

Year 9 Newsletter

Issue 2 - January 2025

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with friends and family and are well rested for this busy term ahead! Students have hit the ground running as they have already started to prepare for their Core Subject exams and the rest of their assessments that are due to start next week.

Year 9 will be making some very important yet exciting decisions this term as they choose their option subjects to study in Key Stage 4. There will be lots of events taking place to support them with this. More information can be found within the newsletter and will be sent out to parents/carers shortly.

We hope parents/carers will join us in encouraging students to fully engage with their revision and all future options events. Let's make this a fantastic start to the year ahead!

Miss Lithgow



Achievement
Leader

Mrs Ryder



Head of Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year

Achievement

Well done to all of our Year 9s who have won awards or finished top in the year group for Term 1!

Sparx Reader Award -

Amelia B, Charlie F, Samuel H-M

Tassomai Champions -

Freddie H, Matthew C

Our Values

Winners of a most academy values points for Term 1:

Kind - Denis C

Resilient - Bobby T

Reflective - Ruby D

Part of a Community - Linards M

Most Overall Achievement Points -
Beth S



Student of the Month - November
Beth S

Attendance Matters

Well done to the students who have 100% attendance so far this academic year!

Congratulations to the following students who worked hard to improve their attendance last half term:

Rylee B
Heidi H-M
Ella H
Nathan J
Grace N
Ruben O
Ellis S
George T
Tyler W
Jennifer W



Reading Spotlight

Reading in R2L - congratulations to the following students who won one of the 12 Books of Christmas awards for their engagement in reading during R2L. Each student was gifted with a book for their efforts.

Lucas H
Sofia T
Jacob G
Amelia B



Find us here:



Assessment Focus



Revision Weeks – Monday 6th – Friday 17th January

Core Exams - will start the week beginning Monday 20th January in official venues to get students used to examination protocols and rules. All other subjects will take place in class rooms the following week.

See timetable opposite:

Year 9 Core Exam Timetable

All exams start at 8:55 am.



Week Commencing 20 th January 2025 (Week 2)						
	Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd (PSHE)	Friday 24 th	Monday 27 th
1	English 1 Hour	Maths Paper 1 1 Hour	Maths Paper 2 1 Hour	No Exams	Science 1 Hour	English 1 Hour
2	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams
3	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams
4	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams
5	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams

Home Learning Focus

Home learning continues to play an integral part of our curriculum offer. We are making some changes to our monitoring processes and these will be shared with you next week. Please continue to support your children in completing their tasks to a high standard and meeting the deadlines that are set.

Parent Support – to support your child to prepare for assessments arrange to test them for 10 minutes a day on a topic they are revising. All students should have flashcards and knowledge organisers with the answers on so don't worry if you're not an expert!



YEAR 9 HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Room - AF05
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
After school - 2:40-3:40pm

Please contact Miss Lithgow if you would like your child to attend and receive further support.

Aspirations



YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENTS

Monday 20th January – Launch Options process in assembly

Wednesday 22nd January – New subjects to KS4 assembly

Thursday 6th February - Options Evening for parents/carers. Link sent home to sign up to sample lessons.

Wednesday 12th February – Sample lessons

Thursday 13th March – Partnership Evening and Options Interviews with ALT

Trips and Events

PE Competition Week – during the last week of the half term students took part in Competition Week during their PE lessons. This time round students took part in an Athletics competition which was ran by Eveque Sportshall Athletics and St Helen's Sports Development. Our Year 9 Sports Leaders also played a massive part in the smooth running of the event. Students worked in teams to battle it out in a range of running, throwing and jumping events.

Curriculum Spotlight

Spanish – Last half term students studied role models and learnt about some key Hispanic role models. This half term, they are learning about identity and celebrations.

Science - Year 9 have studied electricity, magnetism and health so far. Moving into the next half term, we will be looking at: acids, alkalis and erosion.



Trips and Events

10 Days of Christmas – the last two weeks of term was a fun-filled, action packed one to say the least as students had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities. Hopefully this will be the first of many festive finishes to the year!

Pictured:
Santa Dash
Wheelchair Rugby
Christmas Bingo
Inflatable Park



Well Done Una T! – congratulations to Una T who organised a fundraising event to raise money for her Girl Guides International Culture Trip and Zoe's Place. Her Christmas raffle to win a signed Saints shirt managed to raise £362 which will be split between both fantastic causes. Thank you to all those that took part!

Enrichment

Well done to all those that take part in our range of clubs after school. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join a club in this new term.

Year 9 Participation Rates Term 1

Total Participation: 154/ 265 students

Percentage: 58.1%

Whole school ranking: 2nd

You can find a link to the extra-curricular timetable on our website by following the link -



SPOTLIGHT CLUBS

WHAT?
PARKOUR AND BREAKING

WHEN?

EVERY WEDNESDAY

WHERE?

DANCE STUDIO

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

SESSIONS RAN BY UC CREW. SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART

WHAT?
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

WHEN?

EVERY MONDAY

WHERE?

SIDE SPORTS HALL

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

SESSIONS RAN BY ST HELENS MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS ACADEMY. SESSIONS ARE £10 FOR 10 WEEKS- SIGN UPS ON MICROSOFT FORM SENT HOME AND AVAILABLE ON CLASS CHARTS

WHAT?
SPANISH CLUB

WHEN?

EVERY TUESDAY

WHERE?

AG02

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

SESSIONS RAN BY MISS CABANA. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUPILS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SPANISH CULTURE AND TO PRACTICE THEIR SPANISH. SESSION FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.



WHAT?
SCIENCE CLUB

WHEN?

EVERY WEDNESDAY

WHERE?

A BLOCK

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

THIS WEEK STUDENTS WILL BE EXTRACTING DNA FROM STRAWBERRIES! SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.



"Cinderella- You shall go to the Ball!"

The Sutton Academy

Our Cinderella Pantomime Production has been cast, and rehearsals are taking every Tuesday and Wednesday after school ahead of live shows taking place in March 2025! We would like to take the time to congratulate all those who auditioned for this production and we cannot wait to see the show!

Details of tickets to watch will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Cinderella

Pantomime Production

