



# AGS Weekly

## *Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

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

As we reach the end of a long and very busy term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many successes we have celebrated over the past week.

This week, students across all year groups took part in their end of term celebration assemblies. A huge congratulations to every student who received an award - your hard work, resilience and commitment to our values have truly shone through. My heartfelt thanks go to our Behaviour and Welfare Teams, whose careful planning and organisation ensured that these events ran smoothly and provided a memorable experience for all involved.

As part of our rewards programme, we were delighted to host the first-ever AGS Staff Pantomime. Our talented staff cast performed Cinderella to our KS3 students, and it was a brilliant occasion filled with fun, laughter and festive cheer. The students absolutely loved it, and I want to thank every member of staff who stepped outside their comfort zone to make this happen. Our KS4 students also enjoyed their own celebrations, recognising the fantastic achievements they have made this term. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to bring these events together and celebrate our older students in such a meaningful way.

As we draw the term to a close, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our entire staff team. This has been a long term, and their hard work, dedication and unwavering support for students have been exceptional. Our students benefit enormously from the high-quality KLAS Curriculum as well as the wide range of enrichment opportunities that staff provide throughout the year. This week's London visit is just one example of the enriching experiences offered at AGS, and I'm delighted to say it was a tremendous success.

### **Start of Spring Term – Important Dates**

A reminder that:

School is closed to students on Monday 5 January for a staff training day.

**Students return to school on Tuesday 6 January**, and we look forward to welcoming them back refreshed and ready for the new term.

### **Season's Greetings**

As we head into the holidays, I want to wish all our students, families and staff a wonderful break. To those celebrating, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support - our partnership is vital, and deeply appreciated.

Have a restful holiday, and we look forward to an exciting new term ahead.

**Warmest wishes,**

**Andrew Norrington**  
**Headteacher**

## **End of Term Message from the Board of Governors**

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, the Governors would like to share some examples of the involvement that we have had with the school during this term other than attend the Full Governing Body, Strategy and Resources, Personal Development/Behaviour/Attendance and Quality of Education meetings.

Dan Carver, Jo Travis and I met with the school's LEA improvement advisor to set the headteacher's performance management for 2025/26 This was a very informative, productive, and positive meeting which will continue to provide opportunities for the school to further develop and meet the vision of becoming 'Outstanding'.

Once again, I was privileged and overwhelmed to experience another wonderful Culture Day which was organised by the Student Leadership team. The outfits, music and stalls of products that were available were a credit to the entire school community.

In addition to my weekly meetings with Mr Norrington and Governing Board meetings, I have met with the Director of KS5, Deputy Headteacher Quality of Education, Deputy Headteacher in charge of Alternative Curriculum and the Curriculum Leader for Maths all of which have been extremely positive and showcases the fantastic work that is taking place at Allerton Grange School to ensure that every student can maximise their potential as well as being aspirational. Dan Carver has met with Patrick Fletcher, Finance Manager, Jo Travis has met with Ms Child, SENCo where the GCSE successes of SEND students was applauded. Jo also met with the Director of KS4 where the preparation for Year 11 GCSE examinations was discussed. Jenny Scannell has met with Mrs Saunders to discuss Equality, Diversity and Louise Mills who leads on Careers Education. Anna Lees, a former Parent governor met with Ms Braim, Personal Development and Mrs Saunders as the link governor for Pupil Premium. All these meetings have been extremely positive which have showcased the superb work that is taking place as well as the priorities for the Spring and Summer Terms. Jenny Scannell also supported the Year 11 Mock Interview Day. Several governors have attended training courses including Governor briefings, Curriculum and Assessment Reform, Department for Education Attendance, Cyber Security and Sexual Harassment. Governors have also supported the Year 11 Mock Interview activity.

I am also delighted to report that the school continues to be fully staffed with subject specialists, feedback from visitors to the school are extremely positive and impressed with the behaviour of our students which is a credit to the entire AGS community.

The fantastic work that is carried out by the Attendance Team has been acknowledged and rewarded externally in that Allerton Grange is in the top 25% of all schools nationally and in the top 10% of schools that are similar in cohorts of students. This is a most wonderful achievement and confirms how the students who are privileged to be educated at the school enjoy, succeed, feel safe and thrive here.

Finally, the staff pantomime was amazing and once again, I am privileged to have had the opportunity to enjoy this amazing performance by staff who have given up their evenings to rehearse to perform Cinderella!

The Governors have been invited to the end of term staff Star Awards presentations which is fantastic to see the surprises on colleagues faces when they find out that they have been chosen by their colleagues – a fabulous way to finish 2025!

Wishing you all seasons' greetings from the Governing Body and a Happy 2026.

