



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What an incredible week it has been at Allerton Grange!

Our students have truly showcased their talents, resilience, and ambition across a range of activities, and I couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Celebrating Success

This week, our Swimming Team delivered outstanding performances, demonstrating not only skill but also teamwork and determination. A huge congratulations to all involved - you've set a fantastic example for the whole school. Equally impressive were our Public Speaking Teams, who captivated audiences with their confidence and eloquence. These students have shown that the power of words can inspire and influence, and we are thrilled to see them excel. A special mention also goes to our SEND Bowling Team, whose enthusiasm and sportsmanship were second to none. Your achievements remind us of the importance of inclusion and the joy of shared experiences.

Highlights of the Week

Two standout events this week were the Sixth Form Medical Conference and the Year 11 Career Interviews. These opportunities are invaluable in helping our students explore future pathways and gain insights into the world beyond school. The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive - they left feeling inspired and motivated.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our staff and the generosity of community members who gave up their time to support these initiatives. Your commitment ensures that our students have access to experiences that enrich their education and broaden their horizons. Thank you for making a real difference.

As we look ahead, let's continue to celebrate these successes and work together to provide the very best for our students.

Warm regards,

Andrew Norrington
Headteacher

Leeds City Council Admission Policy Consultation

Leeds City Council is consulting on the 2027/28 admission policy for Leeds Community and Voluntary controlled schools under the Admission Code. All the information can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations. You can share your views until 1 December 2025.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December - Year 11 Pre Public Exams

Friday 28 November - Deadline for Year 9 GCSE Options Choices.

Thursday 11 December - World of Music Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Tickets are £5 from ParentPay

Monday 15 to Friday 19 December - Rewards Assemblies

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 to Friday 16 January - Year 13 Pre Public Exams

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



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

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

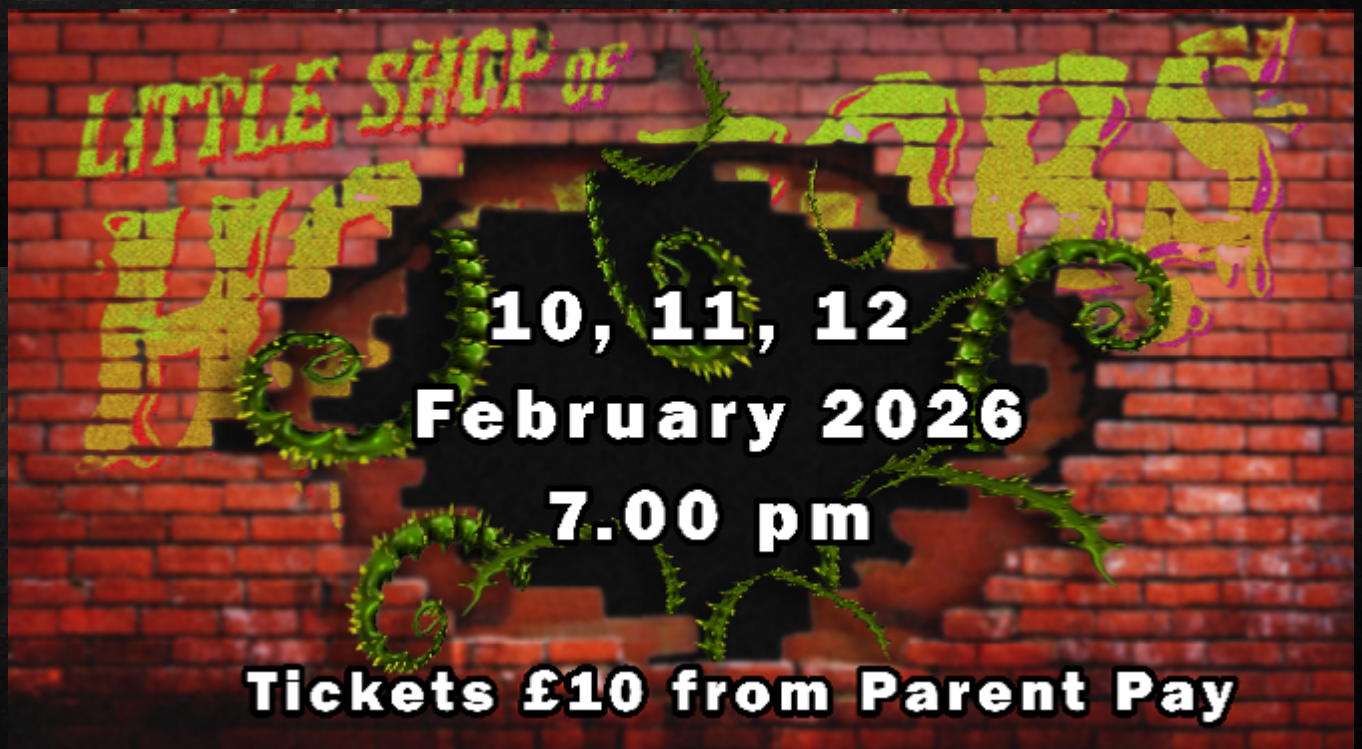
(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

