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Welcome

Mr Will Scott

(BSc St Andrew's) - Principal

Dame Allan's was founded in 1705 by Dame Eleanor Allan to provide a 'proper' education for 40 poor boys and 20 poor girls in the parishes of St Nicholas and St John in Newcastle; now, over 300 years later, we are extremely proud to be carrying on this tradition of innovation to provide 'proper' education for all our pupils today, and to prepare them for the challenges of life they may face.

We are unique in the region as the only school following the pioneering Diamond Structure. In our purpose-built Junior School and Nursery, boys and girls learn together.

At the age of 11, boys and girls then move into our separate single-sex Boys' and Girls' Schools, where they are taught separately until they move into our mixed Sixth Form.

We firmly believe that this structure of education provides the best of both worlds; it enables us to meet the needs of all of our students, providing all of the academic benefits of single-sex education, combined with the social advantages of co-education.

I hope that you see first-hand that the structure and ethos of Dame Allan's Schools puts each boy and girl at the heart of the school.

Mr Geoff Laidler

(BA Durham) - Head of Junior School and Nursery

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Dame Allan's Junior School and Nursery.

Though Dame Allan's is one of the oldest and most established schools in the city and indeed the North East, we hope you are impressed by the facilities and opportunities provided by our Junior School building.

The Junior School and Nursery is an integral part of the whole school as we look to guide the very youngest from Nursery through the Early Years, through Key Stages 1 and 2 and then prepare them for a smooth transition into the Senior Schools from Year 6 into Year 7.

We are very proud of the ethos of our Schools; we aim to be supportive of each other and value personal endeavour, excellence, individuality, creativity and fun, just as much as the pupils do. We encourage our pupils to be the best they can be. This includes both academic performance and extra-curricular involvement. We have a lively extra-curricular timetable which is included in this booklet.

If you have any queries or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or our Head of Admissions Mrs Miller who can be contacted on 0191 275 0608 or email admissions@dameallans.co.uk

Who's who at Dame Allan's Junior School and Nursery



Mr W Scott
Principal



Mr G Laidler
Head of Junior School
and Nursery



Mrs D Farren
Deputy Head of Junior
School and Nursery



Mrs P Ferguson
Head of Early Years



Ms S Fleck
Junior School Secretary



Mrs L MacKenzie
Junior School Secretary



Mrs R Miller
Head of Admissions
and Communications



Mrs V McDonald
Bursar



Mrs L Proctor
School Nurse

The Diamond Structure of Education at Dame Allan's

There is much debate about the relative merits of single-sex education and co-education. However, there is an alternative that can give your child the best of both worlds!

The pioneering 'Diamond Structure' of education at Dame Allan's Schools means that children are educated in co-educational classes in the Junior School up to age 11 and again at Sixth Form. However, from ages 11-16 for both educational and pastoral reasons, children are taught in single-sex classes until the end of GCSEs. This means that families can enjoy all the practical and social benefits that a continuous education in one school family brings, whilst also benefitting from the academic advantages of a single-sex education in the crucial years of early adolescence and the social advantages of a co-educational community throughout their time at Dame Allan's Schools.

Junior pupils are very much part of the wider Dame Allan's family, educated within the whole school ethos of Dame Allan's Schools. Pupils in Year 6 will spend time at the Fenham site each week to prepare for the transition into the Girls' and Boys' Schools as well as being involved in wider school activities.



Your questions answered

How can my son or daughter become part of the Dame Allan's family?

The first step is to submit the application form which you will find in our prospectus, or you can apply online via our website at www.dameallans.co.uk/admissions. There is a registration fee of £30 and applications can be made throughout the year.

Children are welcomed into the Nursery from the age of three. The assessment for the Nursery involves children being invited in to spend an hour in the Nursery. Parents will be asked about their child's general development and any identified special needs, prior to a place being offered.

For children joining Reception, there is an (informal) assessment which includes letter and number recognition, sequencing and fine motor skills.

Assessments for Nursery and Reception are held around February/March time before the start of the next academic year.

