



June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Public Examinations

The Leavers' Assemblies for Year 11 and Year 13 were lovely events and a good time was had by all at the Year 13 Leavers' Ball in May. The examination season is well under way and seems to be going smoothly. We have been impressed by the significant numbers of students attending breakfast and after school revision sessions. It is a stressful time for our young people so please contact us if you are at all concerned for your child's well-being.

We look forward to celebrating the end of GCSE examinations at the Year 11 Prom later in June.

New Year Teams

Parent/carers of students in Year 8-10 may recall that we started a new timetable in June last year. Changes to our Guided Choices process this year mean that we don't need to do that this year.

Students in Years 7-9 will continue with their current timetables and teachers until the end of term in July but they will be introduced to the Head of Year and the year team they are going to be working with next year later this month.

Students in Year 10 will begin their new one year option course in the week beginning 19 June and their RE lessons will be replaced with an extra Science lesson until the end of term. All Year 10 students will receive a new timetable with this information on.

Calendar 2023-24

The school calendar for the next academic year has been finalised. It is on our website and a leaflet relating to it is attached. Please note, Monday September 4 is a training day. Students in Years 7 and 12 will be in on Tuesday 5 September for induction and attend from that point on.

On Wednesday 6 September we are operating a staggered return for students in Year 8-11 and Year 13. Each year group will be in school for part of the day on a rota basis so that students can have a tour of the new building and receive key information about movement around the larger school site. They will also receive their Personal Organisers and timetables and spend some time with their Coaches. Details for Wednesday 6 September are as follows:

Year 11:	In school 8.30-10.30am
Year 10:	In school 9.30-11.20am
Year 13:	In school 10.30am. Finish time will depend on status of next steps applications.
Year 9:	In school 11.20am-1.20pm
Year 8:	In school 11.50am-1.50pm
Year 7:	In school all day
Year 12:	In school all day

Subject Consultation Evenings in 2023-24

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the recent consultation on whether parent/teacher meetings should be held remotely. We had 773 responses. 66% of parents/carers responded positively to the idea of continuing remote consultations with teachers, 19% responded negatively and 15% neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal. Teachers overwhelmingly prefer to run consultation evenings virtually and as the majority of parents/carers also prefer this approach, we will continue to operate this way in 2023-24. We make IT facilities available here on site if parents/carers struggle with access so please let us know if this something you are interested in at the point when you get an invitation to attend the virtual meeting.

Uniform

Details of the dress code which all students are required to follow are on the website. Please check before you purchase any items for return to school in September.

Where students have a problem which results in them not wearing correct uniform, we appreciate you informing us of this. However, students in this position are supervised during social time until the uniform issue is sorted. This is so we maintain consistency and avoid any confusion in the rest of the student population, many of whom seem to think they too can wear their own version of the uniform when they see someone else in a variation of it.

As ever, we offer students the option of changing into our spare uniform and we have black plimsolls in a range of sizes which students can wear if they prefer to have breaks/lunch with their friends until their own uniform issue is addressed. If you need any support with uniform, please have a look at our uniform exchange programme or contact Mrs Hameed, Business Manager or your child's Head of Year. We appreciate your support with ensuring there is a consistent approach to uniform.

School Values

We have been working in school on condensing the school's current values of hard work, kindness, perseverance, aspiration, service to others, courtesy, honesty and tolerance into 3 core values, so that we can communicate more effectively about them with our young people.

We will be saying to students:

- Be kind
- Work hard
- Challenge yourself

Students will work together during coaching sessions over the remaining weeks of term to develop a shared understanding of these three core values. We hope that focusing more closely on three core values will help to strengthen our already positive behaviour culture. Please contact Miss Campbell at campbec@allertonhigh.org.uk if you have any questions or wish to further discuss this aspect of our work.

Parents' Forum & Information Sessions

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 21 at 6pm. It will include a presentation on Allerton's approach to bullying. We have also arranged a number of information sessions which parents/carers may find helpful:

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| • 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 Progress Review system | - | Wednesday 5 July at 6.15pm |





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All parents/carers are welcome to all events – please confirm your attendance with the General Office.