**Barbara Trayer**  
**Chair of the Board of Governors**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026 - Christmas Holidays**

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

**School reopens on Tuesday 6 January 2026**

**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 11 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**

## 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](mailto: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

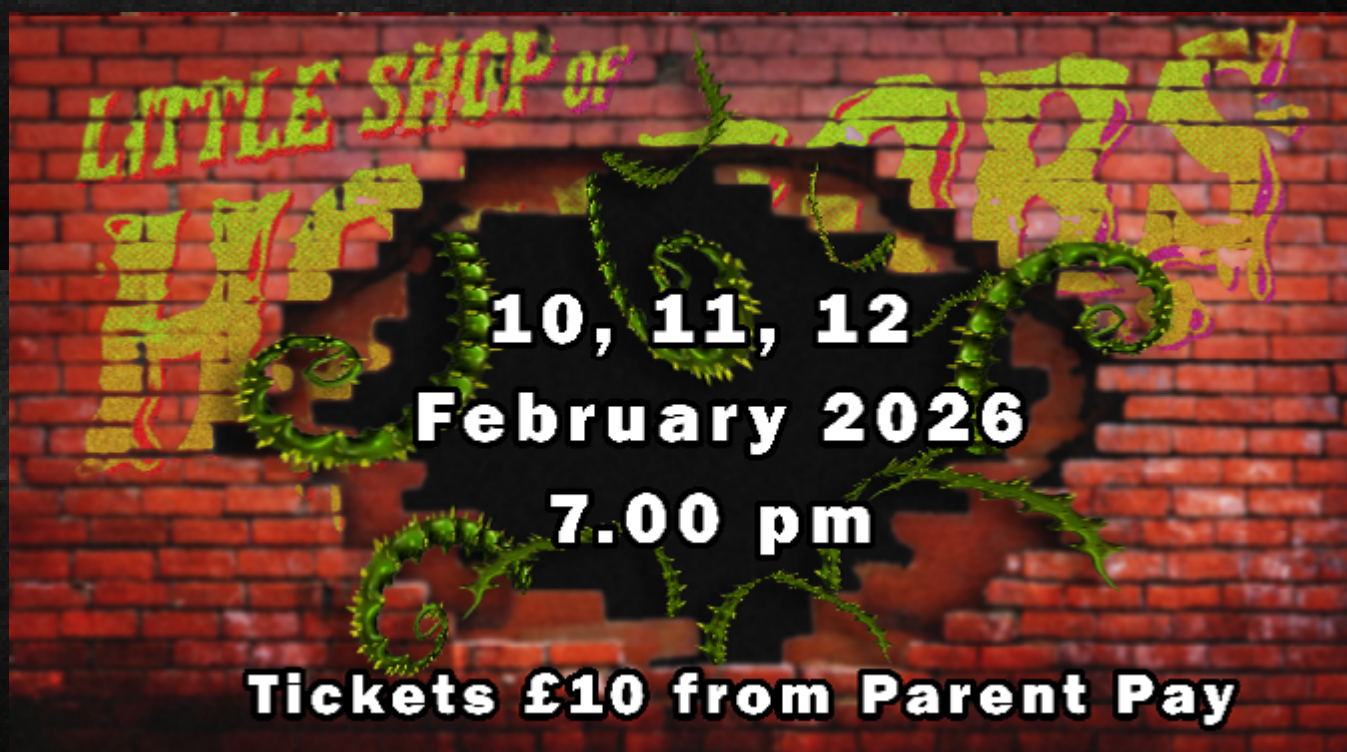
(Doors open at 6.30 pm)

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

### Trampoline

On Tuesday, our Year 10 girls took part in a trampolining competition and were extremely successful.

The A team consisting of Lara, Jemima, Esher and Libby came first in the team event, and in the individual event we had a clean sweep, with Esher coming 3rd overall, Libby 2nd and Jemima 1st. Well done, girls!



### Sparx Maths

This year in Maths, Years 7-10 are using SPARX to complete their homework. This allows each student to receive individual and challenging tasks to help maximise their progress.

We have had competitions throughout the half term to see which students have engaged with SPARX the most. The top five students are Zaki, Haniya, Arhaan, Anay and Ethan. These students have completed lots of additional tasks in addition to the weekly homework.



Well done to these, and every student for their hard work this half term.

## Drama and Classics Trip to London

This week, Drama and Classics students had a packed trip to London.

Mrs Spencer-Matthews reported:

We are having a fantastic time. The students are being wonderful. Our hotel rooms are an upgrade on last year and we have thoroughly enjoyed Pizza Hut. Last night, we saw a fabulous performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* with a star studded cast, including national treasure Stephen Fry. WHO WE MET AT THE STAGE DOOR!!! He was a delight and very pleased to meet us.



## Rewards Assemblies and Staff Panto

Each day this week, students were recognised at Rewards Assemblies for their achievements this term.

KS3 students attended a pantomime with some familiar faces presenting the AGS version of Cinderella! (*Oh yes they did!*) Thank you to Ms MacFadyen, Mr Barsby, Ms Bhullar, Ms Carter, Mr Fidler, Mr Gaunt, Ms Gershaw, Ms Kenny, Mr Lomas, Mr Macrow, Ms Morris, Ms Shrimpton, Mr Sumroy, Mr Tomlinson, Mrs Wraith, Al and the student Tech Team. A lot of fun was had by all!

KS4 students also had a Year Group quiz afternoon to celebrate a successful term.



## Deaf Assembly

Yesterday, DAHIT held their Deaf Assembly where staff, students and friends came together to celebrate this term's achievements.

