



# AGS Weekly

*Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter*

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been another wonderfully busy and rewarding week at Allerton Grange, with the highlight undoubtedly being our whole school focus on **Science Week**. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to making the week such a success. The energy across the Science Pod has been inspiring, and I had the absolute pleasure of visiting Year 7 as they delivered their impressive presentations on life on Mars. Their confidence, creativity and ability to articulate complex ideas so clearly was a joy to witness. Moments like these truly showcase the curiosity and ambition that define our school community.

Alongside the excitement of Science Week, we have also had another full schedule of trips and enrichment activities. Students visited the beautiful **Harlow Carr Gardens**, where they explored horticulture, biodiversity and sustainability through hands on learning.

In addition, several groups completed their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions**, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination throughout their journey. It was particularly heartening to receive multiple pieces of positive feedback from members of the public who commented on the excellent behaviour, conduct and maturity of our students while out on expedition. Their kindness and respect are a credit to themselves, their families and the school, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented Allerton Grange.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for yet another busy week, including our **Year 11 Geography fieldtrips**. These experiences form an important part of the curriculum and offer valuable opportunities for students to deepen their understanding ahead of their upcoming exams.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We look forward to another positive and productive week at Allerton Grange School.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

**Warm regards**

**Andrew Norrington**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your Diary:

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

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

**Thursday 26 March - KS4/5 Concert, 6.30 pm. Tickets available from ParentPay**

**Monday 30 March - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, 9.30 am to 11.00 am, CATCH Leeds LS8 3QY**

**Thursday 2 April - Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Parent Meeting, 5 - 6 pm**

**Friday 3 April - Good Friday (School Closed)**

**Monday 6 to Friday 17 April - Easter Holidays (School Closed). School reopens on Monday 20 April 2026.**

**Monday 20 to Thursday 30 April - Year 10 PPEs (Pre Public Exams)**

**Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed**

**Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start**

**Wednesday 6 May - Year 12 Next Steps Day**

**Friday 8 to Saturday 9 May - KS5 Music Trip**

**Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12 May - Social Science Residential**

## 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 ✓**

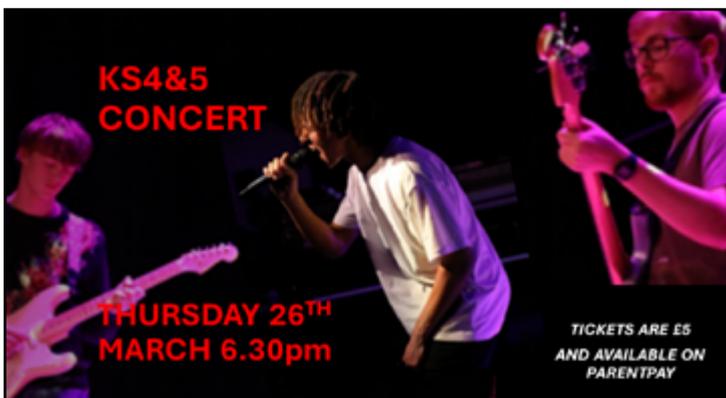
**Monday 20 July 2026**

**Tuesday 21 July 2026**

**Join us at our KS4&5 Concert on Thursday 26 March at 6.30 pm (earlier start time)**

**All Welcome!**

**Tickets are £5 from ParentPay.**



## 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.

- 24 March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

## Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

**Monday 30 March 2026**

**9.30 am to 11.00 am**

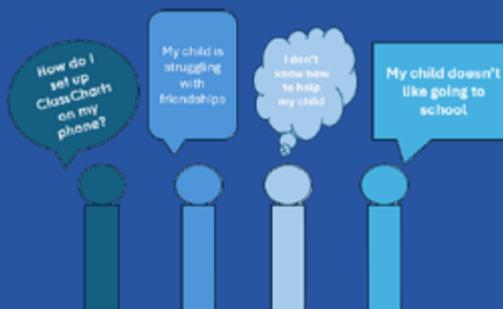
**at CATCH Leeds, ARK, Hovingham Avenue, Leeds LS8 3QY**

We are holding an informal coffee morning to give Allerton Grange School parents and carers the chance to meet members of our team, get to know us and ask questions.

