



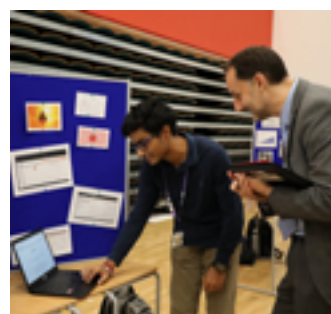
# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another exciting and eventful week at Allerton Grange, filled with achievement, opportunity, and community spirit.

We were proud to host our **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) event** on Monday, where Sixth Form students presented their independent research projects. The quality of work was outstanding, with topics ranging from medicine and politics to creative arts and engineering. It was a fantastic celebration of academic curiosity and dedication.



Our annual **Careers Fair** was a huge success, with students from across year groups engaging with employers, universities, and training providers. The event sparked meaningful conversations about future pathways and inspired many to think ambitiously about their next steps.

Congratulations to our **AGS Swimming Teams** who performed brilliantly in competitions this week. Their teamwork, determination, and resilience were exemplary, and we're incredibly proud of their achievements.

We welcome and encourage parental support at school **Sports Fixtures** taking place after school on the playing field. To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all, we kindly ask that parents and carers follow the new policy and guidelines on the procedure for attending matches, available on the [school website](#). If you have any questions about attending fixtures, please contact PE or the school office in advance.

### Important Safety Update: Leeds City Centre

We want to make you aware of recent developments in Leeds City Centre involving groups of young people. West Yorkshire Police are currently responding to a number of serious incidents, some of which were pre-planned via social media during the school day. While most young people visit the city centre for positive reasons, recent tensions have led to the use of police powers to help keep everyone safe. At this stage, we want to reassure parents that we have no concerns relating to Allerton Grange students in connection with these incidents. This information is being shared to help raise awareness and support conversations at home.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, we are proud of our students and grateful for the partnership we share with our families.

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary:

**October - Celebrating Black History Month**

**Monday 6 October - Year 13 Parents' Evening**

**Tuesday 7 October - Years 7 to 11 Flu vaccinations -  
[Read the letter and give or refuse consent](#)**

**Thursday 9 October - Year 10 Supporting Success Evening, 6.00 - 7.00 pm (Hall)**

**Tuesday 14 October - Year 9 Options Information Event, 6.30 - 7.15 pm (Hall)**

**Wednesday 15 October - Darren Simpson Author Visit, Year 7 & Year 8 (S1 and S2)**

**Wednesday 15 October - Year 7 Supporting Success Evening, 5.00 - 6.00 pm (Hall)**

**Thursday 16 October - NeuroStars Parent Carer Support Session, 4.30 - 5.30 pm (Library)  
[Book your place](#)**

**Thursday 23 October - KS4/5 Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm (Hall) Tickets £4 from ParentPay**

**Friday 24 October - Culture Day**

**Monday 27 to Friday 31 October - Half Term (School is closed)**

**Monday 3 November - Start of Half Term 2**

**Tuesday 4 November - Year 11 and Year 13 Year Group Photos**

**Thursday 13 November - Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00 pm  
[Book your place](#)**

**Monday 17 to Friday 21 November - Book Fair in the Library**

**Tuesday 18 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening - online appointments**

## World Ostomy Day / Stoma Aware Day

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

World Ostomy Day is a global day, celebrated every three years, to provide support, raise awareness and promote education.

People of any age can need to use a stoma, from babies to those in their nineties.

Stomas are not always visible, and many other health conditions and disabilities are hidden too. We may not always know what others, especially children and young people are managing, but we know that in showing kindness and compassion we are much more likely to build trusting relationships with children where they can be honest about their lived experience and able to talk to us about the things that can make a huge difference to them.

Leeds is proud to be working towards becoming a stoma-friendly city.

Find out more about [Hidden Disabilities](#)

## 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.

- 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



**B:M**  
**2025**

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## OCTOBER 2025



# POWER AND PRIDE

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SHARED HISTORY.  
WE CELEBRATE OUR COLLECTIVE POWER TO CREATE CHANGE.

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



### WHO IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR?

**Black History Month is for everyone,  
no matter our background.**

It provides a chance for us all to learn about and appreciate Black history, helping us understand the importance of diversity, representation, and inclusion in shaping a more equal and just society.

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



### WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

- An opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.
- People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, campaigners believe their contribution to society has often been overlooked or distorted.

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



**Saturday 4 October**

**Leeds Black History Walk**

**Where:** Parkinson Building, University of Leeds

**When:** 11am – 1pm

The Leeds Black History Walk began in 2006, as part of a Chapeltown community initiative, to transform how Africans are perceived in history. Discover unseen local narratives with African connections, going back to Roman Yorkshire.