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...

*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

Football (boys)

This week, our **Year 9 boys' Football team** won their match against Bishop Young 2-0 and lost to Allerton High 4-3.

Football (girls)

Our **Year 10/11 girls' Football team** played in a Cup match this week, winning against Roundhay!

Swimming

Last Saturday, we took the first ever **Allerton Grange Swim team** down to Sandwell Aquatic Centre in Birmingham to compete in the national teams finals. Both the Year 7/8 team and the Year 9/10 team took part in two finals (the team freestyle and team medley races). The Year 7/8 team consisted of Millie, Betsey, Barney and Danny. The Year 9/10 team was Sophia, Evie, Harrison and Will.

After a very early start and warm up, two of our students (Millie and Harrison) were chosen to hold the north east placard during the opening ceremony.



In our first race of the day the Year 7/8 team competed in the freestyle event and finished in 8th place. The Year 9/10 team then competed in the same event, having the 7th fastest qualifying time. The students put in an absolutely fantastic effort in this and finished in 4th place after swimming over a second faster than their qualifying time, and finishing 0.4 seconds off 3rd place.

This resulted in the team winning the President's award for the best performing state school in this event.

Leeds City of Languages 10 to 24 November 2025

Leeds City of Languages is a regional festival celebrating the rich diversity of languages and cultures across Yorkshire.

[You can view the programme here](#)

There are many events open to to all including film screenings, webinars, talks, language tasters, workshops and performances.



Find out more:

Email: leedscityoflanguages@leeds.ac.uk

Instagram: [@leedscityoflanguages](https://www.instagram.com/leedscityoflanguages)

Bluesky: [@leedscitylanguages.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/leedscitylanguages.bsky.social)

LinkedIn: [@leeds-city-of-languages-festival](https://www.linkedin.com/company/leeds-city-of-languages-festival)

Next up, the Year 7/8 team competed in the medley event which they came in with the 5th fastest qualifying time. The team performed amazingly well and swam over 2 seconds faster, meaning they finished in 3rd place and receiving a bronze medal. The Year 9/10 team then finished the final race of the day with the medley event and swam over 3 seconds faster than their qualifying time but unfortunately this was only enough to finish 5th.



The students did amazingly well and were competing against some very established swimming schools and should be very proud of their efforts.

Special mention to Mrs Ainger who gave up her Saturday to help organise and drive the team to the event.

The ESU Debate Competition – recognition and results.

by Lila (Year 11)

On Monday 10 November, students from AGS took part in the first round of the ESU Schools' Mace debating competition at Cardinal Heenan in Leeds, arguing in favour of banning short-haul flights.

Before revealing the results, we must recognise our three incredible speakers – Henry (Year 11), Sasha (Year 11) and Izzy (Year 12), who worked incredibly hard researching, writing, and performing their speeches brilliantly in front of a live audience. They worked together as a great team: asking and answering POIs (points of interest) as well as thinking quickly and consistently throughout the debate.

But they didn't do it alone, Molly and Jasmine (both Year 13) provided wonderful support in the research and development of ideas and even creating counter-arguments for the team.