During the session, we will be able to help you get set up on ClassCharts, to help you keep in touch with school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Allerton Grange School Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



**All welcome - join us for a chat over tea/coffee & biscuits**

**Monday 30 March 2026  
9.30 am to 11.00 pm**

**CATCH Leeds  
ARK, Hovingham Avenue, LS8 3QY**

# Science Week at Allerton Grange

On Wednesday, Year 7 students conducted an experiment using dry ice to replicate the atmosphere on Mars!



## Year 7 Science Fair

Thank you so much to everyone in Year 7 for their enthusiasm in the science fair today. The quality of the posters was stunning and the presenters were incredibly articulate and passionate about their work. There were some phenomenal entries and it was almost impossible to pick winners.



## Sports Fixture Results

### Football

On Thursday, in horrendous conditions, we played an A team and B team game vs Roundhay. In the pouring down rain and terrible wind, the students performed heroically and drew both matches. The A team drew 0-0 and the B team drew 1 - 1 with Rory scoring the goal.



### Badminton

On Monday night, we hosted Trinity Academy Leeds as part of our league matches. The Year 7 team came out 5-3 winners and the KS3 boys team lost 6-2.



### Cross Country

The Leeds Schools held the last cross country event of the year at Middleton Park on Saturday 28 February. The students who have taken part in this competition, throughout the year, have done amazingly well to give up their time and compete to a high standard.

Zac finished 4th in the Year 7/8 race, Harry was 17th, Rory was 28th, Bertie and Will were 37th and 38th and Harry as 45th. A lot of these students are in Year 7 as well so have been competing against students a year above.

In the older age groups, Ewan finished 3rd in the Year 9/10 race; again competing against students a year older.

A massive congratulations to everyone who took part throughout the year.

### Reminder of procedure for parents/carers attending home sports fixtures at Allerton Grange

Visitors are welcome to watch outdoor sports fixtures on the Allerton Grange School Sports Field.

However, to attend, you must phone during school hours (Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 4.00 pm) to book your place, on 0113 393 0304 (Reception/Main Office), at least 24 hours before the fixture. Unfortunately, you will not be permitted access to school premises if this is not followed.

Please use postcode LS8 1RB for the access gate to the school field.

There is no access to the sports field via the main entrance, Talbot Avenue.

[Sports Fixture information on the school website](#)

### 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](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/BYXZQH)

#### Year 8 Duolingo Competition

[www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/NADBQX)

#### Year 9 Duolingo Competition

[www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/QCZPSQ)



## GCSE Drama Exams

Huge congratulations to our Year 11 Drama students who completed their practical exams this week. We're incredibly proud of you all!



### **Othello Trip by Joseph (Year 12)**

On Tuesday evening, Ms Westwell and Ms Halaka took us to the cinema to watch the recent Theatre Royal Haymarket production of Othello (one of our A-level set texts) starring Toby Jones, David Harewood, and Caitlin Fitzgerald.

The performance itself was impressive, energetic, and engaging, an interesting interpretation of the play's characters and pacing.

It was 'an exciting experience' (Aleeza, Year 13) and 'enriching' (Hannah, Year 13) to see what we had learned come to life.

Certain lines annotated in class really stood out to us, and seeing them performed by masters of their craft gave us a deeper understanding of the context and meaning behind them.

The consolidation of our knowledge and different perspectives gained from watching this memorable performance will be sure to help us succeed in our A-level exams and Year 12 PPEs which loom ever closer, as well as fostering our personal appreciation of literature and theatre.

Thank you to the amazing teachers for arranging the trip (and the generous provision of snacks).

