



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Wishing Happy Hannukkah to all members of the school community celebrating!

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am delighted to share the highlights of what has been an extraordinary week at Allerton Grange.

The standout event was undoubtedly our **World of Music Concert**, which took place on Wednesday evening. It was a truly brilliant celebration of talent, creativity, and collaboration, showcasing the incredible musical abilities of our students.

From classical pieces to contemporary performances, the concert reflected the diversity and richness of music across cultures. Every performance was delivered with confidence and passion, and the atmosphere in the hall was electric. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends joining us to support our young musicians - your presence made the evening even more special.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all our amazing students who worked tirelessly to prepare for this event. Your dedication and enthusiasm were evident in every note played and every song sung. You should be immensely proud of what you achieved.

Equally, this success would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff. A heartfelt thank you to the Music Department and all colleagues who supported behind the scenes, from organising rehearsals, to managing logistics on the night. Your hard work ensured everything ran smoothly and allowed our students to shine.

Further Enrichment Highlights

This week has also seen a range of enrichment activities that continue to broaden our students' horizons:

Maths City Trip – Students enjoyed an engaging and interactive experience exploring mathematical concepts in a real-world context.

DAHIT Pantomime Visit – A festive outing that brought joy and laughter, reinforcing the importance of cultural experiences in education.

Thank you to all staff who made these opportunities possible, your dedication ensures our students benefit from a rich and varied curriculum.

Careers Programme

Today, our Year 11 Apprenticeship Presentations took place as part of the AGS Careers Programme. This event provided invaluable insights into apprenticeship pathways and helped students make informed decisions about their future. A big thank you to the Careers Team and all staff involved in supporting this important initiative.

Arrangements for the Last Day of Term

As we approach the end of term, please note that full details of the arrangements for the last day will be included on page 2 of this newsletter and sent out via our usual communication channels. This will cover timings, activities, and any special events planned for the day. Please keep an eye out for these updates to ensure a smooth and enjoyable end to the term for all students.

Events like these remind us of the power of enrichment and the arts in education; building confidence, fostering teamwork, and creating unforgettable experiences. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate the talents and achievements of our students.

Thank you for your continued support

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15 December - Year 11 Rewards Assembly
Tuesday 16 December - Year 8 Rewards Assembly
Wednesday 17 December - Year 9 Rewards Assembly
Thursday 18 December - Year 10 Rewards Assembly
Friday 19 December - Year 7 Rewards Assembly

Tuesday 16 December - Flu Vaccine Mop up session for those students with parental/carer consent

Wednesday 17 to Thursday 18 December - Drama and Classics Residential Trip to London

Friday 19 December - Last Day of Term

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 5 January - Training Day (School closed to students)

Tuesday 6 January - School reopens

Tuesday 6 to Friday 16 January - Year 13 Pre Public Exams and Year 11 MFL Speaking PPEs

Wednesday 7 January - Exam Certificate Collection, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Tuesday 13 January - Year 9 DTP Men MMR Vaccines

Tuesday 20 January - KS3 Parents Online Safety Talk, 6.00 - 7.15 pm

Wednesday 21 January - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (1), 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Wednesday 28 January - Year 7 Parents' Consultation Event, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

Thursday 29 January - Year 11 Advice & Guidance meetings (2), 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Monday 2 February - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines (**Parental consent required**) *If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccinations, you still need to complete the refusal section.*

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 February - School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Doors 6.30 pm, Show starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - Half Term Holiday

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 19 December is a non-uniform day. Pay £1 for St Gemma's Hospice and wear something festive!

All students to go to Form and attend lessons as usual. There will be an assembly for Year 7, followed by a pantomime.

Breaktimes will be as normal:

Year 7 break at 10.15 am

Year 8/9 break at 9.50 am

Year 10/11/12/13 at 10.40 am

All students back in session 3 at 11.00 am.

All students will be dismissed at 11.50 am.

School will then be closed for the Christmas holidays, reopening on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

Training Days 2025-26

The Training Days this school year, when school is closed to students, are on:

Monday 1 September 2025 ✓

Friday 19 September 2025 ✓

Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Parents' Information Evenings 2025-26

We have an online booking system for Parents' Evenings

<https://agrange.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For the 2025-26 academic year Parents' Evenings will continue to be online/virtual meetings.

