



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 in Cyber Cafe

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

19 May - **Parents' Forum meeting**

**Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families and I hope you have most wonderful celebrations on Monday and Tuesday next week.**

### Examination news:

Congratulations to all our GCSE Modern Foreign Language students who have completed their speaking exam over the last week. The feedback from teachers has been extremely positive. Well done, and as one student put it "One down and 22 to go!"

Congratulations to GCSE and A Level Art, Photography and Technology students – they have completed this week their course by submitting their final coursework.

Year 11 and Year 13 received their final exam timetables this week – these should help students and families to schedule revision throughout the next 2 months. If you have any questions regarding exam schedule please contact Mr Fidler (Assistant Headteacher).

The Year 10 and Year 12 Pre Public Exam schedule has been confirmed. These will take place as follows:

Year 12 PPE's will be the weeks commencing the 20th and 27th June

Year 10 PPE's will be the two weeks commencing the 4th and 11th July

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

### Attendance

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

AGS Attendance this week: 92.3%

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 = 13,000**

**Negative points issued = 1,200**

**90% positive ratio**

### Reporting Student Absence

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

### Eid Mubarak

We wish all members of our school community celebrating, a happy and peaceful Eid Al-Fitr.

A reminder that students are permitted one day of religious observance a year.



## 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. **considerable** notably large in size, amount, or extent.

*The bad weather caused considerable disruption to our outdoor sports schedule.*

**Synonyms:** notable, substantial, significant

2. **constant** occurring continuously over a period of time.

*Constant repetition makes it easier to learn how to spell a word.*

**Synonyms:** perpetual, incessant, unchanging

3. **constrain** severely restrict the scope, extent, or activity of.

*The police used handcuffs to constrain the prisoners; Their ability to enjoy the holiday was constrained by their lack of spending money.*

**Synonyms:** restrict, hold back, restrain

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. **contribute** give something, (especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something.

*Her interesting ideas were a valuable contribution to class discussions.*

*He would regularly contribute left-over food to nearby food banks.*

**Synonyms:** give, donate, provide

6. **convene** come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.

*The head teacher convened a meeting of all staff to discuss the excellent outcome of our Ofsted inspection.*

**Synonyms:** assemble, bring together, call/summon

## At Hot Chocolate Friday on 29 April, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper.

**Alexa in Year 7** has learned the difficult skill of rising above drama and shown great strength and resilience.

**Angel in Year 8** has made a great start to life at Allerton Grange. She is well-mannered and hardworking; she has already moved up sets in Science. Keep it up!

**Ayman in Year 9** has recently joined Allerton Grange and has had a great start! Keep up the good work!!

**Thomas in Year 10** was nominated for scoring two brilliant tries securing a win for Roundhegians in the Yorkshire Cup Final.

**Priya in Year 12** was nominated for volunteering to get involved mentoring students in lower school.

**Junaid in Year 13** has shown resilience and a strong work ethic. He's been working really hard completing his final project for 3D Design and despite hurting his finger earlier this week, he's not let it stop him working extremely hard.



## safe@allertongrange.com

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

A reminder that students can email **safe@allertongrange.com**, in confidence, with any concerns or worries they may have, including instances of bullying. This may be something that is affecting the student themselves or they may have a concern about a friend.

When emailing, students are asked to give as much information as possible about the issue. The emails are received by the Pastoral Team (Year Teams) and will be dealt with promptly.

## Leeds CAMHS Crisis Helpline

Are you a parent worried about your child? Do you know a young person struggling to cope? Are you unsure about how to help them and need some guidance and advice? The NHS in Leeds operates a freephone helpline for under 18s between 8am and 8pm every day, providing young people, and their families or carers, advice, support, someone to listen, or signposting, as appropriate, regardless of the circumstance.

You will be put through to a skilled crisis advisor who will listen and talk through concerns, support and will provide practical advice on what to do next. The team offers in-the-moment support and efficient response for anyone up to the age of 18 during moments of distress, ensuring that immediate access to help will be provided if necessary.

**Leeds CAMHS Crisis Call Helpline is open 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can call us for free on 0800 953 0505.**

## Sports Fixtures

### Football:

Our **Year 7** boys' football team are playing in the Champions of Leeds 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 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.

This week the **Year 9 boys'** footballers lost to Ruth Gorse in the semi-final of the Leeds Cup.

### Badminton:

On 4 May, the Year 11 Badminton team will be playing in the Leeds Schools' League Final against Prince Henry's at the Grammar School at Leeds. Lewis, Tom, Jack and Arran finished first in their division to reach the final. Good luck boys!

### Cricket:

Our **Year 7** cricket team had their first ever school cricket match. They had a fantastic game, played really well and showed a great attitude but lost to GSAL.

## Preparing for Exams

**As we near the end of Year 11 and Year 13, students are focusing on preparing for their GCSE and A level exams. Teaching and pastoral staff are supporting students to make the most of their remaining time and to study effectively.**

**Students will already have a copy of a Revision Guide to help them prepare for their upcoming exams.**

### Top 10 Ultimate Revision Tips:

- Start revising as soon as possible
- Set up a tidy study space
- Revisit topics several times with a gap in between
- Vary your revision with different activities
- Do lots of practice papers and questions
- Set aside time to do fun things
- Keep you phone and other distractions away
- Sleep and eat properly
- Don't panic! Plan your work and your plan and you'll be eating your eggs-ams for breakfast!

***If your child needs help with planning their revision, encourage them to speak to their teachers as soon as possible.***

***Any Year 11 students needing a spare copy of the How to Revise for GCSE Guide - please see the Year Team.***

## 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.



### Exam Timetables

#### GCSE and A levels

Years 11, 12 and 13 have been given their exam timetables this week.

#### PPE (Pre Public Exam) dates:

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