

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM

AUTUMN TERM 1 2025



Subject	Topic(s)	Summary of Learning
English	<i>I Must Betray You</i> by Ruta Sepetys	Exploring oppression and bravery under dictatorship through historical fiction.
Maths	Powers and Roots, Quadratics, Inequalities, Equations and Formulae	Strengthening algebra skills and solving real-life problems.
Science	Ecosystems and Adaptations (Biology), Electricity and Magnetism (Physics)	Learning how living things survive and how electricity powers our world.
PE	Rugby, Health-Related Exercise, Handball, Leadership and Table Tennis.	Building tactical awareness and physical competence across multiple sports.
Computing	Using AI	Exploring artificial intelligence and how it impacts everyday life.
PRE	Christian Key Beliefs	Understanding foundational Christian beliefs and teachings.
Spanish	Customs and Festivals	Describing cultural celebrations in Spanish-speaking countries.
History	1920s America	Investigating the Jazz Age, Prohibition, and the American Dream.
Geography	Opportunities and Challenges Facing Africa	Exploring development, resources and issues across African nations.
Art	Impressionism – Painting	Studying light, colour and brushwork techniques of Impressionist artists.
Drama	<i>Blood Brothers</i>	Exploration of the plot, themes and characters through a range of drama skills and techniques
Technology	1. USB Lamp – CAD/CAM & Electronics 2. Food	A creative and practical rotation through Electronics, CAD and Food
Music	Popular Songwriting	Writing and performing original songs in contemporary styles.

Key Dates for Y9

- Trust Winter Games – 1st October
- Tutor Review Evening – 20th November
- Assessment week 26th - 30th Jan
- Themed Week – 23rd – 25th February
- Progress Report – 27th February
- Options Evening – 5th March
- Parents Evening – 11th March
- Reading Tests - 18th - 22nd May
- Newstead Abbey Trip 1 – 23rd June
- Newstead Abbey Trip 2 – 30th June

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.