

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM

AUTUMN TERM 1 2026



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	Cyber Security	Learning how to stay safe online and defend against cyber threats.
PRE	Christian Key Beliefs	Understanding foundational Christian beliefs and teachings.
French	Holidays	Describing past and present holidays
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	Blood Brothers	Analysing themes of class, fate and family through this iconic play.
Technology	1. Technology: USB Lamp – CAD/CAM & Electronics. Systems and Robotics 2. Food – Nutrition, food science and practical skills.	A 2-part rotation, spending half the year in food and half the year in technology.
Music	Popular Songwriting	Writing and performing original songs in contemporary styles.

Key Dates for Year 9

- INSET Day – 18th September 2026
- Flu Vaccinations – 12th November 2026
- Year 9 Tutor Review Evening – 18th November 2026
- Year 9 Assessment weeks – 18th – 29th January 2027
- Year 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations – 10th February 2027
- Year 9 Theme Week – 22nd – 25th February 2027
- Year 9 Options Evening – 24th February 2027
- Year 9 Parent's Evening – 4th March 2027
- INSET Day – 25th June 2027
- INSET Day – 28th June 2027



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.