Bookings open for each Parents' Evening 2-3 weeks before the event. You will receive a letter from school prompting you to book your appointments.

- 6 October 2025 - Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 18 November 2025 - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 4 December 2025 - Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm ✓
- 8 January 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 28 January 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 February 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

AGS Performing Arts

are proud to present

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 February 2026

7.00 pm

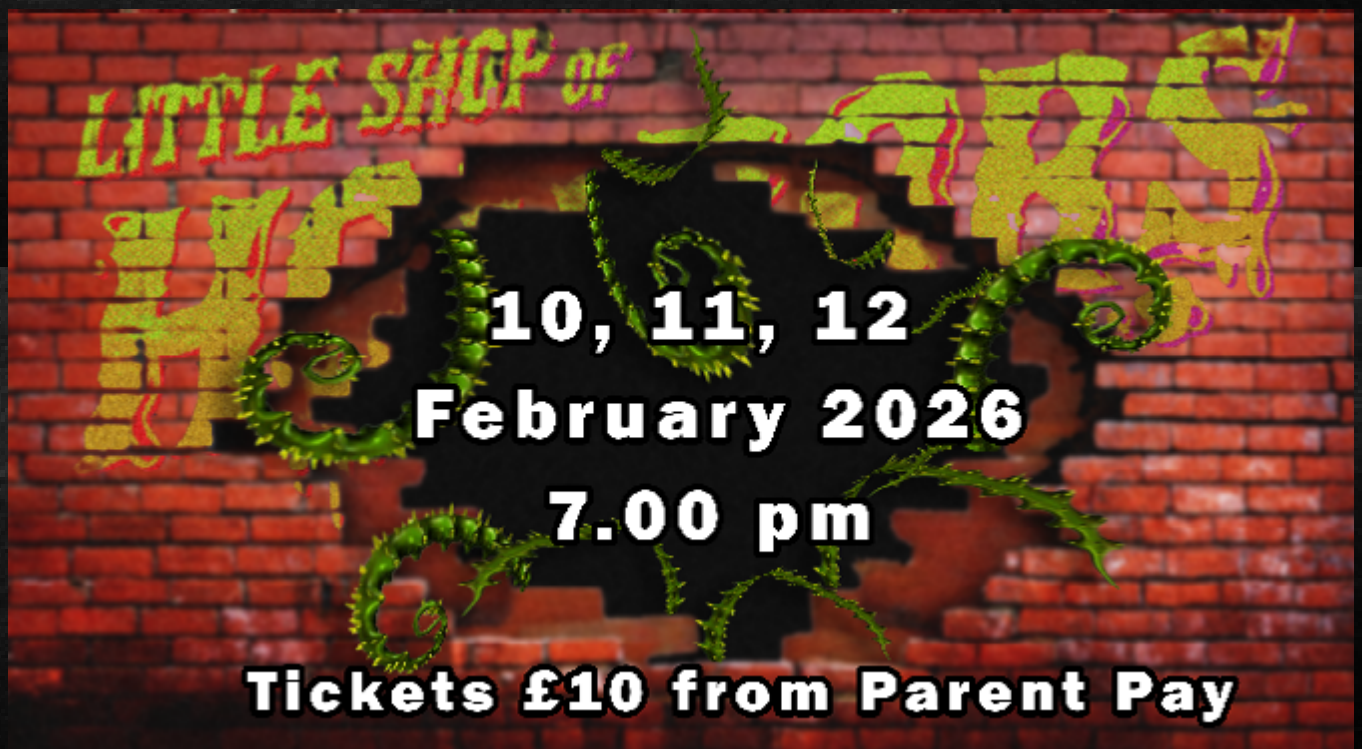
(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets are £10 per person

A gleefully macabre sci-fi horror musical, powered by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's infectious 1960s-style pop, rock, and Motown score.

A nerdy florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed...

*Please note, there is split casting for some of the leading parts.
Confirmation of which actor is performing which evenings will be
announced in February.*



Sports Fixture Results

Due to the dark nights and wintery weather, for the rest of this term there won't be any outdoor PE clubs. A new timetable for PE clubs will be available in January.

