



# AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

## AGS Culture Day 2024

I am delighted to be able to celebrate with you Allerton Grange's annual Culture Day.

When the idea for this day was first mentioned to me, I knew it would be a huge success, and I want to thank:

- The Student Leadership Group and the Student Council for their leadership in arranging this day.
- Miss Mills for supporting our student leaders.

We are such a diverse school community with so many different cultures represented. This is one of the many things that makes Allerton Grange so special – growing up and learning surrounded by people from different cultures and backgrounds makes us all better human beings. It makes each of us more tolerant, more respectful and more inquisitive.

There is a quote in the dining hall by Maya Angelou, a famous poet and civil rights activist, she says: *"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"*.

This is so true and at Allerton Grange we should always make people feel part of our school community – we are a diverse and inclusive school community and we should be proud of that.

So this week, as you have celebrated your personal culture remember how fortunate you are to be part of a school community that welcomes you doing that. Have a great Culture Day everyone!

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher



### Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 26 March - A level Drama Exam**

**Wednesday 27 May - Classics Trip to the University of Cambridge**

**Wednesday 27 May - Year 11 Supporting Success Evening, 6 - 7 pm**

**Thursday 28 March - Last day of term.**

**Non-Uniform Day in support of St Gemma's Hospice**

**School closes at the usual time for the Easter Holidays and reopens on Monday 15 April 2024**

**Year 10 PPEs start on Monday 15 April and finish on Friday 26 April 2024**

### ClassCharts

**Positive points: 12,500**

**Negative points: 2,060**

**84% positive points ratio**

### Training Days 2023-24

The remaining Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

**Friday 5 July,**

**Monday 22 July and**

**Tuesday 23 July**

## Sports Results

### Netball

The **Year 10 girls' Netball team** played in a tournament at Cardinal Heenan this week. In their group they won 2 games against Benton Park and Farnley, drew against Cardinal Heenan and lost very narrowly to Rodillian and Prince Henrys, just missing out on a place in the semi final.

They did extremely well to come 3rd out of 6 in the group, and player of the tournament went to Lucy.

### Football

The **Year 7 boys' Football team** won their cup match against Cockburn this week, and now progress to the 3rd round.

### Former Student signs with Leeds United

Sam Chambers, a former AGS student, has signed his first professional contract with the Leeds United Football Club, until the summer of 2026.

A regular in the Whites' Under-18 side throughout the campaign, Sam has made nine appearances in the Premier League North. He scored his first goal against Sunderland in October and on the international front, the 17-year-old has been capped at youth level by Scotland.

Everyone at Allerton Grange would like to congratulate Sam on signing his first professional contract and we look forward to his future progress.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

**At Hot Chocolate Friday on 22 March, with Mr Norrington (Associate Headteacher), students celebrated their achievements.**

Congratulations this week to:

**Izzy in Year 7** is an exemplary student with outstanding behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance.

**Elan in Year 8** was nominated for singing beautifully to several audiences on Culture Day and was very confident. She was first to perform but showed no nerves - her performance was very impressive!

**Kamila in Year 9** has been working hard and put in a lot of effort to have a successful Year 9. Miss Camidge, her English teacher, said: Kamila has been working so hard in English and doing such a fantastic job at behaving in a mature and thoughtful way to others.

**Safah in Year 10** was nominated for persistently excellent engagement, having a fantastic attitude to learning and making great progress in Science.

**Ella in Year 11** was nominated by Miss Riley for stepping in at the last minute (due to other students being ill) and working with a Sixth Form student on how to apply make up and add hair accessories. This took Ella completely out of her comfort zone but she handled it like a professional.



## Culture Day 2024

Thank you to everyone who took part and celebrated the many cultures at Allerton Grange.



Each year group took part in a Culture Day assembly and were wowed by a range of outstanding musical performances including: Jiwan and Harnoor on the Tabla; Elan who sang a traditional Chinese song; Adam who played the bagpipes; Neon Penguins performing She Sells Sanctuary by The Cult; Imaan who sang Danse Dernière by Indila; and Ruby & Oriël who sang How Far I'll Go from the film Moana.



The **Catwalk of Culture** was inspirational, learning about students' cultural backgrounds and the languages they speak.



## **Culture Day - A Student Perspective**

Culture day - a day of tradition, diversity, richness - managed to showcase the many cultures around the world that we have here at AGS and we are proud to say that it was the biggest and best we've ever had!

Along with the colourful outfits, the culture day catwalk was the highlight with so many bold and inspiring students showing off their heritage, a real moment of pride for many.

What really brought the event together was the musical performances and the general atmosphere of the day; created not only by the student's enthusiasm but also the effort that was put in by the SLG team through the unique décor.

Overall it was a phenomenal experience and hopefully next year will be just as fabulous!

**Aaminah and Maryam**  
Year 12

***"The whole school was united under an umbrella of different cultures"***



***"Everyone was being themselves"***

***"I loved seeing all the different cultures coming together"***

**Allerton Grange Staff also embraced Culture Day and came to school in cultural dress, with many sharing food dishes.**



The Science Team had a cultural fuddle - blending a Yorkshire fuddle with a range of food provided by members of the team!

In the Attendance Office, there was jerk chicken and mac and cheese.



## KS4 & 5 Concert

On Thursday evening, our incredibly talented Music students from Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 performed to an audience of family, friends and AGS staff.

