



Frequently Asked Questions - Subjects

What languages do you teach?

We offer French, German and Spanish. Students study one of these in Year 7 and then progress to the GCSE course for that language. The Language team has a strong history of achieving excellent results, frequently appearing in the top 10% of language results in the country.

Can I choose which language my child studies?

Our Admissions Form asks if you have a preference for which language is studied and we do our best to accommodate preferences. However, sometimes it isn't always possible to allocate the preferred language.

Do you teach individual Science subjects?

In Science, students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics separately, taught by subject specialists right from the very start of Year 7. Around 60% of students then go on to take the sciences as separate GCSEs, gaining qualifications in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This is a substantially higher uptake than in most other Leeds schools, and one we encourage.

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.

My child likes music but is more interested in producing/music technology – do you have opportunities for them to develop skills in this area?

Interested students have the chance to work with our technical team to run the lighting and sound for school productions. Students can also work backstage during performances. There is an after school Music Tech club that works on these skills.