Football (Boys):

Year 11 beat Wetherby 3-2

Year 10 lost their match with Cardinal Heenan 1-0

Netball: (Girls)

Year 10 lost to Cardinal Heenan

Year 11 beat Cardinal Heenan

Also, a huge shout out to Amelia S and Daisy C who have been selected to represent Leeds District Netball Squad for the forthcoming season.

Badminton

This week saw our first badminton fixtures of the year. Some students were playing competitive games for the first time and we are currently unbeaten across all year groups.

On Monday night we played Allerton High. Our KS3 girls team won 8-0, KS3 boys team won 6-2, KS4 girls drew 4-4 and KS4 boys drew 4-4.

On Thursday night we played Ruth Gorse and our Year 7 team won 7-1, KS3 girls won 5-3, KS3 boys won 7-1.



Food bank donations - can you help?

We've launched our annual Christmas appeal to students for donations for the North West Leeds foodbank.

If you are able to make a donation this would be much appreciated. **Please bring donations into school by Wednesday 17 December.**

The latest information about what the charity is asking for any be found at:

[Donate food | Leeds North & West Foodbank](#)



They are currently requesting:

- ✓ UHT Milk
- ✓ Tinned Fruit
- ✓ Jars/tins of coffee
- ✓ Oats
- ✓ Peanut Butter/Honey
- ✓ Jars of curry sauce
- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Tinned vegetarian meals

Items contained in a typical food parcel:

- ✓ Breakfast cereals
- ✓ Soup
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta sauce
- ✓ Tinned beans
- ✓ Tinned meat
- ✓ Tinned fish
- ✓ Tinned vegetables
- ✓ Tinned fruit
- ✓ Tea
- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Snacks

Thank you for your support

Sixth Form Applications

Applications are open for Allerton Grange Sixth Form places for September 2026.

If you're ready to apply for a place you can [find out more and apply online](#)

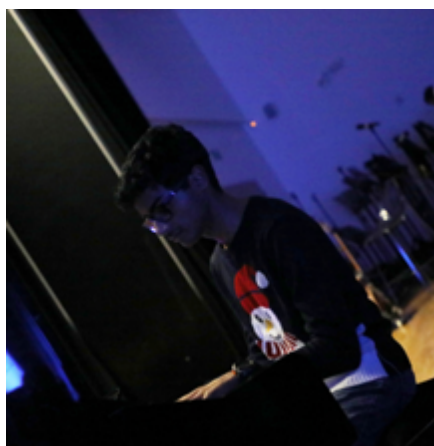
Still have questions? You can talk to the Year 11 Team, your subject teachers or email sixthform@allertongrange.com

World of Music Concert

Wow! What a fabulous evening of music, that's put us all in the festive spirit.

From festive classics, including Merry Christmas Everyone by Shakin' Stevens (AB/CD) and All I Want for Christmas is You by Mariah Carey (Concert Band), to Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes (Year 7 School of Rock), Creep by Radiohead (Hotel Armageddon) and Enter Sandman by Metallica (Funky Pigeons), our students gave fantastic performances.

Thank you to: all of the musicians and singers, our student Tech, Lighting & Sound Team, and Ben, led by Al Matthews; Mrs Casey, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Mr Sarwari, Mr Sumroy, Mr Dutton-Taylor; our fabulous Music Ambassadors; Max for photography; and everyone else who supported the concert.





Parent Support Videos

There is a new bite-sized video available from Leeds for Learning called '[How can I support my child during holiday seasons/events?](#)', exploring why holiday seasons/events may be overwhelming for some, and practical strategies to support children and young people preparing and navigating holiday seasons/events. There are also other videos on this page available to support parents.

If you need more information please contact send@leeds.gov.uk

Family Hubs SEND parent drop ins

Family Hubs are designed to support families by bringing together a range of services into one easy-to-access space. Whether you need parenting advice, health support, education guidance, or help navigating local services, our family hubs are here to help.

Family hubs act as a vital link between families and community support, offering a holistic approach to meet individual family needs. They are also a space where families can connect with others in their community.

The SEND Coordinators within the Family Hubs are hosting SEND parent drop in:

Outer West Family Hub

Last Thursday of the month, 9 am till 12 pm at Horsforth Library.