From Year 1 upwards entrance to Dame Allan's is through an assessment in Maths, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning. Children then spend the rest of the day in the classroom with their year group so they get a feel for what Dame Allan's is like. References are required from a pupil's existing school at all age groups.

How much are the school fees?

The current school fees per pupil (for the 2020/2021 academic year) are:

- Early Years Foundation Stage: from £1,744 if Early Years Education Funding applies. Eligibility for funding is dependent on the age of the child.
- Key Stages 1 and 2: £3,665 per term

Fees can be paid annually, termly, or by monthly direct debit. All stationery and books are covered by the fees. Lunches are currently £3.30 per day.

Are bursaries available?

We offer bursaries for entry into Years 3 to 6 to ensure that talented pupils from families with a limited income can benefit from a Dame Allan's education. Bursaries are means tested and, dependent on parental income, can cover as much as 100 per cent of tuition fees. There are details on our application form and website for anyone interested in this possibility. Please contact our Bursar's Office for further details.

How can my son or daughter get to Dame Allan's Schools?

Services run by Dame Allan's Schools

A shuttle bus runs between the Dame Allan's Senior Schools site and Fenham and Dame Allan's Junior School and Nursery. Please note that at the end of the day there are two shuttle runs to the Fenham site with priority going to those who need to get a connection for another bus service.

Central Station - a service running between Newcastle Central Station and the Dame Allan's Senior Schools Site at Fenham. Junior pupils can then get the shuttle bus mentioned above to the Junior School site.

Route 1 - a service running from the Newcastle Great Park via Gosforth High Street and Osbourne Road.

Route 2A - a service running from Gosforth High Street via Salters Road and Kenton Road.

Route 2B - a service running from Tynemouth via Whitley Bay, Forest Hall, Long Benton and Matthew Bank.

Route S1 - a service running from the Sunderland and Washington areas.

Please note these are not chaperoned services and only children in Years 5, 6 and above are permitted to travel alone on these services. Children in Years 3 and 4 are only permitted to use the buses if accompanied by an older sibling who is in Year 5 or above.

Updated information about the services will be available on the website www.dameallans.co.uk.

Services run by external providers

Allendale and Hexham

Baynes Travel operate a bus service which departs Allendale at 06.42 and travels via Hexham, Corbridge, Brockbushes car park and Horsley to Dame Allan's Senior School, arriving at 07.58. Return journey departs Dame Allan's Senior School at 15.55.

For further information please telephone Baynes Travel on 01434 683269/07702 696189.

Stamfordham / Darras Hall / Ponteland

Bells of Stamfordham operate a service from Stamfordham via Darras Hall and Ponteland.

Further details from Matthew Bell on 01661 886397/886207.

Alnwick/Morpeth

Kennedy's Mini Coaches operate a service which departs Alnwick (07.05), Felton, Stannington Station Garage, arriving Dame Allan's (08.15). Return journey departs Dame Allan's at 15.55, Stannington Village (Ridley Arms), Felton and Alnwick (Willowburn Sports Centre).

N.B. Morpeth pupils are dropped off at Stannington Ridley Arms and another bus takes them to Morpeth.

For further information, please contact Kennedy's on 01670 822249.

Please ensure you contact the actual bus operators to confirm bus route timings as the information above is subject to change. In addition, various operators run other services to and from the main Senior Schools' site at

Fenham. Pupils using these services can then travel to Dame Allan's Junior School and Nursery by joining the shuttle bus operated by Dame Allan's Schools between the two sites.

The Schools are also accessible by public transport.

No.36 runs every 15 minutes from Blackett Street to Fenham Hall Drive.

No.87 and No.72 runs at 30 minute intervals rotating (ie 87 at 07.03; 72 at 07.33) from Grainger St and Blackett St to Fenham Hall Drive.

No.63 runs every 15-20 minutes from Killingworth via Blackett Street to Fenham Hall Drive.

No.12 runs every 10 minutes from Wallsend, Walker, Byker via Blackett Street to Wingrove Road/Nuns Moor Road and Hadrian Road.

