



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Allerton Grange Community,

I hope you are all well as we approach the end of another busy half-term at AGS.

There is a wonderful sense of excitement in school as we look ahead to next week's production of **Little Shop of Horrors**. Our students and staff have been working tirelessly to bring this much-loved musical to life, and the atmosphere during rehearsals has been fantastic. Tickets have been selling incredibly fast and we are now very close to being completely sold out. If you haven't yet secured your seat, please do so as soon as possible. This is shaping up to be one of our most impressive school shows yet!

A huge thank you goes to our incredible students, who have given up so much of their time to rehearse and perfect their performances. Their dedication, teamwork and creativity continue to make us proud. My thanks also extend to our brilliant staff team, whose commitment and expertise have been instrumental in supporting the production. Events like this highlight the very best of Allerton Grange: ambition, collaboration and the confidence to shine.

Success at the ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from the world of debating and public speaking. This year marked our first time entering the ESU (English-Speaking Union) Churchill Public Speaking Competition, and our students performed brilliantly.

Nathan (Year 10), Melissa (Year 11), and Amelia (Year 10) represented Allerton Grange at Round 2, which took place at St Peter's School, York. We are incredibly proud to announce that the team has now progressed to the Regional Finals. The judges were extremely impressed by all three students and provided wonderful feedback. They were particularly struck by Nathan's confident and compelling delivery - both judges agreed he was a "very impressive speaker," even adding that they could imagine him standing in the House of Commons in 10-15 years' time! What an extraordinary compliment.

This achievement reflects not only the students' hard work but also the growing strength of public speaking and debating at Allerton Grange. For any students feeling inspired, our Debating and Public Speaking Club meets every Tuesday, 3-4pm in the English Pod. It is open to all year groups from Year 7 to Year 13, and there truly is something for everyone, whether you're experienced or just curious to give it a try.

Our Student Virtues

Finally, I would like to take a moment to celebrate our Student Virtues, which underpin everything we do at Allerton Grange: being Respectful, Ambitious, Responsible, and Courageous. These values are reflected daily in the way our students conduct themselves, take on new challenges, support one another, and strive for excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Whether performing on stage, representing the school in competitions, engaging in service projects, or contributing positively in lessons, our students continue to embody these values with pride. We thank you for reinforcing these qualities at home and working with us to help every student grow into confident, thoughtful and resilient young people.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This voluntary role runs for a four year term, and we warmly welcome nominations from parents and carers who can help represent the diverse community we serve.

If you would like to stand as a candidate, please complete the [nomination form](#) and return it in a sealed envelope to Mrs B Manfredi, Headteacher's PA/Clerk to the Governing Body. Forms are also available on the school website and can be emailed to chair@allertongrange.com. Deadline: 3.00pm on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school next week for the show and to celebrating more student successes over the weeks ahead.

Warm regards

**Andrew Norrington
Headteacher**

Dates for your Diary:

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

Tuesday 24 February - Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening (online appointments)

Monday 2 to Friday 6 March - National Careers Week

Monday 9 to Friday 13 March - National Science Week

Thursday 12 March - NeuroStars Parent/Carer Support Group, 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 24 March - Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening (Online Appointments)

Monday 24 March - Year 9 DTP Men MMR vaccines Mop Up

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

Online Safety Newsletter

The February Online Safety Newsletter includes information on:

- Screen time and resilience: A psychologist's guide
- Balance screen time tips
- Using AI to alter images
- TikTok
- 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting
- Children's Commissioner launches new guide for parents and carers

[View the Online Safety newsletter here](#)

