



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we come to the end of another positive week at Allerton Grange, I want to celebrate the fantastic efforts of our students and staff. The atmosphere around school has been vibrant and focused, and it's wonderful to see so many students engaging fully in their learning and extra-curricular opportunities. Thank you for your continued support, it plays a vital role in our success.

As we approach the holiday period, I'd like to remind everyone of our **high expectations regarding uniform**. At Allerton Grange, wearing the correct uniform reflects pride in our school and helps maintain a sense of belonging and equality. Please ensure that students attend in full uniform every day, including appropriate footwear. Your support in upholding these standards is greatly appreciated. We have a **School Uniform Exchange** that is open to all of our families, free of charge. Please email agadmin@allertongrange.com if you are looking for school uniform, with what you need and the size, and we'll let you know what's available.

Attendance is another key priority for us. Every day in school matters - missing just one day every two weeks can result in almost **40 days of lost learning over five years**. Students with good attendance are more likely to achieve higher grades and feel confident in their learning. If you are facing any challenges, our **Attendance Team is ready to help and support you**. Please contact us if you need advice or assistance; we are here to work with you.

Thank you once again for your partnership in ensuring that Allerton Grange remains a place where every student can thrive. Together, we can make sure that every child enjoys success and feels proud to be part of our school community.

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:

Thursday 4 December - Year 12 Parents' Information Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm (online)

Thursday 11 December - World of Music Concert, 7.00 - 9.00 pm Tickets available 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

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 11 February - School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Doors 6.30 pm, Show starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay



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

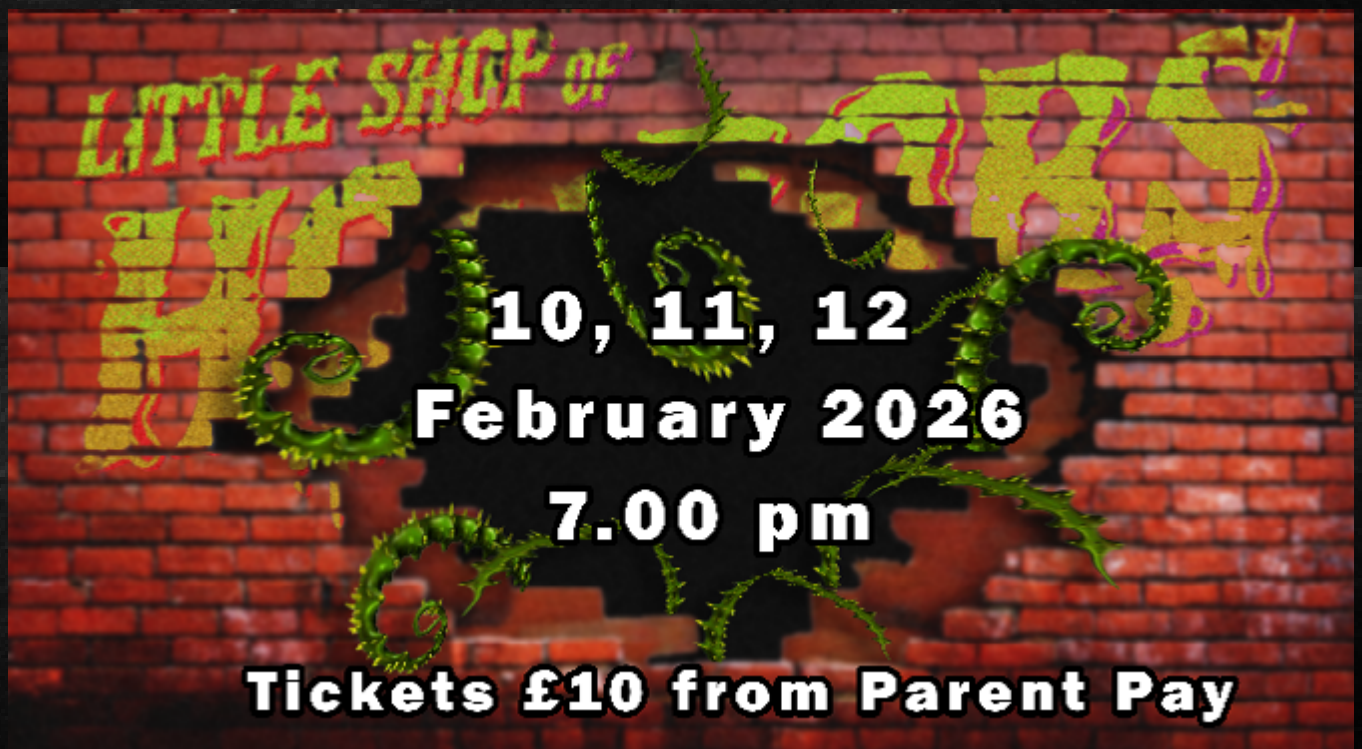
(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