*'Once more well met at Cyprus!'*



### **Visit to RHS Garden Harlow Carr**

On Monday, we had a wonderful visit to Harlow Carr RHS when we took a group of Year 9 students to participate in a workshop; *Gardens are good for you.*

During this session, students gave their senses a workout walking around the garden to discover the sights, sounds and smells of Harlow Carr's beautiful gardens. They were given the opportunity to plant their own seeds then create their own scents using herbs and flowers from the gardens, followed by time to smell each others creations and vote on which they liked the best!

The aim of the visit was to promote well-being by connection with nature. We also hoped to inspire our students to get involved with gardening projects and many of them now have ambitious plans for developing our well-being garden in school!

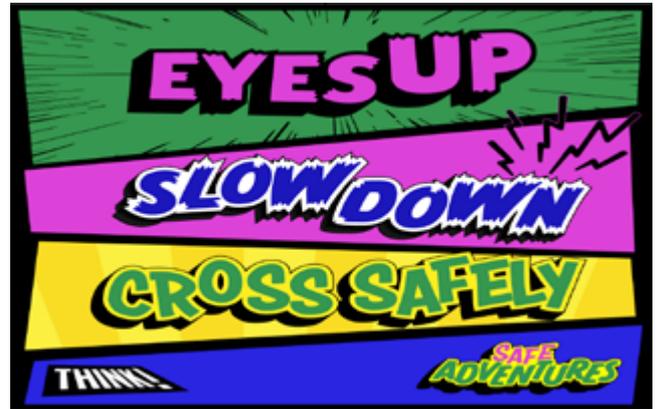


## Road Safety Reminder

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.



## Inclusion Advisory Team Parent, Carer, Professional Workshops

These workshops provide information for parents and carers of children and young people living in Leeds who are autistic or who are believed to be neurodivergent. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

### Puberty and sexuality - Secondary/Post-16 Wednesday 25 March 2026

This online session will look at why some children and young people may need additional support to understand puberty, relationships, sexuality and sex.

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

Please email [leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk) with your name, email to book your place.

### Preparation for Adulthood - Employment Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9.45 - 11.15 am

This online Teams session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting young people to identify their strengths and interests and how this can inform their aspirations for the future. We will be exploring resources and approaches to plan the steps to employment such as preparing for an interview through to opportunities in employment and how to effectively self-advocate in the workplace and request adjustments.

Please email [SEND@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:SEND@leeds.gov.uk) to book your place.

## Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Routine child immunisation prevents 5000 deaths and 228,000 hospital admissions every year in England. Vaccination is one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water.

Find out more <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>



## 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)



### 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](#)

Logos for Leeds, Leeds Health & Care Partnership, and NHS Leeds are present.

### Join Us For A 4 Weeks Training Workshop On Neurodiversity & Inclusion

An interactive training aimed at community leaders, professionals, educators and parents to increase knowledge on neurodiversity and provide tools and strategies to support neurodiverse children from minority ethnic communities.

#### WHY JOIN?

- Gain a deeper understanding of neurodiversity and its impact on individuals and communities especially from minority ethnic communities.
- Learn to adopt a strengths-based approach when supporting neurodivergent individuals.
- Explore cultural nuances that influence how neurodiversity is perceived within ethnic minority communities.
- Develop skills to engage parents from diverse backgrounds in meaningful conversations about their neurodivergent children.
- Learn how to break cultural barriers and misconceptions to provide better support.

STARTING APRIL 3RD, 2025 EVERY THURSDAY 7:30PM - 9PM

SPONSORED BY Leeds Community Foundation

<https://bit.ly/AfrیکنessNeurodiversityTraining>

A photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a yellow shirt, sticking her tongue out playfully.