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

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



AGS Performing Arts

are proud to present

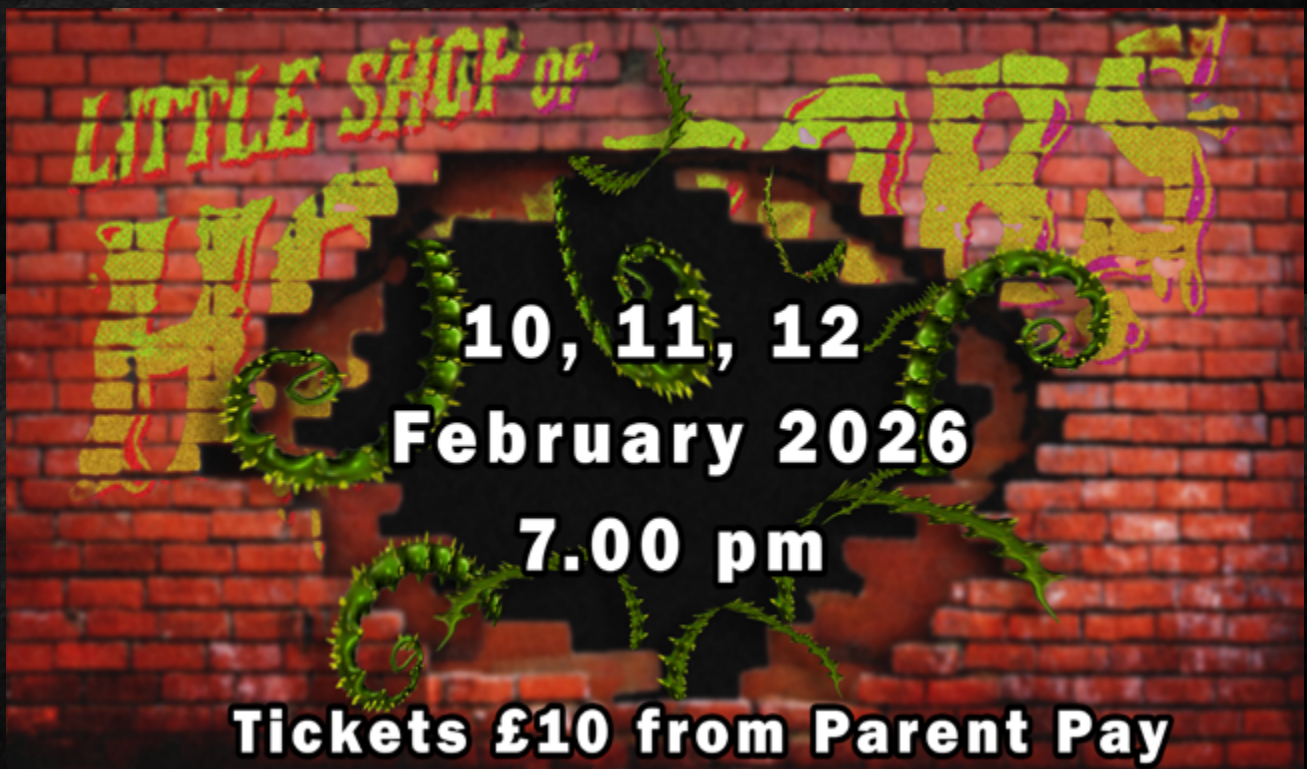
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

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...



Sports Fixture Results

Cross Country

Last Saturday, our cross country athletes, that were chosen to represent Leeds Schools, competed in the Yorkshire trials at GSAL.

We had students competing in **Year 7 (Zac, Will, Harris)**, **Year 9 (Euan)** and **Year 10 (Ellie, Woody)**. The students have already done amazingly to reach this stage and we had Zac qualify from the Year 7 event. Ellie and Euan are reserve runners as they finished just outside the top 8.



Rugby (Boys)

The **Year 7 team** played in the final of the Leeds Rhinos plate competition at the Rhinos training ground in Kirkstall. The group of students have performed incredibly to reach the final but came up against a very good Sherburn team and lost.

An amazing achievement just to get this far as some students had never played rugby before they came to AGS.



Climbing

On Monday, we also had our first ever rock climbing event/fixture, competing against Allerton High. This is the first time the school has competed in a competition like this and the students who took part did extremely well on the speed climbs and technical climbs. AGS won 8-7.



Table Tennis

This week was also our first **table tennis** fixture where we went to Allerton High. 14 students participated from year's 8-11. All students represented the school in great fashion and played some fantastic table tennis.

Herbie, Ryan and Robert came first in each of the 3 groups, with Herbie and Robert undefeated throughout.

Badminton

AGS **key stage 4 girls** beat Rounday 7-1

AGS **key stage 4 boys** beat Rounday 7-1

Basketball

Year 7 AGS B team played a strong Trinity Academy in a fixture this week with some students representing the school for the first time. Unfortunately, they lost.