We were treated to versions of 'Smooth Operator' by Sade; 'From the Start' by Laufey; 'Out Here on My Own' by Irene Cara/Lesley Gore; 'Chick Tendies' by Clinton Kane; 'Let us Wonder' by Henry Purcell; 'Still Into You' by Paramore; 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana; 'Over The Bars' by James by P Johnson's Harmony Light; 'Slipping through my Fingers' by ABBA; 'It Must Be Love' by Madness; 'Your Power' by Billie Eilish; 'Mind the Gap' - Grade 8; 'Bags' by Claire; 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered' by Stevie Wonder; 'Indigo Moon' by Elissa Milne; 'What You Know' by Two Door Cinema Club. The AGS Concert Band also performed their version of 'All of the Lights' by Kanye West, accompanied by rappers and singers from Years 8 to 13.

***For a number of our Year 11 and Year 13 musicians this was their final concert performance - a massive well done for your commitment to music and all of your hard work.***







**A huge thank you to the Music Team (Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Al Matthews) for all of their support.**

**Thank you also to the student Tech Team including Ben, Owen, Thomas, Daniel, Eddie, Luke, Grace, Ella..**



## **Year 11 Supporting Success Evening**

All Year 11 students and their parents/carers are invited to join us for a Supporting Success Evening to help you prepare for your exams on Wednesday 27 March 2024, 6 - 7 pm.

This will be a highly informative evening for both parents and students, sharing information on the following:

- **Key dates for the Year 11 summer examination season**
- **How the summer exams work**
- **Revision and revision guides**
- **Academic support at Allerton Grange School**
- **Exam boards**
- **Supporting your child through their exams**

**We really hope to see both you and your child at our Supporting Success Evening.**

## **Rotary Club of Roundhay Writing Competition - Report on the Evening**

On the evening of the 18th of March, I attended a dinner with the Rotary Club of Roundhay for the writing competition that they organised. They served a lovely roast dinner, and it was all very formal, but the main event of the night was the reading of some of the prize-winning pieces from the competition.

I was there alongside only one of the other writers (Vishali, who had won the intermediate category with her moving work titled 'I Will Push Through This'), however I was the only writer to read my own work. All the others were performed amazingly by members of the club. Perhaps I should note that entries from Allerton Grange populated over half of the running order, including the entire senior category.

My favourite from the night was Antonina's entry (age 13 years, Allerton Grange) who had managed to track a similar thought process to me. That thought process being- what does one rebuild?... A body.

It was specifically noted on the night that there was a great showing of poetry in comparison to previous years and some of the stuff written by kids as young as 11 was mind-blowing. Massive well done to all of the other writers whose work was featured: Agatha, Ava, Gus, Antonina, Sara, Sara, Vishali, Hinal, Khadija, Sumayyan, Afsana and Umar.

**By Hester, Year 12**

## **Lost Property**

Please help your child by making sure their name is in all of their belongings, particularly coats.

If your child loses something in school, they should retrace their steps and check they haven't left it in a classroom, or the dining room, before checking with their Year Team or Lost Property.

**We have a large number of items in Lost Property at Main Reception, including coats and school uniform items without names.**

**Please check the Lost Property before the end of term as unclaimed items without names will be donated to charity.**

# Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar

Term 2 – January to April

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	PE Band Rehearsal M002
Girls Basketball Sports Hall	Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Club All years - M002	Juniors Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians - M001	Chess Club All Years - L029	Rubik's Cube Club All years - L026
Art Club Art	Spars Maths All Year - Maths Pod	Senior Concert Band Grade 4-8 Musicians - M001	School of Rock All Years - M002	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall
Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	All Years Badminton Sports Hall	Boys Basketball Sports Hall	Choir All Years - Hall	Software development Club (WEEK 8) KS4 and KS5 - 1001
Samba Year 7, 8 and 9 (Lunchtimes)	Jazz Club Grade 2 or above musicians - M003	Year 8/9 Trampoline Sports Hall	KS3 Table Tennis Sports Hall	Product Design Drop-in T002
Product Design Drop-in T002	Music Theory Musicians approaching Grade 5 - M002	Year 7 Fitness Fitness Suite	Year 8/9 Fitness Fitness Suite	GCSE Music Revision M003
	Our House – Rehearsals All Years - Hall	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Hall	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall	<p><b>ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5</b></p>
	Year 7 Drama Club Hall	Politics Club KS3 - L053	Coding Club (WEEK A) KS3 - KS7	
	Writers' Collective KS3 - L011	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	Physics Olympiad KS4 - S11 (from March)	
	Darts Club Year 8 - L024	Foundation French GCSE Revision L002	Product Design Drop-in T002	
	KS4 Fitness Fitness Suite	Product Design Drop-in T002	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15.	
	Physics Drop-in Year 11 - S004	GCSE PE Revision L044	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop in Art	
	Fine Art GCSE/ A-Level drop Art	Geography A-Level Drop-in KS3 - L022	Debating Society KS5 and KS4 - L15.	
	Geography GCSE Drop-in KS5 - L022	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051	EPQ Club KS5 - 1001	
	Product Design Drop-in T002		Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L011	
	Social Sciences Drop-in KS5 - L051			



[Click here to open a PDF version of the Extra-Curricular timetable](#)



## WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	All Years Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	BCA
TUESDAY	All Years Badminton KS3 Netball Club KS3 Girls Football	Sports Hall MUGA Fields	SNO BCA & JAD KAI
WEDNESDAY	Boys Basketball Y7 Fitness Y8/9 Trampoline Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball (teams only)	Sports Hall Fitness Suite Sports Hall MUGA	DTO JGA KAI BCA & JAD
THURSDAY	Year 7 Boys Football Year 8/9 Fitness Year 7 Trampoline Year 11 GCSE PE revision	Fields Fitness Suite Sports Hall L44	DTO SNO KAI BCA

**YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN.**

**Sheets are outside the PE Office.**

These clubs start the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February until the Easter Holiday.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

This is a new PE After-School timetable starting on 19 February 2024. Please refer to this timetable rather than the combined version above for PE clubs.

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