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

This week our **Year 7 girls' Football team** drew 2-2 against Brigshaw.

Young Poets Week

On Monday, Year 9 had the privilege of meeting Leeds' own poet and rapper, Lence, who shared his inspiring creative journey and officially launched the Young Poet Laureate Competition.

If you're in Year 7, 8, or 9 and would like to take part, visit Mr Ellis in the library to find out more and register your interest. Don't miss this chance to showcase your talent!



Northern School of Contemporary Dance Workshop

by Mrs Spencer-Matthews

On Sunday, Mrs Spencer-Matthews took students, Temi, Aryana, Zaara and Lily, to the Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

All participated in a professional workshop and just radiated confidence and commitment. They then did a technical run of the piece they've been working on with a dance artist from NSCD for the last 6 weeks before the final performance as part of a sharing with 3 other schools.

They did a fantastic job and their piece was very well received - all four schools were incredibly warm and supportive of each other. We were also treated to two performances by Collide - a male identifying company of dancers from across all year groups of the degree courses and WOW! Absolutely outstanding work that has inspired us all.



Music Exam Success

Congratulations to:

Scarlet in Year 7 who took her **ABRSM Grade 4 Violin exam** earlier this month, and has been awarded a **Distinction!** (130/150). This is a superb achievement, particularly in a young student.

Will in Year 7 who passed his **Grade 4 Oboe exam with Merit.**



Are you thinking about a career in horticulture?
Want to explore further?
Join the **FREE Green Skills Programme**

- Attendance is one Saturday per month for a year
- For individuals 18+ without horticultural qualifications
- Each session introduces different horticultural careers and develops seasonal horticultural skills
- For further information, Go to **Green Skills / RHS**, scan the QR code or e-mail newshoots@rhs.org.uk.



Peer Mentoring Programme

A group of Sixth Form students have been trained to deliver a 6 week programme of peer mentoring to younger pupils, and are currently working with Year 9.

Mrs Knox-Renshaw, Curriculum Leader for Sixth Form, said: *"Watching them this morning, I was bursting with pride!"*



Josh (Year 12): I became a peer mentor to give back to a school that has provided me with so much support throughout my time here whether that be from older students in workshops or from teachers in designated sessions.

It is a simple programme tailored to the individual to better their chances of success in school and it has proven to work so far throughout weekly sessions. The programme has been a wonderful experience to pass on my knowledge and advice to a student who may not have had mentoring support before throughout school.

Overall, the peer mentoring programme sums up the compassionate nature we value here at AGS as well as developing the future minds of our world.

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Sixth Form mathematicians who recently took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge.



Three students, Charlotte, Nur and Reuben, qualified for the Senior Kangaroo and we are awaiting their results!

'Set List' Shine at Moortown Lights Switch-On by Miss Shrimpton

Set List delivered a fantastic performance at the Moortown turning-on of the Christmas lights on Tuesday 18 November. Oliver, Archie, Ben, Danny and Frank blew me away with their courage in the cold, their outstanding musical talent, and their brilliant stage presence. They represented Set List and AGS wonderfully and should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Well done to them all - truly fantastic!



Preparation for adulthood: friends, relationships and community

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 9.45 till 11.15 am

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 neurodivergent 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.

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.

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 keep yourself safe while you're riding your bike.



Safety checks for bikes

Use this checklist to make a note of what parts checked and any repairs needed to make.