Additionally, on the night of the debate, Felix (Year 11) volunteered to be in charge of the timer for each and every speaker, and Lila (Year 11) took notes and provided feedback on the speeches. And of course, Ms. Zoughi and Ms. Westwell were the teachers who helped organise and oversee not only the debate, but also the preparation, mock debates and redrafting processes.

Finally, the results – thanks to the hard work done by everyone on the team, our school has proudly made it through to the next round and will be diligently continuing the competition, hopefully until the very end!

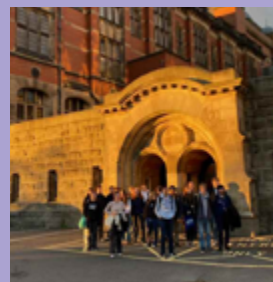
A level Physics University Trip

On Tuesday, AGS A level Physicists went to the A-level Physics Science Live event, hosted at the University of Birmingham. Here our students got to see talks from eminent Physicists including Professor Jim Al-Khalili (from BBC4's The Life Scientific), Professor Frank Close (Professor Emeritus of Oxford University, and Head of Communications at CERN) as well as talks from Dr Hannah Sargeant, Dr Emma Chapman and Prof Trevor Cox.

Pupils' favourite topics were a fascinating discussion of the first billion years of the universe, a talk on quantum mechanics (and the "real" history of the Physics behind the Oppenheimer film), and exciting new research on acoustic engineering. There was also a study tips session from an A level Physics examiner.



Student behaviour was exemplary throughout the day, a credit to the school, especially arriving back at school quite late in the evening.



SEND Bowling Trip

This week was our much anticipated annual Bowling Trip for a group of SEND students. They had a fantastic time and entered into the spirit of the competition with lots of enthusiasm. Two members of the team scored over 100 points - 121 and 122 respectively! The team came second overall and brought a trophy back to school which is very proudly displayed at reception.

Thank you to Mrs Neilson for organising the trip and Mr Morawiecki-Watkins for coaching.



Road Safety Week

Everyone has a responsibility to use roads safely, whether you are walking, cycling or driving.



Tips to be safer out and about on or near roads:

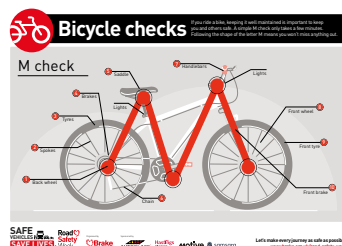
- **Role model safe and healthy travel behaviours** eg always wear your seatbelt and walk everyday journeys where you can.
- **Avoid unnecessary car journeys to reduce congestion and road safety concerns.** Can your child get to school by walking, cycling or car sharing?
- **Ensure your child has appropriate clothing and equipment for walking and cycling.** Cyclists must wear a helmet and your child should always have bright, visible clothing.
- **Never break the law while driving.** This includes obeying speed limits and parking legally so that pavements are safe for pedestrians.
- **Stay alert if you are driving near any schools during the morning or after school run.** We remind pupils of their responsibilities to be safe road users, but they can sometimes forget, get distracted and step into the road.



Cycling Safely

If you ride a bike, keeping it well maintained is important to keep you and others safe.

Watch a [2 minute video on Bicycle Checks](#) to help you stay safe while you're riding your bike.



Safety checks for bikes

Use this checklist to make a note of what you've checked and any repairs you need to make.

Item	Checked	Notes	Completed
1. Tyres			
2. Brakes			
3. Gears			
4. Horn			
5. Lights			
6. Bell			
7. Mirrors			
8. Pedals			
9. Chain			
10. Spokes			
11. Seat			
12. Handlebars			
13. Steering			
14. Frame			
15. Wheels			

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.

