



Frequently Asked Questions – Enrichment and Extra Curricular activities

What is your Enrichment and Extra Curricular programme like?

We are proud of our enrichment programme and our aim to remove barriers to help students achieve their goals. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities including after school clubs, trips and guest speakers to give our students a broad range of experiences.

After school clubs include:

- Sports clubs such as Badminton, Table Tennis, Football, Fitness, Netball, Rugby, Trampoline
- Music clubs such as Concert Band, Samba Band, SoCKs (Soul and Rock) Band, Choir, Grade 5 Music Theory
- Book club
- Latin club
- Cooking club
- Coding club

Recent trips have included:

- Bradley Woods
- Magna Science Museum
- Windermere
- Kingswood
- Lake Garda, Italy
- Paris, France
- Universities of Leeds, Oxford and Cambridge
- The British Museum
- Houses of Parliament

We have welcomed a range of speakers into school, including:

- BBC Bitesize
- Burberry
- University of Cambridge, University of Bradford, Leeds Trinity University
- Theatre companies including Blah Blah Blah and Paper Birds Theatre Companies
- Into University
- Talk the Talk
- The Power of Muzik

My child enjoys performing, what opportunities are there in Drama and Performing Arts?

Drama is a big deal at AGS. The Drama department is very active and puts on 6 performances each school year. These include Shakespeare productions, specific KS3 and 4 productions, and the spectacular Summer Musical involving a huge cast. We work closely with the School of Performance and Cultural Arts at Leeds University, and also have regular visits from professionals in the industry, including former Allerton Grange students who are now appearing in the West End.

KS3 students have a timetabled Drama lesson each week and there are options to study Drama at GCSE and A Level.



My child already plays a musical instrument, can they continue at school?

My child is interested in music and would like to learn an instrument. Can you help?

Music is also a big part of life at Allerton Grange. There are many opportunities to get involved. We know Music is an important skill to learn, so we offer subsidised instrument lessons with peripatetic teachers (they come in to school every week to teach students). These have continued online this term.

There are a whole range of bands and choirs that rehearse regularly; all students are welcome to join them. These include Samba band, Wind band, Brass band, Concert band, SoCKS (Soul and Rock band) and the school choir. We also encourage students to grow their own bands too and we have a range of practice rooms where they can rehearse.

We have an annual Battle of the Bands competition, where students perform their own compositions. The finalists visit a recording studio and have the opportunity to lay down their own tracks.

The Music Department puts on 6 concerts a year and there is an annual music tour at the end of the summer term to Europe, mostly recently Lake Garda, Italy.

The Music Team holds the Music Mark Award and was also awarded Music Champion School status in 2019.

How do you support more academically able students?

To make the most of all the opportunities presented to them throughout their time at Allerton Grange School, our most-able students will be assigned a staff mentor to challenge, coach and encourage them to be the best they can be. They will meet at least once every half term to ensure they are making the most of all the wider enrichment opportunities available to them. It will give each student the opportunity to raise, with their mentor, any concerns or problems they have, and for the mentor to be a bridge between them and their teachers.

Our Aim High programme identifies our most academically able year 11 and sixth form students and encourages them to consider applying to the most competitive universities and courses. In particular, we will support those who may be disadvantaged or the first in their family to go to university.

There will be support for those applying to universities such as Oxford and Cambridge and the Russell Group Universities, as well as to competitive courses such as medicine, veterinary sciences and dentistry.