

# YEAR 8 CURRICULUM

## AUTUMN TERM 1 2025

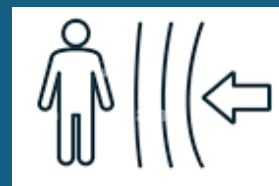


Subject	Topic(s)	Summary of Learning
English	<i>Map of Leaves</i> by Yarrow Townsend	Exploring independence and the natural world through a modern novel.
Maths	Factors and Powers, Working with Powers	Strengthening multiplication, division and exponent skills.
Science	The Earth (Chemistry), Metals and Other Materials (Chemistry)	Understanding the Earth's structure and properties of different materials.
PE	Rugby, Health-Related Exercise, Handball, Leadership and Table Tennis.	Improving skills, fitness and resilience across a range of sports.
Computing	App Lab	Creating interactive mobile apps through basic coding.
PRE	Are Jesus's Teachings Worthless Today?	Evaluating moral and ethical messages and their relevance in modern life.
French	Life at School	Learning to describe school subjects, timetable and opinions in French.
Spanish	My Family and Friends	Talking about people and relationships using present tense.
History	Changing Ideas and Beliefs during the Early Modern Era	Investigating historical shifts in science, medicine and thought.
Geography	What happens when the land meets the sea?	Learning about coastal erosion, features and land use.
Art	The Arts and Crafts Movement – Homes and Habitats	Creating decorative art and design inspired by nature and tradition.
Drama	Life During WWI	Exploration of life as a WW1 soldier using a variety of techniques and stimuli.
Technology	1. Design Style Inspired Clock 2. Japanese-Inspired Pencil Case (Textiles) 3. World Foods & Nutrition (Food) 4. 3D CAD Design (Graphics/Tech)	A creative and practical rotation through design, food, textiles and digital tech.
Music	Popular Music	Performing and analysing music from the charts and pop genres.

### Key Dates for Y8

- Inset Day - 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 8 Themed Week - 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 8 girls Ada Lovelace Day - 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Trust Winter Games – 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Tutor Review Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Willersley Castle Trip 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Willersley Castle Trip 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Reading Tests 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Assessment week 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Trust Summer Games – 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Progress Report – 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Poetry Recital – 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Parents Evening – 8<sup>th</sup> July

### RESILIENCE



This term's character focus is *resilience* – encouraging students to keep going when things get tough and to learn from setbacks. At SNA, resilience is shown when students keep trying in the classroom, even when the work feels challenging.