



20 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We have welcomed students back after the Easter break for the final term of this academic year. Many students in exam years were in school over the Easter break working hard in planned revision sessions. I am grateful to staff for giving up their time to help students prepare for the forthcoming examinations season. It can be a stressful time for young people so please do contact the Year Offices if you are at all concerned for your child's health & well-being.

If you have a child in Year 10, 11, 12 or 13 taking external examinations this summer you will have received information about the exam season and will receive further information about exam results days.

Strike Action 27 April / 2 May 2023

Unfortunately strike action continues on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. Our plans will be similar to the arrangements made on previous days.

Post-16 Students

- On arrival, Post-16 students should go to the cafeteria to check which of their lessons are taking place. If they arrive later [because they have no timetabled lesson] they should go to the Post-16 office to check.
- They can leave site if they do not have lessons or remain in the Post-16 study areas between lessons as is their current practice.

Year 11 Students

- On arrival [8.30am] Year 11 students go to the Hall and check which lessons are taking place.
- If your child's teachers are not in school, your child will be able to leave school provided parents have given permission. Permission to leave the premises to study at home was provided by you via Operoo earlier this year and unless you contact us to say otherwise, we are assuming that if you gave permission for your child previously that permission stands for future strikes.
- Where teachers are in, students will attend lessons as normal.

Year 10 Students

Given the proximity to the external exams, we intend to invite Year 10 students to school for the courses they have exams in this year, *if* their teacher is in school. On Thursday 27 April, Year 10 option lessons are P5 on Tuesday 2 May option lessons are P4 and P5. On both days, students should work remotely for the first part of the day until we make contact in the morning via Schoolcomms about whether to attend for those lessons. We will also make contact with the two classes who have RE lessons timetabled on those days if their teacher is in school.

Year 7, 8 & 9 students should learn remotely

Vulnerable students [Years 7, 8, 9, 10] and **Children of Critical Workers** [Years 7 & 8] should attend school.

All students working remotely

If a teacher is NOT striking, the teacher will set work online so students need to check Google Classroom at the start of each lesson. To access Google Classroom students should use the Google Workspace link found on the

homepage of the school's website under Quick Links [top of the homepage] or by clicking this link [Google Workspace](#)

We will communicate separately with parent/carers whose children qualify for free school meals. If a teacher IS striking, students can log on to Oak National Academy (link [Oak National Academy](#)) to find appropriate work.

Substantial paper packs of work were given to students who do not have access to online learning. If parents/carers need additional paper-based work, please contact Kerhie Harrison at info@allertonhigh.org.uk

Students who are coming into school may bring a packed lunch or have school lunch. Our free school meal offer will still be available to students in school although our hot food service will be reduced.

Expansion

The new block is almost ready. We should be able to take over the building in May as long as the final weeks of completion go according to plan. We then need to fit whiteboards, computers and CCTV as well as checking that everything in the new cafeteria is working. We will stagger movement to the new building once the external examination season is over.

Uniform

We have agreed the uniform for 2023/24 which is attached. We will remind parents/carers about the requirements later this term ahead of the summer break and the start of the new academic year in September.

Website

The summer term is usually the time when materials relating to the curriculum are updated. Following our own review of the curriculum resources on the website and your feedback, our Curriculum Teams are re-vamping their section of the website to make it as clear and straight forward as possible for parent/carers to quickly access what students are learning each term. This will all be updated and finalised during the summer term. A reminder that parents/carers can check what their child is studying over the year by accessing the information at the following link [AHS Curriculum](#)

Released Examination Results 2022

The government has now published finalised performance data from the summer 2022 exams for all secondary schools. Allerton students did extremely well. The Y13 grades were the highest we've had, as were GCSE English and Maths grades. 76.5% of students achieved grade 5 or higher in English and Maths, which is top in the city and a record high for Allerton. The other measures reported for Y11, such as Progress 8, are good but are lower than usual but only because the grades Y11 students achieved in their Y10 options haven't been included.

The Department for Education (DfE) has been clear that, given the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on different students and schools, data for 2022 should be treated with caution. For Allerton, the data reported is inaccurate because of missing grades rather than the impact of the pandemic being any worse than at other schools. Most schools in Leeds don't enter students for qualifications in Y10 and won't have had grades missing like we do. However, our Progress 8 figure is 0.19 (above average) despite around one third of the grades not being included, which indicates that our students made more progress than their peers nationally even with some of their grades missing.

The average grade achieved at A Level was a B and for Vocational qualifications it was a Distinction. There are no progress figures reported for P16 this year. Normally, progress figures for A levels are calculated using students' GCSE grades as a baseline. However, because the 2022 cohort received centre-assessed grades in 2020 rather than national GCSE exams, the government committed to not using these.



All published results and additional information about how the measures were calculated, is available on our website as well as on the link to the government site.

Calendar

We are currently working on the calendar for 2023-24 and will send a copy of key dates home next term. However, a list of start/end dates in 2023-24 is on the website should you need that information now.

The following is a list of key events *this* half-term i.e. to May mid-term break 2023:

- Monday 17 April - Return to school
- Thursday 20 April - Year 12 Next Steps Evening
- Monday 24 April - Year 13 Progress Review Information goes home this week
- Wednesday 26 April - A Level 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' Drama trip
- Thursday 27 – 29 April - Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
- Friday 28 April - GCSE PE Practical Moderation
- Monday 1 May - Bank Holiday: school closed
- Wednesday 3 May - K4 Final Music Concert
- Wednesday 3-5 May - Year 8 PGL Residential
- Friday 5 May - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly
- Saturday 6 May - Year 13 Leavers' Ball
- Monday 8 May - Bank Holiday, King's Coronation: school closed
- Wednesday 10-12 May - Year 8 PGL Residential
- Wednesday 10 May - Year 11 Leavers' assembly
- Monday 15 May - Year 11/13 study leave starts
- Thursday 25 May - Governors' Resources Meeting
- Friday 26 May - School closes for mid-term break

- Monday 10-13 July - Buggy Malone Production, tickets on sale shortly

We are also running some additional sessions about aspects of the school's work which you may wish to attend. The sessions will last for approximately one hour and will include a presentation followed by discussion. The dates are as follows:

- Supporting Young People with SEND - Wednesday 14 June at 6.15pm
- Supporting Young People's Mental Health - Wednesday 14 June at 6.15pm
- Allerton's approach to Bullying - Wednesday 21 June at 6.15pm
- Allerton's Progress Review system - Wednesday 5 July at 6.15pm

We will alert you to these sessions nearer the time.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns via the relevant Year Office or info@allertonhigh.org.uk. If you do not hear back from school within a few days, please contact my PA, Mrs Dove as she will ensure that I am aware of your concern so that it can be addressed.

Thank you for your support.



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