

Aspire, Grow, Succeed

Welcome

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Allerton Grange.

We are a good and rapidly improving school, where students of all backgrounds and abilities are happy and make positive progress. Our increasing success is due to our rigorous, knowledge-rich curriculum supported by four cornerstones: knowledge, literacy, aspirational enrichment and social mobility. We have high expectations of our students and they are keen to succeed. We give them every opportunity to know more, understand more, experience more and access more.

Every student is cared for as an individual; staff work relentlessly to ensure our students are safe, secure and happy. My priority is to maintain this atmosphere, ensuring we offer the highest quality learning opportunities for the students to Aspire, Grow and Succeed to their fullest potential.

Choosing the right school for your child is very important. I would encourage you to explore our website and visit us; I am confident you will see how successful your child could be at Allerton Grange School.

Mike Roper Headteacher



"This is a multicultural school and pupils enjoy the diversity. There is a real family atmosphere"







"Safe, Supportive, Diverse"

Local Authority



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School values are an intrinsic part of life at Allerton Grange.

- Working together to achieve our full potential
- Inspiring confident, creative and independent learners
- Celebrating our diverse school community, fostering tolerance and respect
- Developing active and responsible citizens within and beyond the school community.

Aspirational high-level teaching is delivered in every lesson, stretching and challenging students to become the best they can be; our students grow as learners, developing skills and talents to their fullest extent; they strive for success, wanting to achieve their personal best in everything they do.

Every student is unique and given the support and guidance they need to reach their academic, creative, sporting and career goals.

"Leaders want every pupil to aim high and fulfil their potential"



Our KLAS Curriculum

At Allerton Grange School, our rigorous and knowledge-rich curriculum is designed to empower all students and ensure they understand the changing world around them. It provides students with cultural literacy and context for their learning. This focus on broad and powerful knowledge is the most effective way to narrow the gap between demographic groups.

Lessons are characterised by consistently high expectations and challenge for all students; we expect them to read widely and use crucial subject terminology fluently.

We believe in developing the whole child. Our curriculum, therefore, encompasses the vast range of enrichment opportunities available, from performing arts and sports clubs to work with universities and employers. Opportunities are also available for trips abroad.

Ultimately, the Allerton Grange student aspires, grows and succeeds, going out into the world as a confident and intellectually curious member of society. This curriculum forms the basis of what we refer to as the Allerton Grange School cornerstones (KLAS).

"Curriculum leaders have developed an effective curriculum"

Ofsted







"The curriculum is very aspirational, reflecting the high expectations of pupils whatever their background or ability"

Peer Review



Learning for All

We are an inclusive and diverse school, used to nurturing different abilities and talents.

We have very high expectations of our more able students from their first day. Each curriculum area has a member of staff proactively ensuring that opportunities are provided to excel within and beyond the curriculum. Our Optima group provides mentoring, guidance and exciting enrichment activities specifically for the more able.

Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are offered comprehensive support from highly trained staff in each curriculum area of our accessible building. We work closely with professionals from Education, Health and Social Care to ensure that provision enables good progress.

Allerton Grange is the only specialist high school provision in Leeds for deaf students. English lessons are taught in the DAHIT base; mainstream lessons with specialist support are accessed for all other subjects with additional sessions in the base to support this learning. Deaf students are fully integrated; we value their contribution to the life of the school.

"The curriculum is challenging, but there is support in place to make sure that all pupils, can access the work and make progress"

Student Wellbeing

Our Behaviour and Welfare team provide exceptional care for our students. This team is deliberately non-teaching so that time can be spent with students, support given where and when it is needed, and proactive contact maintained with home. Attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress are monitored, with swift intervention where school expectations are not being met and rewards where they are.

Our parent surveys always show that students feel safe and cared for at Allerton Grange. Mental wellbeing is taken seriously. Every year, each student has an individual wellbeing meeting with their year leader; this also gives them an opportunity to reflect on their successes and identify their needs with a member of staff they know well.

We work closely with our feeder primary schools; a smooth transition is enabled through our use of three taster days.

"Pupils are happy and feel safe.
Pupils value the support they receive from their teachers and the pastoral support staff"





Student Leadership

Everyone has the potential to be a leader; our wide range of leadership roles mean that a significant number of our students are given opportunities to develop important leadership skills. We empower them to work in partnership with staff towards shared goals, making our school community more dynamic and vibrant.

Our democratic student council has a voice in decision making at school level and organising charity events; some student ambassadors represent us in the community, others have responsibility for projects and our sports leaders even teach small groups at primary schools.

"Pupils wear their uniform with pride and are excellent ambassadors for their school"



Sporting Excellence

It would be difficult to imagine a school where there is more variety and opportunity for sporting success. Allerton Grange has a long tradition of teams competing locally, nationally and successfully in sports such as football, rugby, netball, badminton and cricket.

We are proud that our students compete for Yorkshire, England and Great Britain in sports ranging from rugby to gymnastics.

Using our superb facilities to the full, clubs and team training occur almost every night, not only in traditional sports like rugby, football, netball and cricket, but also in other sports including dance, trampolining and climbing. The year culminates with our annual sports week competition, a celebration of the sporting excellence in our school.

Ofsted

"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good"



Beyond the Curriculum

Allerton Grange has an exciting menu of aspirational enrichment activities. Music and Drama are extremely popular, with busy rehearsal and performance schedules in school and in the community; the highlight of the year is our school musical. Working closely with Leeds University and professionals in the field, students explore their creativity and develop quality performance skills.

Music lessons are available; instrument options range from traditional brass and woodwind to dhol and steel pans.

Our after-school clubs are a buzz of activity. Students are passionate about robot building, art, photography, hairdressing, debating, chess and cookery – to name but a few. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme offers an appealing pathway to explore leadership, enhance skills and make a difference to our community.

"The school provides many activities at the end of the school day, including sports, music and drama clubs"

Working Together

At Allerton Grange, we work in partnership with local and national businesses, a range of universities, professional sports teams, our feeder primary schools, and local community groups. However, we believe that our most important partnership is with our students and their families. We actively work to keep parents involved in their child's education.

After listening to parental views, we have invested in apps to allow parents to receive personalised live updates on a range of information, including behaviour, achievements and homework set. Our Leadership Team offer weekly drop-in sessions for individual parents to discuss school matters and the Behaviour and Welfare Team are available throughout each day.

"Impressed with the consistent enthusiasm of the teaching staff when discussing feedback"

Parent



"Lovely teachers, very friendly and caring" Parent

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