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



**Thursday 9 October, 3.15-5.15pm L027**

**Hidden Figures (PG – 2 hours long)**

*Hidden Figures* tells the incredible story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind a rocket launch to take astronaut John Glenn into space.

All AGS students and staff are welcome to attend the events.  
Students need to collect a permission slip from the Humanities office and return it before the date of the screening(s).

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



**Thursday 16 October, 3.15-5.15pm L027**

**Selma (12 – 2 hours long)**

*Selma* tells the gripping and moving story of the pivotal moment in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s epic civil rights struggle. The historic protest march he led from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965 was a triumphant demonstration of the power of the people.

All AGS students and staff are welcome to attend the events.  
Students need to collect a permission slip from the Humanities office and return it before the date of the screening(s).

**B:M**  
**2025**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**



**POWER AND PRIDE**



**Thursday 23 October, 3.15-4.30pm L027**

**Black Power: A British Story of Resistance (PG – 1 hour long)**

An examination of the Black Power movement in the late 1960s in the UK, surveying both the individuals and the cultural forces that defined the era. At the heart of the documentary is a series of astonishing interviews with past activists, many of whom are speaking for the first time about what it was really like to be involved in the British Black Power movement.

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## Sports Fixture Results

On Tuesday, the first Allerton Grange **Swimming Team** competed in the national team trials event at GSAL.

The team consisted of a Junior Year 7/8 team of Barney, Betsey, Millie and Danny, and an Intermediate team of Year 9/10 students Harrison, Evie, Sophia and Will.

Both teams competed in two events the freestyle relay and the mixed relay event and were competing against some local and regional schools such as Allerton High, Morley, GSAL, Queen Ethelburgas and Huddersfield Grammar.

The junior team managed to win one of their heats but finished 3rd in the mixed freestyle and they also finished 3rd in the mixed medley.

The intermediate team finished 1st in the mixed freestyle and 1st in the mixed medley (finishing this race 13 seconds ahead of second place).

Depending on timings of other qualifiers this might mean the team get invited to the national schools final!



## Recognising Student Achievement

This morning, a group of Year 8 students met with Mr Norrington and were recognised for reaching the final of the Public Speaking Competition at the end of the Summer Term.

Jack	Aarohi
Charlie	Prethisha
Serayah	Olive
Gurtaj	Anna
Pablo	Jasmine
Wissam	

Well done to you all.

## Football (Boys)

On Wednesday night, the **Year 8 boys' Football team** played in a Football Festival at Allerton High and performed well: beating Roundhay; drawing with Carr Manor and Bishop Young; and losing to Allerton High.

The **Year 8 team** also played and lost a cup match against Cardinal Heenan on Thursday. (Team pictured below)



The **Year 9 team** lost 4-2 to Wetherby in the league on Thursday. But, Jacob scored a brilliant free kick and earned himself man of the match.

## Rugby (boys)

The **Year 9 boys' Rugby team** lost to Farnley

## Online Safety Newsletter

The October Online Safety Newsletter for parents and carers includes information on the risks of using AI for your mental health, and tips on what you can do to support young people using Whats App and Youtube.

[Click to open the newsletter.](#)



## Leeds Museum Workshop for Year 11

On Monday, Year 11 Product Design students took part in a session with Clare Brown from Leeds Discovery Centre.

Clare has visited us for a number of years now and brought some fantastic insect artifacts for the students to photograph during her workshop for their mock exam.



## Allerton Grange School: Park and Stride

**Help us to keep our students and local community safe, as well as encouraging your children to develop independence and healthy habits by walking part of their journey to and from school.**

**Drop your child off further away from school to reduce congestion and improve safety**

**Park and Stride** is an easy way to change travel habits. Parents and carers are encouraged to park a 5 to 10 minute walk away from school and allow children to walk the rest of the way.

### Benefits of Park and Stride

- ✓ Reduces traffic and congestion near school entrances
- ✓ Improves safety for children
- ✓ Lowers pollution levels
- ✓ Shows courtesy to local residents by avoiding blocked driveways and pavements

### Safety Reminders

- ⊗ Do not park on zig-zag lines or pavements
- ✓ Avoid blocking driveways or junctions
- ✓ Use designated crossings & hold hands with younger children



**Thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe.**

## SEND Support

### 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](mailto: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.

### Parent carer support group network event

Thursday 23 October, 10 am till 12.30 pm at Pudsey Civil Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley LS28 5TA

The event is for parents and carers to hear from the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, find out about the new Family Hubs, learn about RADAR and Short Breaks, and network with other parent carer support groups and hear about their groups, activities and events for families.