Poor behaviour in the community

The vast majority of our young people behave impeccably in the community on the way to and from school. We remind them regularly of our expectations and will always follow up any concerning behaviour during out-of-school-hours especially if it involves fighting and/or is directed to any member of the school community. We will keep students behind after school to allow others to make their way home safely if we consider their behaviour a threat to other students or ask you to collect them. We also work closely with our Safer Schools Police Officer to resolve any concerns raised by members of the public.

We are aware that a number of older students, some not connected to Allerton High, have been congregating in the area after school. If Allerton High students go to the local park or hang about in the community, parents/carers are aware that there is no adult supervision to keep students safe and behaviour orderly. Therefore, as I have mentioned before, it is always better that students [especially Year 7 & 8] go home promptly at the end of school or arrangements are made to supervise them appropriately.

Staff Leaving

We say farewell to the following members of staff at the end of this academic year:

- Miss French, who is re-locating and taking up a new role as Vice Principal
- Mrs Matthews who is leaving to take up position as Assistant Headteacher in another school
- Mr Grogan, Mrs Selway and Mrs Mott are leaving the Maths Team. Mr Grogan is leaving to work overseas, Mrs Selway is leaving teaching but will continue to work in education and Mrs Mott is retiring. However, we hope that she will continue to work on our A Level teaching team albeit on a much reduced basis.
- Mrs Stewart is leaving the History Team. Mrs Stewart to take up a curriculum leadership role in another school.

We wish them all well and are grateful for all the support they have given to Allerton High.

Key Dates

Wednesday 14 June - UCAS Discovery Exhibition [Year 12 students]
 Supporting Young People with SEND at 6.15pm
 Supporting Young People’s Mental Health at 6.15pm
 Year 12 exams [15-24 June]

Monday 20 June - D of E Bronze Assessment this week



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Wednesday 21 June	-	Parents Forum 6 – 7.15pm [includes presentation on the School's approach to bullying]
Monday 26 June	-	Y12 Work Experience this week Y10 exams & study leave [Mon-Wed]
Tuesday 27 June	-	Year 6 Coffee morning
Wednesday 28 June	-	Next Steps P16 5pm – 7.30pm Hall
Thursday 29 June	-	Y11 Prom Bugsy Malone Dress Rehearsal Maths City – Select Year 7 Students
Friday 30 June	-	Curriculum Enrichment activities for Y 10 students
Sunday 2 July	-	Y12 Boggle Hole visit departs
Monday 3 July	-	Y12 Progress Information home with mock results Y12 Boggle Hole visit returns
Tuesday 4 & 6 July	-	Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 5 July	-	Maecare Tea Dance Allerton's Progress Review system presentation at 6.15pm
Thursday 6 July	-	Y6 Welcome Evening
Thursday July 6 & 7	-	Y12 Silver D of E expedition
Friday 7 July	-	Bugsy Malone Tech/Dress rehearsal
Monday 10 July	-	School production, 'BUGSY' Monday-Thursday Y10 Progress Information home with core exam results
Tuesday 11 July	-	Full Governing Body Meeting Sports Day Y7 and Y8
Thursday 13 to Sat 15 July	-	Y12 Silver DofE Expedition Y8 HPV Immunisations Jewish Assembly DS 1 (break & coaching)
Monday 17 July	-	A2 Drama exam [tbc] Culture Day Assemblies
Tuesday 18 July	-	Career's Networking 8.30am-1pm [Y10] Hall
Tuesday 18 to Wed 19 July	-	P16 trip to Cambridge
Wednesday 19 July	-	Summer Concert 7pm Career's Fair Y7 & Y9
Thursday 20 July	-	Reward Visit
Friday 21 July	-	School closes: students dismissed from 1.30pm



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A Level results can be collected on Thursday 18 August and GCSE results on Thursday 25 August. Details regarding collection will be sent separately to the relevant parents/carers.

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming production of Buggy which looks like being a fabulous show. Students and staff have certainly been working incredibly hard on it and rehearsals appear to be going very well. We are also looking forward to looking around our new building and will be working hard to ensure everything is ready for us to move in fully for a September start.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Elaine Silson
Headteacher



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