Part checked	Checked	Notes	Done
1. Tyres			
2. Brakes			
3. Gears			
4. Chain			
5. Pedals			
6. Handlebars			
7. Seat			
8. Lights			
9. Horn			
10. Spokes			
11. Wheel nuts			
12. Chain tension			
13. Brake pads			
14. Bell			

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
KS4
KS5**



WHAT'S ON AFTER SCHOOL IN PE?

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

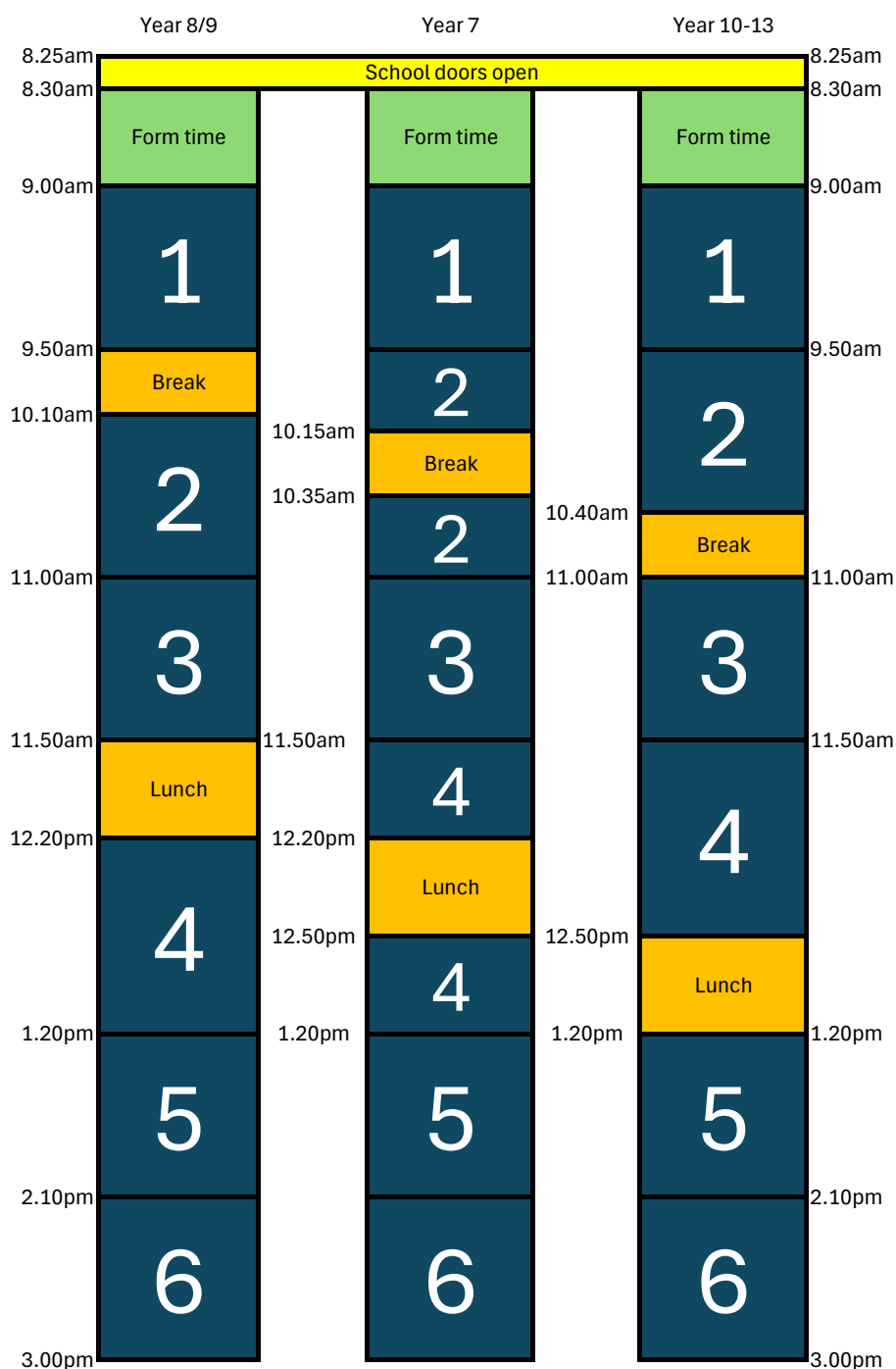
*We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become
(Augusto Boal)*



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.