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 KS5/ 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 KS5/ 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 KS5/ CHu	Years 9 & 10 Boys Rugby Field 3-4pm JGa	Girls Football Field 3-4pm KAI	Years 7 & 8 Netball MUGA 3-4pm ECa	* 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 KS5/ CHu	
	Little shop of Horrors Main Parts (invite only) 3-4pm D002 KS5/ CHu		KS3 War Hammer Club 3-4pm L002 SLo	
	Years 7 Drama Club- all welcome! 3-4pm Hall KS5/ 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			

**ALL
YEARS
KS3
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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	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

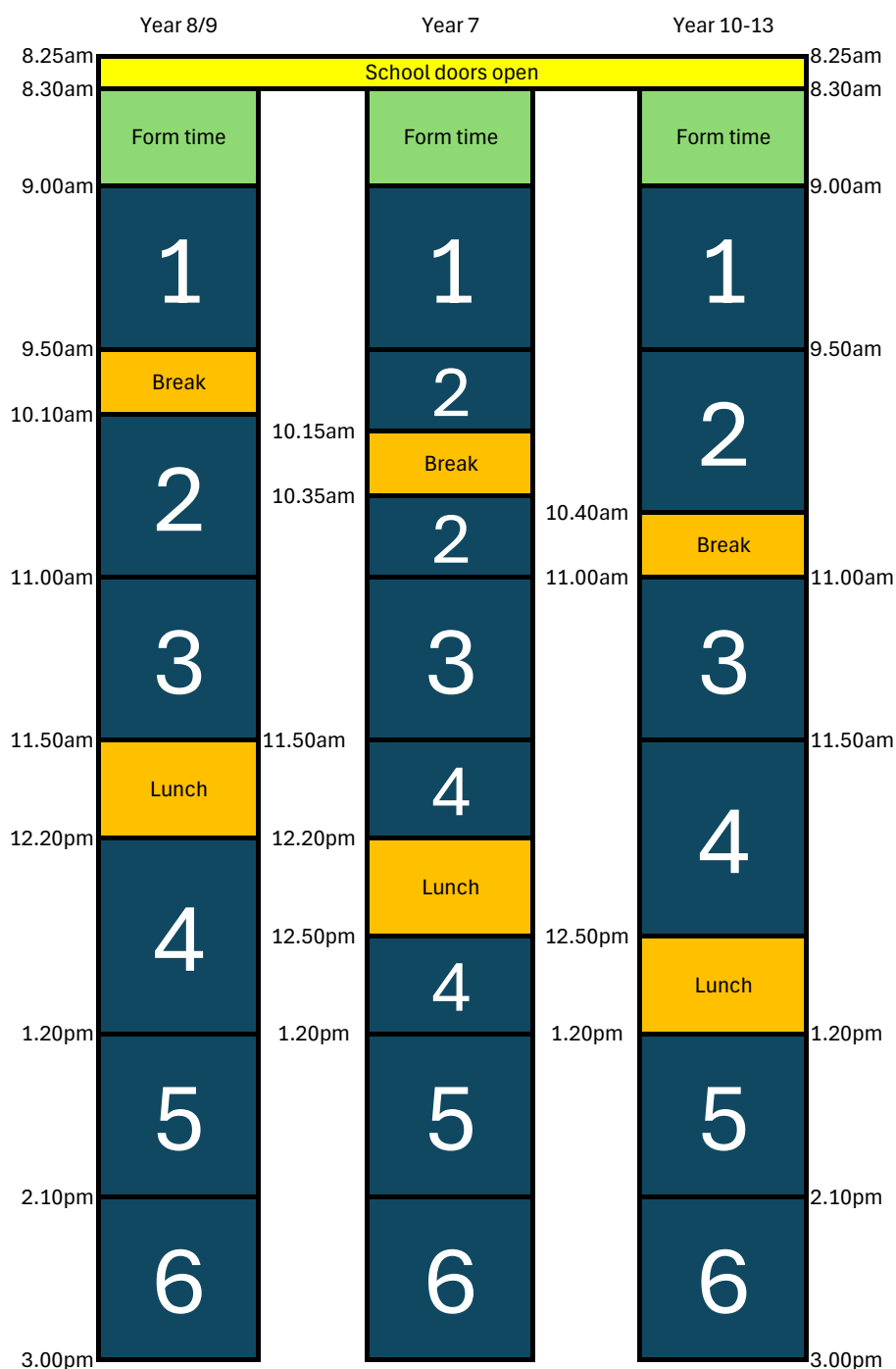
*We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become
(Augusto Boal)*



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.