to qualify for the final against Garforth on **Tuesday 3 May at Wetherby Athletic FC**. Kick off is at 4pm and spectators are welcome to come along and support the team.

The **Year 9** boys' football team has also been on fine form to reach the final of the Regional Championships. They will be playing on **Monday 9 May at Wetherby Athletic FC**. Kick off is at 5.30 pm and spectators are welcome but there is a charge (£5/£3 concession) for this event.

### Badminton:

On 4 May the Year 11 Badminton team will also be playing in the final of

## At Hot Chocolate Friday on 22 April, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

**Husna in Year 7** was nominated for the progress she is making, as well as her growing self-confidence.

**Jess in Year 8** has made an outstanding start to the new term, gaining multiple achievement points for respect and kindness on her first day back. Well done!

**Tilly in Year 9** is an all-round fantastic student, even when things get tough!

**Khadija in Year 10** was nominated by Ms Barlow for her progress in RS.

**Xanthe in Year 11** was nominated by two members of staff who witnessed her escorting another one of our visually impaired students through the corridors and dining hall, making sure they were ok.

**Sulaiman in Year 12** is a hard working student with excellent attendance and is one of our Aim High students.

**Jude in Year 13** has been working really hard completing apprenticeship applications and planning for her future.



## Year 10 Rugby Excellence

During the Easter holidays, Charlie, Noah and Thomas from Year 10 were part of the Roundhegions team which won the under 15's Yorkshire Cup in Rugby Union. The 26-12 victory over a strong Hull Ionians RUFC side was the first ever for a Roundhegians age group team, and the first for any team at the club since the early 1980's, Thomas scored 16 of those 26 points, including two of the four tries.

The team beat Sheffield RUFC, Huddersfield YMCA RUFC, Huddersfield RUFC and Sandal RUFC to reach the final, and team are now unbeaten in four years. Thomas and Noah are now part of the Yorkshire RFU Developing Player Programme. Congratulations to all the players for such an exceptional achievement!



## Welcome to the termly message from the Board of Governors.

I am the Chair of Governors having been a member of the Governing Board for 7 years and I also live in the catchment area for Allerton Grange School.

The Governing Board is made up of parent, co-opted, council and school representatives who meet on a regular basis whose main functions are:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the Headteacher and school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational and we are not involved in the day to day running of the school. We support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

We hold termly Full Governing Body, Strategy and Resources, Quality of Education and Personal Development and Behaviour/Attendance meetings as well as being proactive in that we meet with senior and middle leaders as part of our ongoing quality assurance responsibilities and support and attend school functions on a regular basis.

**Barbara Trayer**  
*Chair, Board of Governors*

### Allerton Grange Governors:

**Mr Mike Roper** - Headteacher  
**Ms Barbara Trayer** - Chair  
**Mrs Catriona Wilkinson** - Co-opted Governor  
**Taseen Khan** - Co-opted Governor  
**Mr Maninder Dev** - Parent Governor  
**Mr Andy McKinlay** - Parent Governor  
**Mr Dan Carver** - Parent Governor  
**Ms Natalie Harris** - Staff Governor  
**Ms Sarah Chaming** - Local Authority Governor  
**Ms Beverley Manfredi** - Clerk to the Governors

## Chicks!

This week there has been lots of excitement in Science as we waited to see if our eggs would hatch. We are delighted that all 10 chicks safely hatched!



## Celebrating Success

### Ms Riley's Year 11 Stars

On 19 April, Ms Riley's Year 11 Hairdressing students celebrated their progress and achievements with an awards event recognising their individual skills and talents during the course. Congratulations to all the students!



### Blair Peach Award

Following the mention in the last issue, Ms Spencer-Matthews has received her Blair Peach Award.

[Find out more about why she was nominated](#)



## Welcome to our new Assistant Headteachers

We are delighted to introduce two new members of our Senior Leadership Team:

Natalie Drew, Assistant Headteacher & Director of Key Stage 4 (pictured left) who joins us from Temple Moor High School.

Jordan Macrow, Assistant Headteacher & Director of Key Stage 5 (pictured right) joins us from Benton Park School.