Yesterday, **Year 7** won all 3 basketball games, beating Roundhay, Allerton High 10-2 and Carr Manor 18-2.

Litter Picking

On Monday, this week, the Year 7 Leadership Group joined the Friends of Roundhay Park's team of litter picking volunteers to help out in the local community, demonstrating our values of *Respectful* and *Responsible*. Despite, the damp, cold weather the students were absolutely amazing, scouring the park for any rubbish and discarded items, to help to keep the park clean and litter free. They received lots of praise for their efforts and enthusiasm, not only from the regular team of volunteers but also from members of the public. The students found some very interesting items which even earned us the top two places in the volunteers' most unusual items found during the session - a pink fairy castle and a fishing rod! A massive thank you to the Friends of Roundhay Park, in particular Martin, for making us feel so welcome. We are all looking forward to arranging another volunteering litter picking session soon!



Primary visit to Technology

On Tuesday and Wednesday, two classes of Year 6 students from Highfield Primary School visited us to take part in Design and Technology workshops.

Ms Hawkins led the groups, briefing them on how to work safely in the workshop, how to use a variety of tools, and how to follow a brief to make a musical instrument.

The students were all very focused, and each made either a xylophone, a rain shaker or hand bells.

Thank you to Ms Nau-Berry for supporting. We look forward to seeing lots of the Highfield students at Allerton Grange in September.



KS3 Duolingo Leagues

The MFL Team has set up Duolingo Leagues for their KS3 classes in French, German and Spanish.

To take part, KS3 students need the codes shown.

The leaderboard will be displayed each week in the department and there will be prizes at different intervals for highest scoring students.

Students can compete in French, German or Spanish.

YEAR 7 duolingo COMPETITION

WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/BYXZQH

Already using Duolingo on your phone?
Add the school code to your account!

First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 8 duolingo COMPETITION

WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/NADBQX

Already using Duolingo on your phone?
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First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

YEAR 9 duolingo COMPETITION

WWW.DUOLINGO.COM/CLASSROOM/QCZPSQ

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Add the school code to your account!

First, go to your profile. Then click on the settings widget icon, choose 'Duolingo for Schools' and enter the 5-letter code.

You can see your position on the leaderboard in your Duolingo app!

Year 7 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH

Year 8 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX

Year 9 Duolingo Competition
www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ

JANUARY DUOLINGOSTARS!

YEAR 7 Naomi
YEAR 8 Sherlynn
YEAR 9 Aaliyah



Road Safety Reminder

We have seen a concerning number of children being distracted while walking to school or stepping out into the road without looking.

Please remind your child(ren) that they need to keep themselves safe while they are out and about.

- Always walk down the street to use a crossing. Don't take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
- Always wait until you've crossed the road safely before looking at your phone. Don't let it distract you.
- When you cross the road, stand on the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hill where you can't see clearly.
- When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and wait for the green man AND then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
- Before you cross the road, stop and look right, look left, look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
- Always wait when you see a car coming, even if you think there is time to cross. It's not worth the risk.
- Remember that using headphones and listening to music means you can't hear traffic and other road users as clearly. Make sure you stop and check carefully before you start crossing the road.
- If you are cycling, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing, have working lights and following the Highway Code.
- You must always wear a helmet to protect your head if you fall off your bike. Make sure it fits and the strap is snug under your chin. It could save your life.



Eyes Up

Put your phone away, look out for your friends and don't distract them. Stay focused near traffic - Look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while you cross.

Slow Down

Take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic coming, let it pass.

Cross Safely

Always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and chose a place where you can see clearly in all directions.



KS3 Classics Creative Writing Competition

Students in Years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to take part in this year's Classics Creative Writing Competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their creativity and engage with the worlds of myth and ancient history.



Participants may choose to write either a poem or a piece of creative writing from the options. Entries will be submitted to the Classics Department at the University of Leeds, who will select finalists from schools across Yorkshire.

Finalists will be invited on a special trip to the University of Leeds, where they will have five minutes to read and perform their work in front of university staff and other finalists - a wonderful enrichment experience.

We are proud that in 2025, Allerton Grange students achieved first place in both the poetry and creative writing categories. We hope to build on that success again this year!

Students who would like further details can speak with Mrs Adams or Mr Flint, and parents are warmly encouraged to support their children in entering.

We look forward to reading your entries!