## Extra-Curricular Activities Calendar: Term 2 – January to March

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Silent Independent Study<br>Library 3-4pm  | Silent Independent Study<br>Library 3-4pm  | Silent Independent Study<br>Library 3-4pm                              | Silent Independent Study<br>Library 3-4pm   |  |
| Samba (Y7 & Y8/9 Lunchtimes)<br>Suitable for anyone who loves drums & rhythms. Music pod Store 9 | Years 8-13 Advanced Rockers<br>3-4.15pm M001 TCa & DSu                             | Junior Concert Band<br>Grade 1-3 Musicians<br>3-3.30pm M001 ASH/ TCa   | Choir<br>Everyone welcome! 3-4.15pm M002 ASH  |  |
|  | Grade 5 Theory Club (invite only)<br>3-4.15pm M002 ASH                             | Senior Concert Band<br>Grade 3-8 Musicians<br>3-4.15pm M001 ASH/ TCa   | Latin Club - All year groups<br>L20   | KS3 Coding Club<br>Week A ONLY 3-4pm<br>I001 LMo/CBa *             |
|  | Jazz Club<br>Suitable for grade 2 & above musicians & singers<br>3-4.15pm M003 SDu | Years 9, 10 & 11 Fitness<br>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<br>I002 LMo/ CBa * |
|  | Years 7 & 8 Fitness<br>Fitness Suite 3-4pm JAD                                     | Years 8 & 9 Trampoline<br>Sports Hall 3-4pm KAI                        | Year 7 Trampoline<br>Sports Hall 3-4pm ECa  | * Each term the club will explore a different programme            |
|  | Basketball<br>Sports Hall 3-4pm DTO  | Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis<br>Main Hall 3-4pm SNO                        | Year 9 & 10 Table Tennis<br>Main Hall 3-4pm SNO   | <b>ALL<br/>YEARS<br/>KS3<br/>KS4<br/>KS5</b>                       |
|  | Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball<br>MUGA 3-4pm JAd   | Spectrum<br>A004 (usually meet in Music dept first)<br>3-4pm AMT & CNe | KS3 War Hammer Club<br>3-4pm L002 SLo   |  |
|  | Girls Rugby<br>Field 3-4pm ECa   |  |   |  |
|  | Year 7 & 8 Pokemon Club<br>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<br>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 |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Fitness Y7/8      | Fitness Suite | JAD   |
|                  | Basketball        | Sports Hall   | DTO   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Trampoline Y 8/9  | Sports Hall   | KAI   |
|                  | Table Tennis Y7/8 | Main Hall     | SNO   |
|                  | Fitness Y 9/10/11 | Fitness Suite | JGA   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Trampoline Y7     | Sports        | ECA   |
|                  | Table Tennis 9/10 | Main Hall     | SNO   |