Inner West Family Hub

Last Wednesday of the month, 9.30 am till 12 pm at Armley Community Hub.

Book your place now

Book your place by calling 0113 535 0185 or emailing family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk quoting the drop in you would like to book a place for, upon booking you will be given a time slot.

SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop-In

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Speech and Language Service

Dates and times:

- Wednesday 14 January 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Swarcliffe Community Hub, LS14 5LS
- Wednesday 4 February 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Horsforth Library Building, LS18 5BL

[Book your place here](#)

Email LLO@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

STARS Training (parents and professionals)

These workshops provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

Please email send@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Puberty and sexuality

Wednesday 7th January 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will look at why autistic children and young people need more support to understand puberty, relationships, sexuality and sex. We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people to better understand these themes.

Preparation for adulthood: independent living

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop their independence. The focus of the session will be on how we support children from early years through to adulthood to develop their confidence, self-advocacy and independence depending on their stage in life. We will be sharing key resources and approaches to prioritise and plan the steps to independence.

Emotional wellbeing

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health. We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms.

The UK Bebras Challenge

Computing enthusiasts across all year groups have recently taken part in the UK



Bebras Challenge. This is a national competition that introduces students to computational thinking through fun puzzles.

Congratulations to Jacob, Scarlet, Lydia, Joshua, Rhodri, Jasper, Ming, Seth and Aditya who scored in the top 10% nationally for their age-group categories.

All students who took part are to be awarded a certificate for their outstanding efforts.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 1 – September to December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	Homework club Library 3-4pm	
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 lunchtimes) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9	Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KS3/ CHU
Little shop of Horrors PR Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDu	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I001 LMo/ Cba *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASH	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDu	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KS3/ CHU	Year 7 School of Rock- for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group 3-4.15pm M001/2 AMa/ TCa	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm I002 LMo/ Cba *
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D001 KS3/ CHU	Years 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	Girls Football Field 3-4pm KAI	Years 7 & 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm ECa	ALL YEARS KS3 KS4 KS5 * Each term the club will explore a different programme
	Years 7 Boys Football Field 3-4pm SNo	All Years Badminton Sports Hall 3-4pm SNo	Year 9 Football Field 3-4pm DTo	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd	Years 8 Boys Football Field 3-4pm DTo	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa		Year 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KS3/ CHU	
	Little shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KS3/ CHU		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Years 7 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm Hall KS3/ CHU			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			

Please note outside PE clubs will not be running in December due to the dark nights and weather. The new PE clubs timetable for January is below.



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

Clubs run from 3-4pm starting from January

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Fitness Y7/8 Basketball	Fitness Suite Sports Hall	JAD DTO
WEDNESDAY	Trampolining Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11	Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite	KAI SNO JGA
THURSDAY	Trampolining Y7 Table Tennis 9/10	Sports Main Hall	ECA SNO

YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS
Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.

These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.

ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs





No need to sign up to the Music Clubs, just come along and let the music making begin!

Day	Time	Room	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 7/8&9 Lunch	Storeroom 9	Samba Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Little Shop of Horrors Musical Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers! Suitable for students who have attended School of Rock before/ can play a rock-based instrument/ sing	Mrs Casey / Mr Sumroy
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	Grade 5 Theory Club (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	Junior Concert Band Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	Senior Concert Band Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	Year 7 School of Rock Suitable for anyone who wants to learn instruments or enjoys playing as a group	Al Matthews and Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	M002	Choir Suitable for anyone who likes singing!	Miss Shrimpton