ESU Public Speaking Success!

By Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English

On Tuesday 3 February, our wonderful Public Speaking Team stormed through Round 2 of the prestigious English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition at St Peter's School, York, and are now officially Regional Finalists!

Nathan (Speaker), Melissa (Chair), and Amelia (Questioner) impressed the judges with their performances and are delighted to be representing AGS at the Regional Finals in March. It was an absolute pleasure to take the students to the competition and it's been a joy working alongside them in preparation for the event. A huge thank you to the rest of the AGS Debating and Public Speaking Club - especially Bilal, Daylon, and Lila, and of course Ms Westwell and Ms Zoughi - for helping the team prepare for the competition.

We received this message from the ESU that we'd love to share to celebrate the achievements of our team:

Congratulations to your school on progressing the regional finals of the ESU Public Speaking Competition! This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the commitment and preparation shown by you and your students.

An Impressive Performance!

This year's competition brought together a wide range of strong and engaging speakers, making for a highly competitive round. Your students met the challenge with confidence, delivering thoughtful and persuasive speeches that stood out to our judges. Their achievement is something to be very proud of.



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.

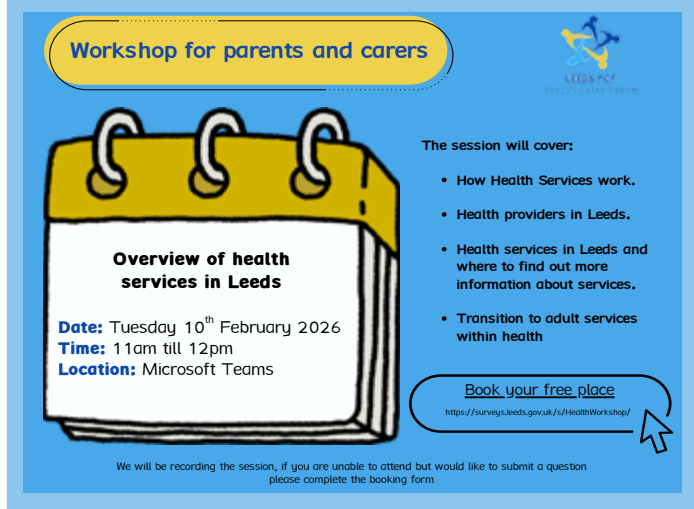
Book your place now

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.

Want to know more about Health Services in Leeds?

You can join a Parents and Carers' Overview of Health Services in Leeds session on Teams on 10 February 2026, 11 am to 12 pm.

[Book your free place](#)



Workshop for parents and carers

Overview of health services in Leeds

Date: Tuesday 10th February 2026
Time: 11am till 12pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

The session will cover:

- How Health Services work.
- Health providers in Leeds.
- Health services in Leeds and where to find out more information about services.
- Transition to adult services within health

[Book your free place](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/HealthWorkshop/)
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We will be recording the session, if you are unable to attend but would like to submit a question please complete the booking form

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

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.

Puberty and sexuality - Secondary/Post-16

Wednesday 25 March 2026

This session will look at why autistic and other neurodivergent children and young people may need additional support to understand puberty, relationships and sexuality.

We will discuss strategies and resources for supporting children and young people of better understand these themes.



**LEEDS LOCAL OFFER
LIVE 2026**

The Leeds Local Offer has information about services that help children and young people with SEND. It also helps parents and carers find support in one place.

Leeds Local Offer Live is an event where you can meet different SEND services and learn what they do.

This year, the workshops are about Supported Internships. Come along to find out more about this pathway.

Wednesday 25 March 2026

10am till 3pm (Drop in)

Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

BOOK YOUR PLACE

[Complete the booking form here](#)

[Leeds](#) [Leeds SEND Local Offer](#) [Leeds Health & Care Partnership](#) [NHS Leeds](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March				
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 KSp/ CHu
Little shop of Horrors Pit 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 9, 10 & 11 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JGA	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 KSp/ CHu	Years 7 & 8 Fitness Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD	Years 8 & 9 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI	Year 7 Trampoline Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa	<p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p>ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>KS5</p>
	Basketball Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO	Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis Main Hall 3-4pm SNO	
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball MUGA 3-4pm JAd		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm ECa			
	Little Shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu			
	Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club 3-4pm L008 Dwa			
	Debate Club- students from all year groups welcome! L15 3-4pm with SHa			
	Art Club 3-4pm A002 KCr			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop-in session for KS5 L51 3-4pm NMu			