Students gave presentations on a range of topics including Switzerland, Huda makeup, DEX (Deaf EXperience), Nursing and Computer Games Design. Congratulations to you all!



## ESU Workshop

On Tuesday, a group of students from KS3 to Sixth Form took part in an ESU Discover Your Voice Workshop on oracy and public speaking.



## Check lost property by 14 January 2026

Please check your child's belongings over the holidays, and remember to label items if they don't already have your student's name in them.

If anything has been lost in school, please ask your child to check Lost Property at Main Reception in January.

There are lots of items waiting to be claimed. Lost Property will be cleared after 14 January and unclaimed items donated to a charity shop or the Allerton Grange School Uniform Exchange.

Thank you.



## 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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	<b>ALL YEARS</b> <b>KS3</b> <b>KS4</b> <b>KS5</b> * 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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Fitness Y7/8 Basketball	Fitness Suite Sports Hall	JAD DTO
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Trampolining Y 8/9 Table Tennis Y7/8 Fitness Y 9/10/11	Sports Hall Main Hall Fitness Suite	KAI SNO JGA
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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	<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

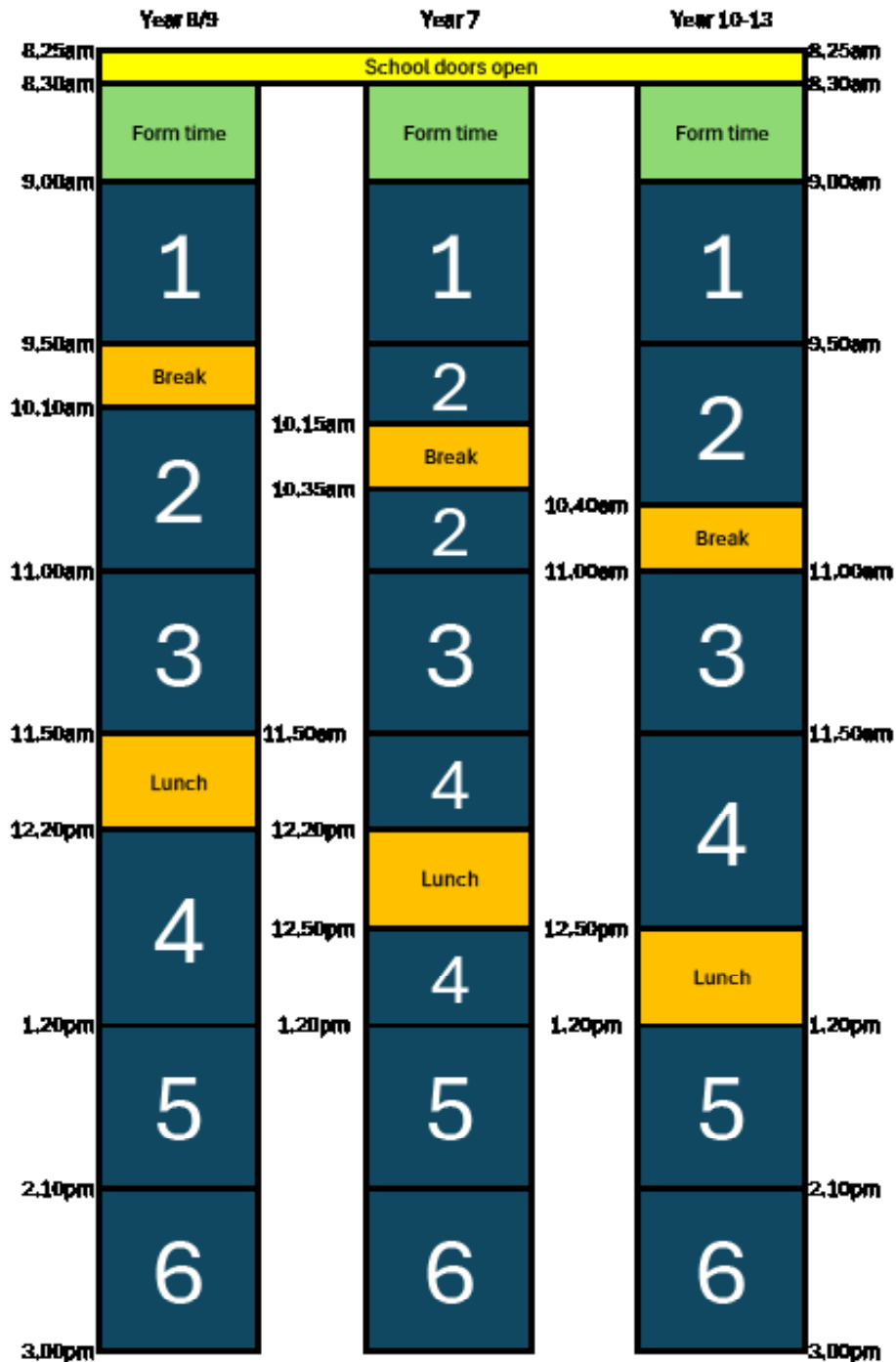
*We must all do theatre to find out who we are and to discover who we could become  
(Augusto Boal)*



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

# 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.