See www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables for more information.

*All information is provided in good faith and Dame Allan's Schools can accept no responsibility with regards to services operated by external providers and/or public transport. Information correct at time of printing

What is a typical day at Dame Allan's Junior School?

The school day is as follows:

8.45	Registration/assembly/form time
9.00	Lessons commence
10.00 - 10.15	Morning break
11.45 - 12.55	Lunch
12.55 - 13.05	Registration
13.05	Lessons commence
14.05 - 14.20	Afternoon break
15.15	End of school for EYFS
15.30	End of school for Years 1-6

Pre-school Care

We are aware of the difficulties parents face when bringing their children to school or collecting them at the end of afternoon lessons.

The school is open at 7.45 for children who are using pre-school care. Before 8.45 children in Years 1 to 6 can go to morning care in the main hall of the school, children in Nursery and Reception can go to morning care supervised by nursery nurses in the Nursery.

After School Care

We also offer after school care until 17.45. At the end of lessons, pupils will be given a snack and have access to a selection of interesting games and recreational activities under the close supervision of specially appointed staff. While there is no charge for morning care there is a flat-rate charge of £5.00 per session for after school care. All children must be booked into after-school care, which can be pre-booked for regular attendance, or booked on a daily basis.

What care is there during the holidays?

A holiday activity Camp run by Sport NE operates in the school holidays with wrap around care available 7.45 - 17.45. Details of this service are available at www.sportne.co.uk

Curriculum

The School provides an enriched learning environment where a focus on the development of core skills in numeracy, literacy and science is buttressed by a curriculum which encourages innovation and creativity whilst striving for the highest academic standards. Drama, art, history, geography, French, music and a broad PE and games curriculum ensure that the education which the children receive will be dynamic, engaging and inspiring. It is delivered in part through the medium of IT. Years 5 and 6 also have one lesson a week in the state of the art Design Technology Centre at the Senior School. We have also adopted a 'forest school' innovative educational approach to outdoor play

and learning in a woodland environment. The philosophy is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences over an extended period of time and enhance learning in other areas of the curriculum.

What extra-curricular activities are available?

A wide range of extra-curricular activities take place both during the lunch break and after school hours: a sample timetable follows.

What provisions are made for individual support?

We are keen to support the individual learning needs of all our pupils. Mrs Needham, the Schools' co-ordinator for gifted and talented pupils, identifies and provides extra support for those pupils who show specific gifts or who are particularly talented in any area of school life. Similarly, whilst the school is academically selective, we are aware that some pupils have specific learning difficulties. Our objectives are to identify pupils who have such needs and also to support all pupils so as to enable them to achieve their full potential. Such support is delivered by our dedicated Junior School Special Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs Roberts, both in classroom situations and by direct and individual support outside lessons. There are also Phase Leaders for each Key Stage who have a role in children's education and are also another contact for parents, alongside class teachers.

How is the transition to the Senior Schools managed?

As pupils progress through Years 5 and 6, preparation for transfer to the Senior Schools gathers pace. The Schools are selective and for the vast majority of pupils, the Senior School is the right destination for the next stage of their education, and it is usual for pupils to take this step. On the very rare occasions where this may not be the case, there will have been

discussion with parents well in advance of the transfer period. Meetings between parents and the school take place during Year 5 and issues relating to pupil progress and/or behaviour are carefully monitored, with close contact maintained between home and school.

The aim of the Junior School is to make this transition as smooth as possible; the fact that junior pupils settle so happily and quickly into Dame Allan's Boys' or Girls' School is testament to this close liaison and the sharing of information. Moreover, to help with familiarisation with the Senior Schools, Year 6 pupils spend an afternoon every week at the Fenham site where other areas of their curriculum are delivered (e.g. music and art). Parents are encouraged to discuss any particular worries or concerns about the transfer process with Year 6 class teachers, the Head or Principal. There is an expectation that pupils at the top of the Junior School take on additional responsibilities and they are actively encouraged to develop their self-confidence as citizens and leaders in this way.

