

YEAR 8 CURRICULUM

AUTUMN TERM 1 2026



Subject	Topic(s)	Summary of Learning
English	<i>Map of Leaves</i> by Yarrow Townsend	Exploring how the writer crafts settings, characters and plot to communicate ideas about the natural world to the reader.
Maths	Percentages and Money	Strengthening number skills, solving real world problems involving percentage change and value for money
Science	Energy (Physics)	Understanding the different forms of energy and how they affect our life
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 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: The Witchcraze	Investigating historical shifts in science, medicine and thought in context of the Witchcraze
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	Exploring the emotional stories and conflict of the First World War.
Technology	1. Design Style Inspired Clock 2. Japanese inspired wall hanging (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	Using ukuleles and voices to perform music from pop genres.

Key Dates for Year 8

- INSET Day – 18th September 2026
- Year 8 Theme Week – 5th – 8th October 2026
- Flu Vaccinations – 12th November 2026
- Year 8 Tutor Review Evening – 18th November 2026
- Willersley Castle trip 1 – 25th – 27th November 2026
- Willersley Castle trip 2 – 2nd – 4th December 2026
- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – 20th May 2027
- Year 8 Assessments – 24th May – 11th June 2027
- INSET Day – 25th June 2027
- INSET Day – 28th June 2027
- Year 8 Parent's Evening – 5th July 2027



CONFIDENCE

This term's character focus is confidence – encouraging students to believe in themselves, have a voice and be willing to take on new challenges. At SNA, confidence is shown when students contribute to lessons, try something new, share their ideas and have the courage to step outside their comfort zone. This reflects our SNA Way: Aim High.