Extra Curricular Drama

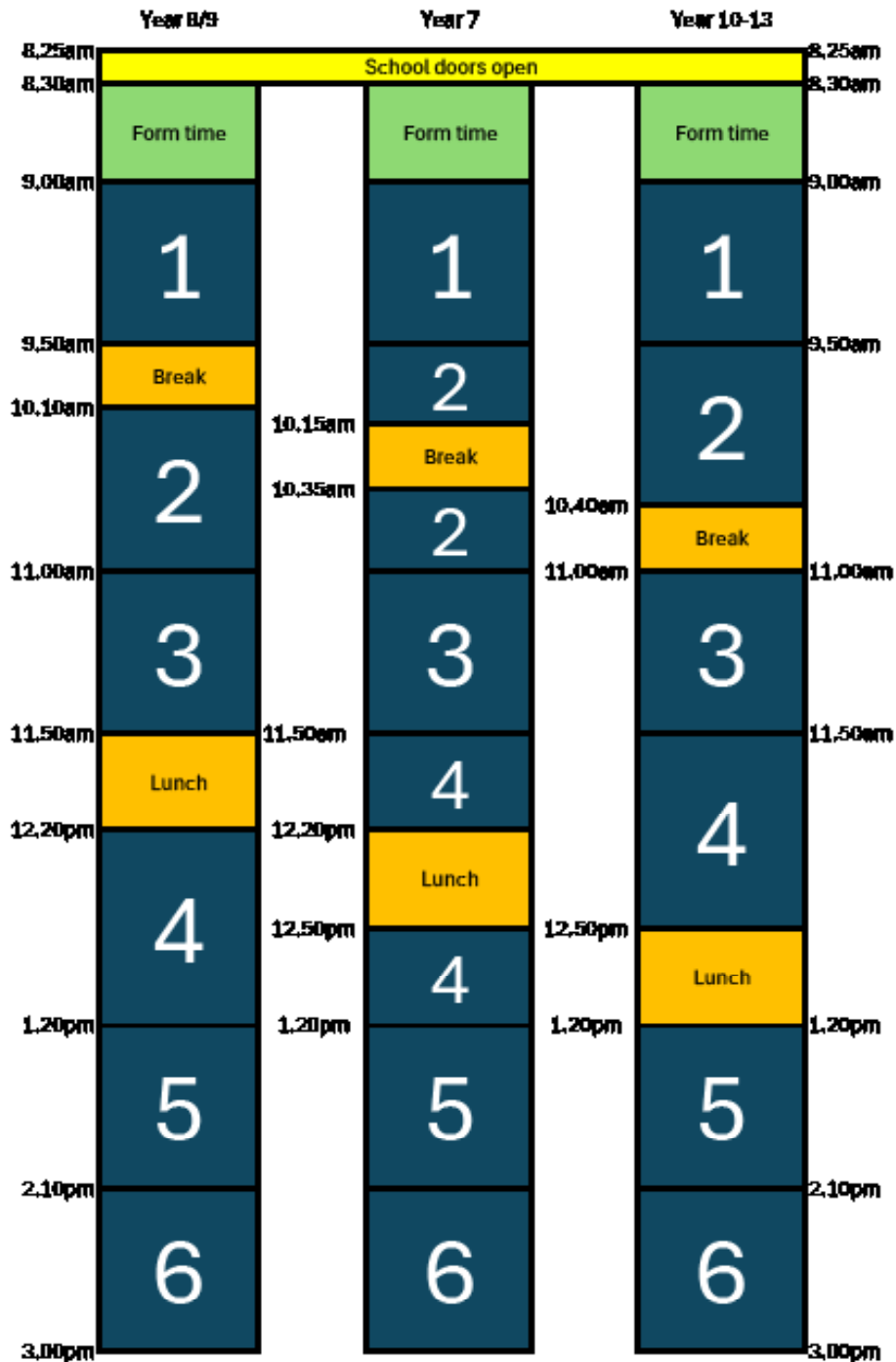
*We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become
(Augusto Boal)*



MONDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Little Shop of Horrors Dance Invite only 3-4 D001 	Year 7 Drama Club All Welcome 3-4  HALL	Little Shop of Horrors Main parts Invite only 3-4 D002 	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club All Welcome 3-4  D001	Little Shop of Horrors Full Company Invite Only 3-4  HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MRS SPENCER-MATTHEWS OR MISS HULLOCK

SCHOOL DAY 2025-26



After School Arrangements

This is a reminder that all students should leave the school site by 3.10 pm. There isn't anywhere inside school where students can wait. The only students in the building must be involved in Enrichment sessions, Session 7, isolation/Reflection or detention.

Detention times:

Stage 1 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 3.30 pm
(30 minutes)

Stage 2 Detention - Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 pm
(60 minutes)

SLT Detention - Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.30 pm
(90 minutes)

Isolation/Reflection takes place between 9.00 am - 3.00 pm/3.30 pm/4.00 pm depending on behaviour.