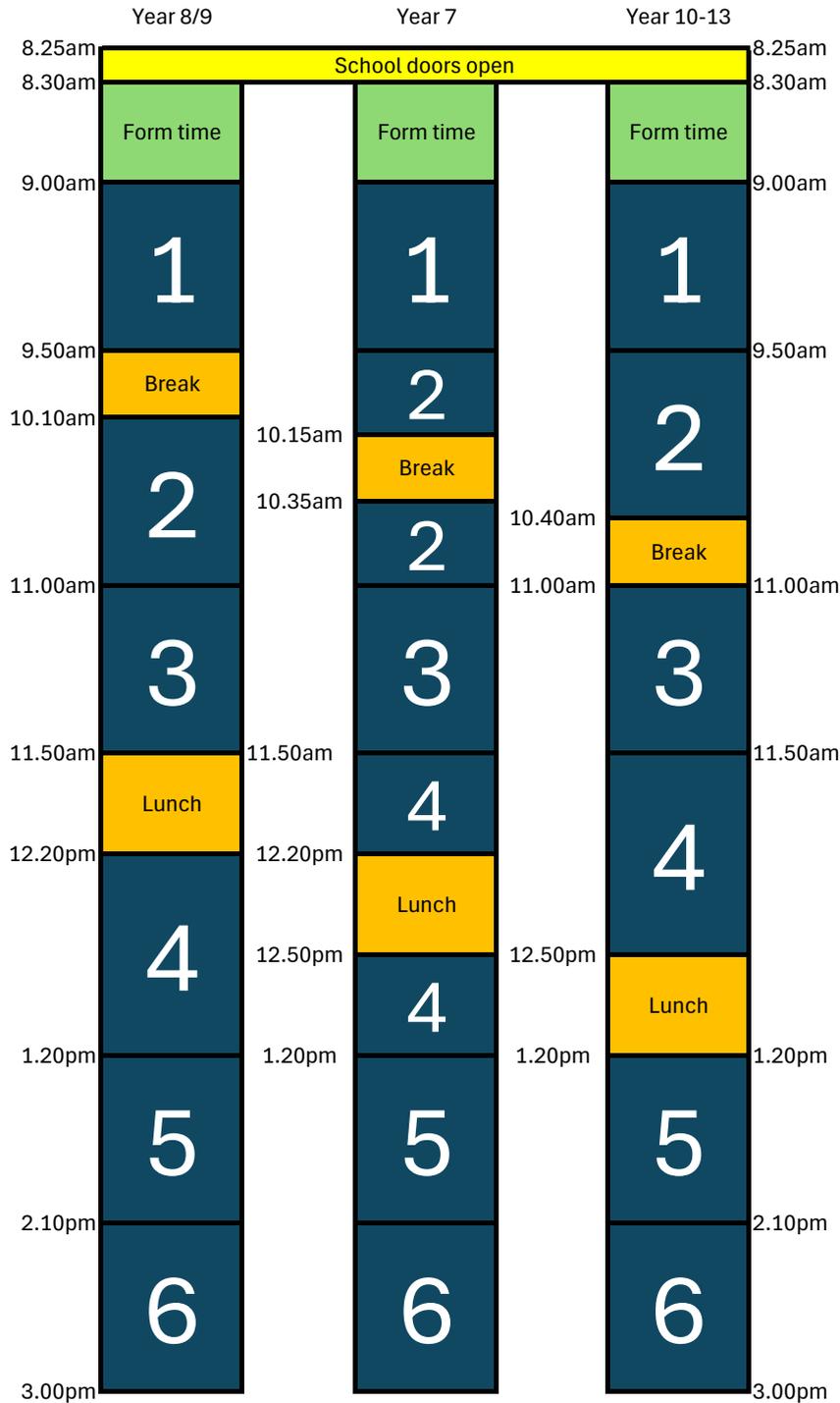
**YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE ON CLASS CHARTS**  
**Sign up sheets are located on the wall outside the Sports Hall.**  
*These clubs start the week beginning 16th September.*  
**ALL CLUBS ARE FROM 3 - 4pm.**

## 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><br>Suitable for anyone who loves drums, rhythm and noise!  | Ian Matthews<br>(Drum Teacher) |
| Tuesday   | 3.00 - 4.15 pm   | M001          | <b>Year 8 - 13 Advanced Rockers!</b><br>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><br>(Invite only)   | Miss Shrimpton                 |
| Tuesday   | 3.00 - 4.15 pm   | M003          | <b>Jazz Club</b><br>Suitable for grade 2 and above musicians and singers  | Mr Duff                        |
| Wednesday | 3.00 - 3.30 pm   | M001          | <b>Junior Concert Band</b><br>Suitable for grade 1-3 musicians  | Miss Shrimpton/ Mrs Casey      |
| Wednesday | 3.00 - 4.15 pm   | M001          | <b>Senior Concert Band</b><br>Suitable for grade 3-8 musicians  | Miss Shrimpton/Mrs Casey       |
| Thursday  | 3.00 - 4.15 pm   | M001/<br>M002 | <b>Year 7 School of Rock</b><br>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><br>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.