How can parents get involved?

Dame Allan's Schools Parents' Association (DASPA) organise events throughout the year where the emphasis is on raising funds for the benefit of Junior School pupils. It has a key role within the whole school community and is an opportunity for parents to be involved in the social life of the school. Anyone is welcome to join the committee or help at any DASPA annual events.

What are the meal provisions at Dame Allan's?

All students stay for school meals. At Dame Allan's Schools, we pride ourselves on having a varied healthy and nutritious menu, catering for a wide range of diets. At the Junior School and Nursery, all of our food is prepared onsite, using only fresh ingredients.

Eating a healthy balanced diet is vital for good physical and mental development but choosing this is often difficult for young children. With this in mind, our menus have been developed, but with the help of a nutritional specialist, to ensure that all aspects of a healthy diet have been included.

It is important to have variety and to experience a wide range of tastes, in order to develop our own tastes. Our pupils eat in a family atmosphere to encourage and develop the good eating habits and social interaction that they are learning at home.

These elements are an important part of education and healthy eating.

An example of our menus follows for your information.

If a child has any special dietary requirements, we always welcome the opportunity to discuss these with parents/guardians, to look at ways in which we can work together, so we can provide an appropriate food choice.

Sample menu overleaf



Example weekly menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato Soup	Leek and Potato Soup	Vegetable Broth	Minted Pea Soup
Mains	Toad in the Hole (Cumberland) with Sweet Corn and New Potatoes	Minced Durham Lamb Casserole and Dumplings with Baton Carrots and Creamed Potatoes	Northumberland Roast Pork with Broccoli and Roast Potatoes	Homemade Mince and Onion Pie with Baked Beans and New Potatoes	Fish and Chips with Garden Peas
Halal choice	Toad in the Hole (Chicken) with Sweet Corn, New Potatoes and Vegetarian Gravy	Minced Lamb Casserole and Dumplings with Baton Carrots and Creamed Potatoes	Roast Chicken Breast with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes and Vegetarian Gravy	Homemade Lamb and Mint Pie with Baked Beans and New Potatoes	Fish and Chips with Garden Peas
Vegetarian choice	Homemade Spanish Quiche with Sweet Corn and New Potatoes	Cheesy Beans with Jacket Potato and Salad	Fresh Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake with Salad	Crispy Stir Fried Vegetables with Quorn and Penne Pasta	Quorn and Mixed Bean Wraps with Garden Peas and Chips
Assorted salads and sandwiches					
Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh Banana, Homemade Strawberry Yoghurt Pots	Fresh Grapes, Homemade Pineapple Yoghurt Pots	Fresh Strawberries, Homemade Banana Yoghurt Pots	Fresh Watermelon, Homemade Strawberry Yoghurt Pots	Assorted Fresh Apples and Oranges, Homemade Blackcurrant Yoghurt Pots
Sweet	Apple Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Lemon Sponge and Custard	Jam Sponge and Custard	Homemade Fresh Fruit Jelly Pots



Extra-curricular activities and clubs

Sample timetable

A variety of clubs run during lunchtime and after school. These are supervised by teaching staff or visiting specialists. Clubs are split into age groups, so that activities are age appropriate. If a child has not been collected from a club then he or she will be taken into after care.

A number of sports clubs run throughout the year, these include hockey, netball, rugby, football, cricket, tennis, rounders and athletics. Other extra-curricular activities include science, maths, art, choir, sewing, technology and Warhammer clubs. Current paid clubs include karate, chess, ballet, fencing and Irish dancing.

