



Year 9– Spring Term 1&2 2025 (Jan – end of March) What will I be learning?

English – This term you will be covering at least **one** of these three themes; politics in literature, what it means to be human and genre. This will be explored through at least **one** of the following books.

- Heroes
- Hunger Games
- Lord of the Flies
- Macbeth
- Northern Lights
- Noughts and Crosses
- Of Mice and Men
- Position of Women Through History
- Skinful of Shadows
- The Woman in Black

What will skills will students learn?

- Learn how to show don't tell
- Understand how to write a successful guide and leaflet
- Appreciate the concept of genre
- Use effective techniques when creating fictional writing.
- Understand how to analyse an author's viewpoint
- Learn how to write an effective report.
- Understand how historical context can impact a text.
- Understand what empathy means, its importance when reading and how it is created by authors.

Mathematics
Depending on which class you are in you will be focusing on the following topics at different stages of the term:

- Multiplicative reasoning
- Non-linear graphs
- Accuracy/measures
- Construction
- 2d/3d Geometry
- Equation/proportion
- Sequences and graphs
- Graphical solution
- Circles/Pythagoras and prisms
- Formulae

Science
You will be on a rota studying either Chemistry, physics or biology. Some of the topics might include

1. Cell biology
2. Organisation
3. Infection and response
4. Bioenergetics
5. Homeostasis and response
6. Inheritance, variation and evolution
7. Ecology
8. Atomic structure and the periodic table
9. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
10. Quantitative chemistry
11. Chemical changes
12. Energy changes
13. The rate and extent of chemical change
14. Organic chemistry
15. Chemical analysis
16. Chemistry of the atmosphere
17. Using resources
18. Energy
19. Electricity
20. Particle model of matter
21. Atomic structure
22. Forces
23. Waves
24. Magnetism and electromagnetism

PE: You will develop your skills in

- Swimming
- Fitness
- Handball
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Basketball



Humanities
Geography – Russia
What will I be learning? You will be covering human and physical geography of Russia with a focus on the Ukraine-Russia conflict for your assessment.
PHSE - Careers What will I be learning? You will be discussing possible career choices; qualities employers look for. The aim is to raise your aspirations and develop key skills you will need for applying for jobs in the future such as CV writing. This will all help prepare you for year 10 work experience
Religious Studies – Crime and Punishment. What will I be learning? You will be focusing how different religions respond to criminal activity and their different attitudes towards punishment.
History – First World War and the Interwar period. What will I be learning? You will be focusing on why people sign up to fight in the war, reasons for the introduction of conscription, the use of propaganda and censorship and what was it like on the Home Front. You will then be moving on to evaluate the impact of the Treaty of Versailles and the causes of the Second World War

Performing Arts
If you have picked a performing arts subject you will be focusing on:

Music: In music you will be learning:
Minimalism/serialism and the main Features of minimalist music
learn and perform Clapping music
Learn the main motif for Tubular Bells and harmony parts to work towards a group performance of Tubular Bells
Compose own minimalist piece using DAW and demonstrating features of minimalist music
Dance Music Exploring Paired Dance: The Waltz, Disco Music and the Tango

Drama: In drama your will be learning:
Skills building with specific emphasis on use of voice and weight placement.
Development of script work; working on monologues.
Dance

Languages
Spanish - This term you will be describing your difference relationships with people. You will then be focusing on your speaking skills with a practice exam. You will be covering key terms and phrases so that you can express your social plans and interests such as reading preferences, which TV programmes and films you like and which sporting stars inspire you. The lessons will also focus on popular Spanish TV shows and the Latin American telenovelas.
French – You will be starting of this term with a cultural focus on France and with specific reference to tradition. Then you will learn how to talk about using technology and then how to discuss reading habits, music, television programmes and nights out with friends. Finally, you will be focusing on module 3 where you will be learning how to describe your daily life in more detail by creating extended sentences. You will also be talking about food and meals, clothes and what to wear, clothes shopping, Finally, you will be using your skills from the beginning of the term and be describing festivals and traditions with a focus on Easter.

Art and Technology
D&T
Food
Art: If you picked Art you will be
Developing skills through Matchstick box assessment task: skills include decorating, constructing, different printing such as lino, screen and dry point etching. (don't think this is up to date with the split in 3d art/art for this year.