Book your place at:

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCFEvent/>

### STARS training (parents and professionals)

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

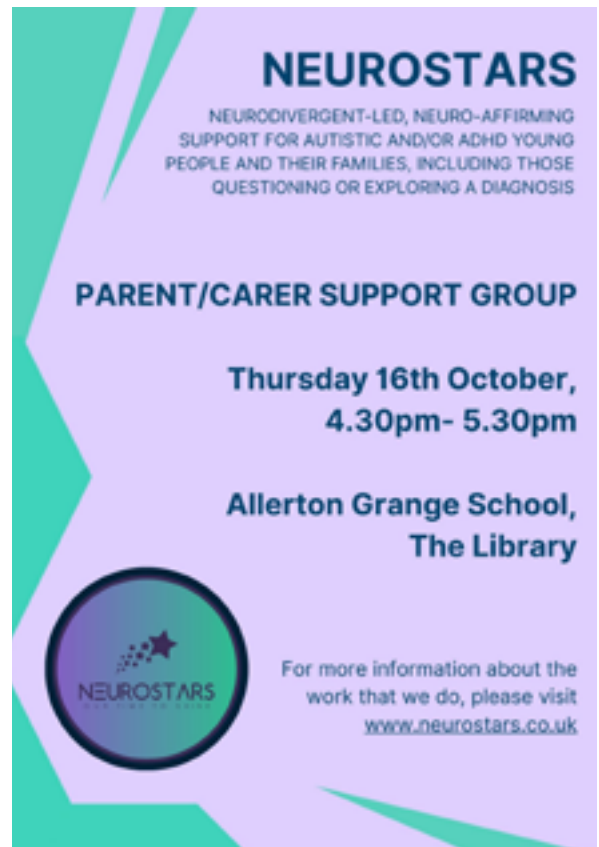
#### For parents to book please email

[send@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:send@leeds.gov.uk) with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

### Sensory support in the home

Wednesday 5 November 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will give a brief introduction to sensory processing and regulation, exploring its importance in supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people. The session will also offer advice around sensory support strategies that can be implemented in the home.



### Inclusive mainstream practice: survey for parents and carers

This survey aims to gather feedback from parents and carers about their experiences with the support provided to children and young people with SEND in mainstream educational settings. Responses will help to see what is working well and what improvements can be made. Leeds City Council plan to launch their Inclusive Mainstream Practice guidance. The survey will be repeated annually to help measure the impact.

It should take 5 minutes to answer all the questions and the last day to respond is Friday 10 October 2025.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

### Preparation for adulthood: friends, relationships and community

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop healthy friendships and relationships. We will be exploring the factors that can present challenges for autistic and ND children and young people and how to effectively promote positive social inclusion, consent and how to navigate the social world safely in the early years through to early adulthood. We will be exploring and sharing key resources and approaches to promote healthy social opportunities for children and young people.



### EPQ Conference Trip

On Friday 26 September, Year 12 students attended an inspiring EPQ conference hosted by Ashton Sixth Form College in Manchester. The event featured expert talks designed to enhance students' research skills and academic understanding.

Abigail Harrison-Moore from the University of Leeds highlighted the importance of primary research, encouraging students to gather original data that enriches their projects.

Kevin Orr from Huddersfield's Centre for Research in Education and Society (CRES) emphasized the broader value of research, inspiring students to see their EPQs as meaningful contributions to knowledge and innovation. Professor Orr left a lasting impact on student Joshua Robson who stated his "expertise in the field of research rejuvenated my own desire to learn more about the world in which we live specifically in the medical field where new discoveries are constantly being published and used to heal those most medically vulnerable in society."

Students were able to network with other students from the area, sharing ideas, as well as make valuable contacts with the University of Southampton Outreach Team, who offered practical advice on crafting strong research questions, and the University of Leeds Outreach Team, who led a timely session on academic integrity and the ethical use of artificial intelligence. Students explored balancing AI tools with their own critical thinking to maintain originality and honesty in their work.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity for students to engage with university-level ideas, equipping them with skills and motivation to confidently progress in their EPQ journey.

### To Kill A Mockingbird Theatre Trip

On Thursday 25 September, students from GCSE and A Level Drama went to see Aaron Sorkin's adaptation of the Harper Lee classic *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Leeds Playhouse.

This was a very powerful and resonant production that our students gained a lot from.

This was our first trip with our new Year 10 Drama students, with some saying it was the best production they'd ever seen. Discussions after the performance have been really insightful with Rubin pointing out that as an audience member he also felt like he was placed in the position of the judge.

We are incredibly proud, as always, of our students whose conduct was so exemplary that a former Drama teacher in the audience commented that she'd never seen a group of students so well behaved in the theatre!



### ASDA Futures Trip

Today was the first session for Year 9 students taking part in this year's ASDA Futures programme.

