

Allerthorpe News



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to share that the new academic year has started on a high note! Allerthorpe has warmly welcomed new staff and learners into our school community.

We're working closely with Melrose Property Developers to secure planning permission for our Forest School and gardening area opposite the school. While plans are underway, we've already begun Forest School lessons, giving learners hands-on outdoor experiences, some of which were demonstrated at our Halloween party event in October.

This term also marks an exciting milestone: our very first Year 10 class is now up and running, and learners are making great progress in their chosen courses.

Learners in Years 9 and 10 have also taken part in a range of careers and future-planning activities, including an inspiring visit to Hallowscream at York Maze, and have had visits from our local careers support liaison, who has given all learners access to a fantastic app that can support their future decisions. These experiences are helping them explore different pathways and think about their next steps.

Thank you for your continued support in making Allerthorpe a place where every learner can thrive.

The Allerthorpe Team

Our School Values: BRIGHT Futures!

- Belonging: Foster a sense of belonging where every learner feels valued and accepted.
 - Respect: Promote kindness and dignity throughout our school community.
 - Inclusivity: Celebrate diversity and ensure everyone's needs are met.
 - Growth: Show dedication to continuous growth and development.
 - Holistic Support (Help): Address academic, emotional, and social needs with care.
 - Trust: Build trust through transparent communication and safeguarding.

Hallowscream Careers Experience

York Maze

On Wednesday, 15th October, our Year 9 and 10 learners enjoyed an incredible behind-the-scenes experience at Hallowscream, York Maze.

The afternoon began with a talk from the Maze managers, who shared insights into the 275 different careers and roles involved in creating and running the event – from planning and logistics to summer Maze opportunities. Learners asked thoughtful questions and discovered the wide range of jobs available, with many leaving inspired to work there in the future.



They then toured the vast site, observing teams in action:

Site maintenance crew keeping everything running smoothly, make-up artists transforming actors into spooky characters, electricians and stage crew managing lighting and effects,



catering team preparing food for visitors and a visit to the merchandise stand. Learners even got to relax in the new Lucifer's Lounge, explore the show stage, and see staff areas.

To top off the day, they braved two of the haunted

house mazes – cue lots of screams, shouts, and laughter! Our learners were fantastic ambassadors for the school and couldn't wait to share their experiences when they returned.





LEGO League with the University of York

Exciting STEM Opportunity

We are thrilled to share that our school will be taking part in the **LEGO League competition**, a fantastic STEM initiative in partnership with the **University of York**. This program is designed for students aged **9–16** and offers an engaging way to develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and teamwork.



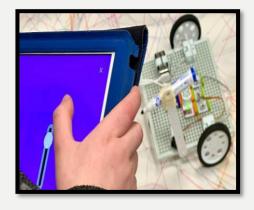
What's involved?

- Students will work in a team of up to 10 members from mixed year groups.
- Sessions will run **every Thursday afternoon** here at school, starting soon and continuing until the end of March.
- The challenge will culminate in presenting their project to judges at the University of York in March.
- All activities will take place in our own dedicated space, ensuring a comfortable and supportive environment.

''Friendly competition is at the heart of the LEGO® League Challenge, as teams of students aged 9-16 engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering - building and programming a LEGO® Education SPIKETM Prime robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. Pupils also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem. ''

We have advertised this fantastic opportunity in school as part of our Thursday afternoon interest-led activities.

We are proud to be supporting this initiative that inspires creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration!





Student Council Elections took place in September.

In September, the learners voted for their school council members. We were so proud of the learners who wished to be considered for the role, and who prepared and delivered speeches or presentations that were discussed before voting opened.



Here is Hattie delivering her speech.



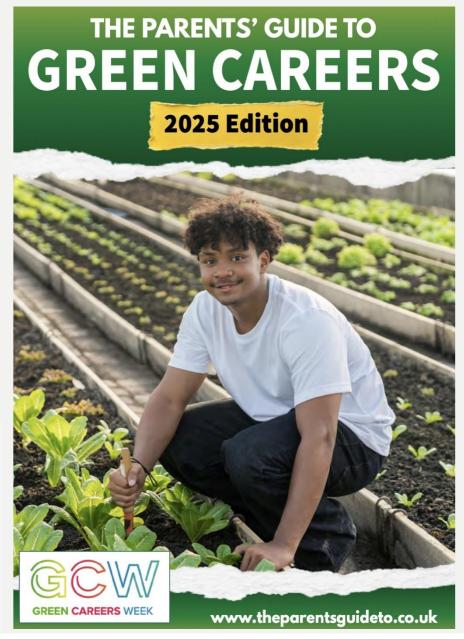


Then the voting opened









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Main Dates for your diaries:

Return to school for learners is on Wednesday, 3rd November 2025

Term Report sent home W/C 5th December

Parents Evenings: 10th and 11th December

A Christmas celebration event for parents on 19th December.

Please watch out for school letters; we use email and paper letters.

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