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	Trampoline Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11	Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite	KAI SNO JGA
THURSDAY	Trampoline Y7 Table Tennis 9/10	Sports Main Hall	ECA SNO

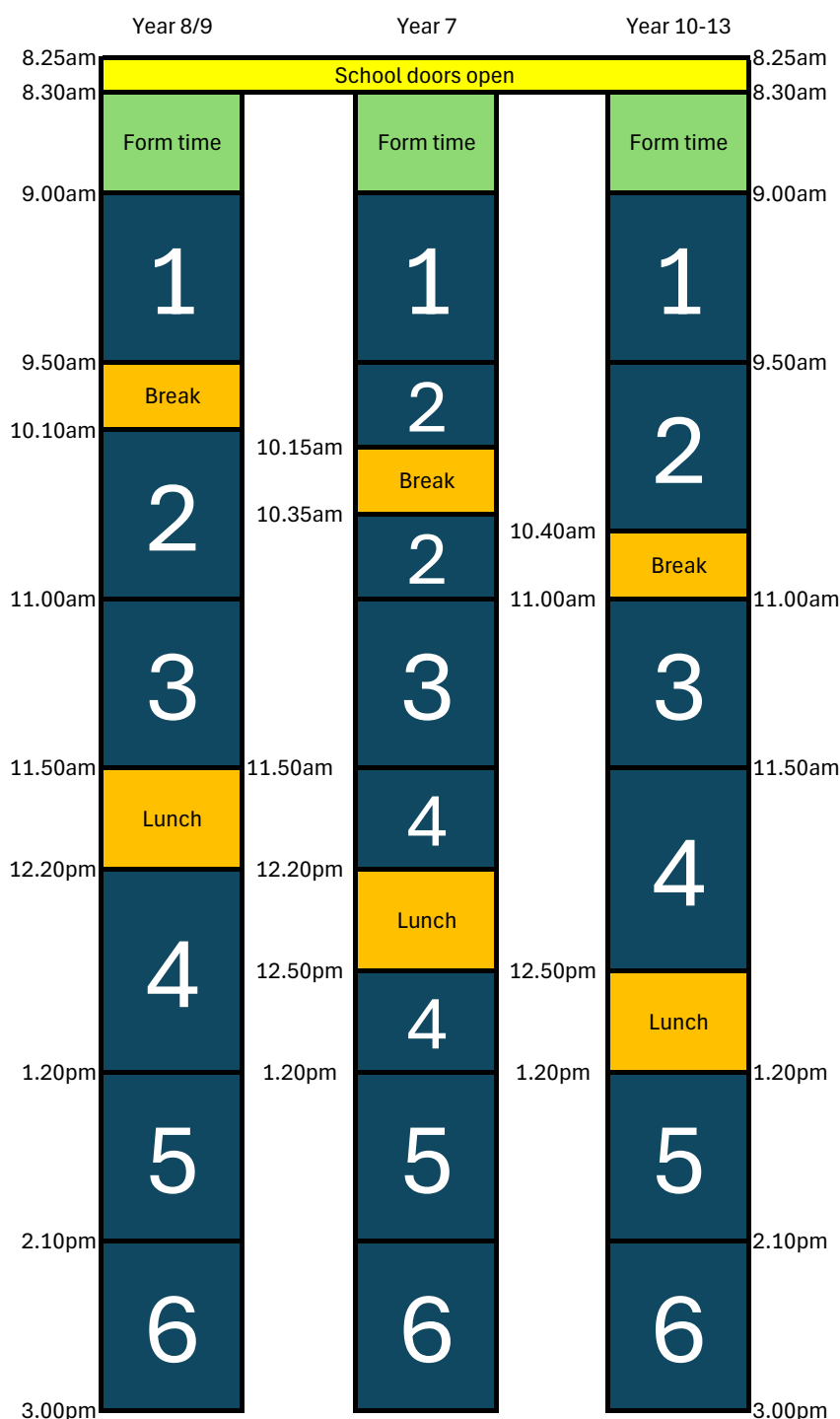
YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS
Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.
 These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.
ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.

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

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.