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY Mini Tennis Year 4 (Mrs Dennis) 8:15-8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karate Yrs 1 to 6 (Roseanne Tombs, paid club) Yrs 4 to 6 = 11.45-12.15, Yrs 1 to 3 = 12.15-12.45; Elliot Ward room) • Humanities Yrs 3 to 6 (Mr Johnson) 11:45-12:15 • Maths Club Yrs 3 to 6 (Mr Metcalf) 11:45-12:15 • Running Club Yr 1 & 2 (Mrs Dennis) 12:20-12:45 • Rugby Yrs 3&4 (Mr Twentyman) 11:45-12:20 • Netball Club Yr 5 & 6 (Miss Dobbin) 11:45-12:15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey Yr 6 (Miss Dobbin) 15:30-16:30; MUGA • Rugby Yr 5 (Mr Twentyman) 15:30-16:30; pitch • Football Yrs 1 & 2 (Mrs Needham) 15:30-16:30; Main Hall
TUESDAY Run a Mile Yrs 1 to 6 (Mrs Dennis) 8:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Club Yrs 2 to 5 (Mr Watson) 11:45-12:20 Week 1 = Yrs 2 & 3 Week 2 = Yrs 4 & 5) • Mega Balls Yrs 1 & 2 (Mrs Dennis) 12:30-12:50; MUGA) • Football Yrs 3 & 4 (Mr Peel) 11:45-12:20; MUGA • Computer Club Yrs 4-6 (Mrs Raines) 11:45-12:15 : DAS LAB • Art and Craft Club Yrs 1 & 2 (Mrs Walmsley) 12:15-12:45; Mrs Needham's Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Dancing Reception & Yrs 1 to 6 (Kelly Hendry, paid club) 15.30-16.30
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club Yrs 3 to 6 (Paid club) 12:00-12:55 • Dance Club Year 3 & 4 11:45-12:15, and Year 5 & 6 12:20-12:50 (Mrs Turnbull) Small Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir Yrs 3 to 6 (Miss Shaw) 15:30-16:30 • Running Club Yrs 4 to 6 (Mrs Loraine) 15:30-16:15
THURSDAY Laser Pistols Yr 6 (Iain Aberdeen, paid club) 8:15-8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club Yrs 1 & 2 (Paid club) 12:00-12:55 • Popsteps/Ballet EYFS & Yrs 1 & 2 (Lucy Erskine, paid club; Elliot Ward room) Yrs 1 & 2 11:50-12:20; EYFS 12:20-12:50 • Creative writing Yrs 3 to 6 (Mrs Ellis) 11:45-12:15; 6KE classroom • Digital Leaders Yrs 5 & 6 (Mrs Raines) 11:45-12:15 : DAS LAB • Football Yrs 5 & 6 (Mr Watson) 11:45-12:20; MUGA • Hockey Club Yr 3&4 (Miss Dobbin) 12:20-12:45 MUGA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing Yrs 3 to 6 (Iain Aberdeen, Paid club) 15.45-17.15 • Hockey Yrs 5 (Miss Dobbin) 15:30-16:30; MUGA • Rugby Yr6 (Mr Brown+Mr Twentyman) 15:30-16:30 pitch
FRIDAY Run a Mile Yrs 1 to 6 (Mrs Dennis) 8:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceilidh Band (Hannah Tatterfield) 11.45-12.15; Elliott Ward room • Football Squad Yrs 5 & 6 (Mr Watson) 11:45-12:20; MUGA • Warhammer Yrs 4 to 6 (Mr Metcalf) 11:45-12:15 • Rugby/Hockey Yr 1 + 2 (Miss Dobbin+Mr Twentyman) 12:20-12:45 • Art Club Yr 3& 4 (Mrs Hall) 11:45-12:15 DAS Lab • Handbells Yr 5 & 6 (Mrs Smalley) 12:30 in Mrs Smalley Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Mandarin Cub (Dr Zhao) KS1-3:30pm-4pm. KS2-4:10pm-4:40pm

The Junior School and Nursery Code of Conduct is:

NOTES

RESPECT

R: RESPECTFUL	Treat others as you would wish to be treated
E: ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE	Respect your surroundings
S: SENSITIVE	Be honest, polite, compassionate and sensible
P: PREPARED	Be completely ready for the day ahead
E: ENTHUSIASTIC	Make the most of every opportunity the Schools offer
C: CONSCIENTIOUS	Do the best you can in all school activities
T: TENACIOUS	Never give up