



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Punctuality to school:

A reminder to all families that students' first session starts at 8.30 am and therefore students need to be in school before this time. If they arrive at school for 8:30 am they will be late. The school site is open for students from 8.15 am.

Supporting the safety of our students:

Ensuring our students are safe in school and in our community is our number one priority. Our Safeguarding Team is fully trained and very experienced in meeting the safeguarding needs of all our young people. Here is a reminder of our processes for how a student can communicate with the Safeguarding Team anonymously, either about a safeguarding concern relating to them or another student:

- **Concern Box** located outside the Child Protection Office and in the Common Room in the Sixth Form building. Students are supported to write a confidential concern note and post it here.
- **safe@allertongrange** – this is a confidential email account safe@allertongrange.com where students can alert the Safeguarding Team of any concerns. This account is monitored 24/7 and 365 days per year.
- **In person** – all members of our Pastoral/Behaviour and Welfare Team are fully trained in supporting students with safeguarding concerns. Our pastoral support teams are available from 8.15 am to 4.15 pm every school day.

Code of Conduct for parents and the home/school agreement:

At Allerton Grange, we recognise that a student's success relies very much upon a strong school/home partnership, and we pride ourselves on highly effective relationships with our parents/carers. Allerton Grange staff work very hard engaging with families and welcome conversations with parents/carers on how best to support our young people. Unfortunately, on occasion, some parents/carers fail to meet our basic expectations of respect and tolerance, and in these situations we have needed to apply the "Parents Code of Conduct". The links below take you to documents on our website which clearly set out our expectations for parents/carers in how they engage with school staff.

I want to thank the very large majority of families who meet their responsibilities in the Home/School Agreement and who conduct all engagements with school staff in a respectful and constructive manner.

[Code of Conduct for Parents - click to view on the school website](#)

[Home/School Agreement - click to view on the school website](#)

New date for Year 7 Parents evening:

The Year 7 Parents' Evening has been rescheduled to Thursday 25 April 2024 (4.30 – 7.30 pm). A letter will be sent out nearer the time regarding how families can make appointments.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

ClassCharts
Positive points: 16,600
Negative points: 1,810
90% positive points ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 14 December - World of Music Concert

**Tuesday 19 December - Year 7 Parent's Evening
CANCELLED - REARRANGED FOR THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024**

Wednesday 20 to Thursday 21 December - Drama
Trip to London

Friday 22 December - Last Day of Term:
Year 7, 8 & 9 leave at 11.45 am
Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 leave at 12:05 pm



Sports Fixture Results

Football:

Our **Year 9 Football team** travelled to Rotherham on Friday for the 4th round of the schools FA Cup.

Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 to Wath Academy but the students have done fantastically well to get this far, which is the furthest they have gone in the competition to date.

Badminton:

On Wednesday, we had our first **Badminton** fixture of the season against local rivals Roundhay.

We're happy to report that we won the four matches that took place:

- **KS4 boys** won 8-0,
- **KS3 boys** won 8-0,
- **KS3 girls** won 5-3, and
- the **Year 7 team** won 6-2.

Rugby:

The **Year 8 boys' Rugby team** played in the semi final of the Leeds Championship Schools Cup this week. They unfortunately lost 28-10 to a far more experienced Cockburn team.

Despite this defeat, it's been a fantastic first few games of 13-a-side rugby for the group of students, who are still very new to the game.

Thank you to the PE Team for supporting our students to take part in competitive fixtures and have these experiences.

School Uniform Exchange

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the School Uniform Exchange.

There are currently lots of trousers, as well as grey jumpers and navy blue Year 11 jumpers available.

If you would like to request any items, please email:

vikimciver@allertongrange.com

with the uniform you are looking for and the size needed.

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 8 December, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.

Congratulations this week to:

Bridget in Year 7 is a Music Ambassador, is part of Student Council and is an exemplary student. This first term, she has been fantastic and is a true example of what an AGS student should be!

Alex in Year 8 was nominated for dealing with a sensitive and difficult situation with a lot of maturity.

Rafael in Year 9 is such a polite, hardworking student, not just at school but in his after school activities as well. He has scored the most goals for his football club in a season and is determined to do well for the AGS team too. Well done, Rafael!

Hasnain in Year 10 was nominated by Ms O'Sullivan for how impressed she was with how he's improved and trying to do well in lessons. He is far more focused this term and it's definitely been noticed.



Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students:

James (Year 11), who passed his Grade 6 Guitar exam

Oliver (Year 11), who passed his Grade 8 Guitar exam with Merit

Joel (Year 8), who passed his Grade 3 Piano exam with Distinction.

Attendance Matters

At Allerton Grange, our target is for all students to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. The minimum expectation is for all students to have 97% attendance over the academic year. We appreciate the efforts of parents, carers and families to ensure that students are attending school every day, and on time.

All parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child/ren receive a suitable education for their age and aptitude. Research has shown that excellent attendance is key for ensuring positive outcomes for children and young people, and is vital to students being able to learn effectively and take an active part in school life.

As we approach the end of term, please keep in mind that every day at school is important. All students are expected to be in school until their finish time on Friday 22 December 2023.

Below is a reminder of what to do if your child is ill, is going to be late or has an appointment during the school day:

Illness

If your child is ill, you can check the NHS website to help you decide if they are too ill to attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
If your child is absent, a parent/carer must contact school using ClassCharts before 8.30 am on each day of absence.

Lateness

If your child is going to be late to school, they need to have a note from their parent or carer explaining the reason why they are late. On arrival, the student must sign in at the Attendance Office and then go straight to their lesson. Persistent lateness will result in detention and/or isolation.

Appointments during the school day

Where possible, please make appointments for your child outside of school hours. If your child has an appointment during school time, this should be recorded on ClassCharts and they must take a note from their parent or carer to their Year Office to receive a green slip. At the time they need to leave school, the student must hand the slip into Main Reception, where they will receive a Police signing out slip. **Students should never leave school without permission.**

If you would like to talk to us about your child's attendance, or if you need support, please get in touch.

Food Bank Collection

We are excited to announce this year's winter food drive.

We are asking for those families who are able, to bring in as many cans and packets of dried and longlife food as possible, in order to help Leeds North and West Foodbank.

There are boxes in Year pods for students to fill with contributions.

We understand that not every student will be able to contribute, so we ask that you motivate your peers to help as much as they can.

The Year group that brings the most food in will receive a reward.

You have until the end of the term to bring in anything you are able.

Thanks!

Sixth Form Leadership Group



Useful items:

- Tinned fruit/vegetables/fish/meat/rice pudding/custard/tomatoes
- Long life fruit juice
- Soup
- Instant Mash
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Teabags
- Toilet rolls
- Also, used clean carrier bags

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 1 – September - December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Homework Club All Years - Library	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years – M003
Girls Basketball All years - Courts	Badminton All Years	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years – L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall
Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Girls Rugby All Years	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK B) KS4 and KS5 – I001
	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Boys Basketball All Years	Netball Year 9	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5
	Girls Football Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Netball Year 8	Netball Year 7	
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Girls Football Year 7	
	Boys Football Year 7	Boys Rugby KS3	Boys Football Year 8	
	Netball Year 10 and Year 11	Boys Football Year 9	Coding Club (WEEK A) KS3 - I002	
		Maths GCSE Drop-in KS4 – L035	Boys Football Year 10 and 11	
		Geography A-Level Drop-in KS5 – L022	EPQ Club KS5 – I001	
		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 – L031	



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	BCA
TUESDAY	All Years Badminton KS4 Fitness	Sports Hall Fitness Suite	SNO JGA
WEDNESDAY	Boys Basketball Y7 Fitness Y8/9 Trampoline Year 11 GCSE Revision	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall L44	DTO JGA KAI BCA
THURSDAY	KS3 Table Tennis Year 8/9 Fitness Year 7 Trampoline	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall	SNO JSM BCA & KAI

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.

Sheets are outside the PE Office.

These clubs start the week beginning 27th November until February half term.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

Please check with your child if they are staying for an after school club so you know what time they will be leaving school.

Thank you for your support.

Don't start your day by being late to school!
Students need to be in school , in their form room, at 8.25 am
ready for the register to be taken at 8.30 am.

The School Day 2023-2024

Timetable A		Timetable B		Timetable C	
Years 10/11/12/13		Years 8/9		Year 7	
8:25am		Warning Bell			8:25am
8:30am	REGISTRATION				8:30am
8:50am	DEAR			DEAR	8:50am
9:15am	1			1	9:15am
10:05am	2	BREAK	10:05am	2	10:05am
10:55am	BREAK	2		BREAK	10:30am
11:15am	3			2	10:50am
12:05pm	4	LUNCH	12:05pm	3	11:15am
12:55pm	LUNCH	4	12:30pm	4	12:05pm
1:20pm	5			LUNCH	12:30pm
2:10pm	6	5		4	12:55pm
		6		5	1:20pm
3:00pm				6	2:10pm
After School Provisions/Detentions begin					
					3:00pm

All students should leave the school site by 3.10pm unless attending a session 7 or working with a member of staff. There is to be no waiting in the cafe after school. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, a session 7, or isolation/detention.

(Monday) Stage 3 - SLT Detentions – 3:05pm – 4:30pm (85 minutes)

(Tuesday - Friday)

Stage 1 Detentions – 3:05pm - 3:35pm (30 minutes) Stage

2 Detentions - 3:05pm – 4:00pm (55 minutes)

Isolation takes place between 9:00am-3pm/3.30pm/4.00pm (Depending on Behaviour)