Mrs Mills reported: *We arrived to a very spooky ASDA House this morning and the team are spending the day learning about the competition they are taking part in over the course of the school year. They are competing against 14 other schools, whilst learning about the business and wide range of career opportunities at ASDA.*

*Last year, Allerton Grange came 2nd in the competition, so we've set our sites on 1st place this year!*



## GCSE Drama Performances

On **Wednesday 22 October**, Year 11 Drama students will be rehearsing, then performing their practical exam pieces. All are welcome to come along to the evening performance to support the students.

**Performance starts: 6.00 pm**

**Venue: School Hall**



A hard hitting piece that explores the theme of domestic abuse through the eyes of the victim and poses the questions of who is responsible for keeping us safe.



A choose your own adventure play using classic horror tropes.



A comedic spy romp with inspiration from James Bond and Austin Powers.

**AGS Performing Arts Present:  
Little Shop of Horrors**

Coming to a school hall near you... 10, 11 & 12 February 2026



## 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	Little shop of Horrors Full Company (invite only) 3-4pm Hall KSp/ CHu
Samba (Y7 & Y8/9) (onch/lines) Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music god Store 9	Years 8-11 Advanced Rockers 3-4.15pm M005 TCa & DNa	Junior Concert Band Grade 1-3 Musicians 3-3.30pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Choir Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	KS3 Coding Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R005 LMO/ CNa *
Little shop of Horrors PR Band (invite only) 3-4.15pm M001 TCa & SDe	Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Senior Concert Band Grade 3-8 Musicians 3-4.15pm M001 ASb/ TCa	Latin Club- All year groups L20	KS4 Software Development Club Week A ONLY 3-4pm R002 LMO/ CNa *
Little shop of Horrors Vocal Rehearsal (invite only) 3-4.15pm M002 ASb	Jazz Club Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers 3-4.15pm M003 SDe	Years 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ 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	<p>* Each term the club will explore a different programme</p> <p><b>ALL YEARS</b></p> <p><b>KS3</b></p> <p><b>KS4</b></p> <p><b>KS5</b></p>
Little shop of Horrors Dance (invite only) 3-4pm D003 KSp/ CHu	Years 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	Girls Football Field 3-4pm KNa	Years 7 & 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm KCa	
	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 JNd	Years 8 Boys Football Field 3-4pm DTo	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	
	Girls Rugby Field 3-4pm KCa		Year 8 & 9 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm D001 KSp/ CHu	
	Little shop of Horrors Male Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KSp/ CHu		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm U002 SDe	
	Years 7 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm Hall KSp/ 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 U006 Dna			
	Social Science Catch-up Drop in session for KS3 L15 3-4pm MNa			



## WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

	ACTIVITY	WHERE	STAFF
TUESDAY	Year 9/10/11 Netball	MUGA	JAD
	Girls Rugby	Fields	ECA
	Year 7 Boy's Football	Fields	SNO
	Year 9 + 10 Rugby	Fields	JGA
WEDNESDAY	Girl's Football	Fields	KAI
	All Year's Badminton (SNO)	Sports Hall	SNO
	Year 8 Boys Football	Fields	DTO
THURSDAY	Year 7+8 Netball	MUGA	ECA
	Year 9 Football	Fields	DTO
	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby (JGA)	Fields	JGA

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.


## 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	<b>Samba</b> Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!	Ian Matthews (Drum Teacher)
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Little Shop of Horrors Pit Band</b> (Invite only)	Mrs Casey/ Mr Duff
Monday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M002	<b>Little Shop of Horrors Musical</b> Vocal Rehearsal (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers!</b> 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	<b>Grade 5 Theory Club</b> (Invite only)	Miss Shrimpton
Tuesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M003	<b>Jazz Club</b> Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers	Mr Duff
Wednesday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	M001	<b>Junior Concert Band</b> Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey
Wednesday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001	<b>Senior Concert Band</b> Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians	Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey
Thursday	3.00 - 4.15 pm	M001/ M002	<b>Year 7 School of Rock</b> 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	<b>Choir</b> 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
<b>Little Shop of Horrors</b> Dance Invite only <b>3-4</b> <b>D001</b>	<b>Year 7 Drama Club</b> All Welcome <b>3-4</b> <b>HALL</b>	<b>Little Shop of Horrors</b> Main parts Invite only <b>3-4</b> <b>D002</b>	<b>Year 8 and 9 Drama Club</b> All Welcome <b>3-4</b> <b>D001</b>	<b>Little Shop of Horrors</b> Full Company Invite Only <b>3-4</b> <b>HALL</b>

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



## Author Visit: Darren Simpson

**Wednesday 15 October**

**Year 7 – Session 1**  
**Year 8 – Session 2**




# SCHOOL DAY 2025-26

