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## **Curriculum Overview for Year 9 Autumn Term 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this Half Term. We have had a very productive start to the school year, with a real highlight being the Hautbois Residential Trip. As a staff team we were so proud of Year 9 for their courage, resilience, good humour and most of all of the way they supported each other. This is also true in the classroom, we have worked hard, had fun and made some wonderful connections between different areas of the curriculum, which has been superb. We have had some brilliant discussions and learned some useful new vocabulary.

All the Year 9 team look forward to each new day and we hope the same is true for the students!

### **After Half Term, we will be learning the following:**

#### **English**

African Literature - poetry, prose and stories.

#### **Maths**

Multiplication and Division, Geometry, Time and Money (Stages A-D) or Algebra (Stage E and F)

#### **Science**

In Year 9 Science this half-term we will be studying the topic Respiration, Food and Digestion. This biology topic builds on prior learning about cells and organs and also aspects of healthy living to look in detail at some of the major organ systems of the body.

Useful link: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

## **Geography**

Africa : Useful link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrfjgfr>

## **History**

The Suffragettes - useful links : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqkbbqt>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh6nsk7>

## **PSHE**

Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco, Managing risk and personal safety, Puberty and Sexual Health.

## **Drama**

Continuation of Drama Skills and Exploring Emotions.

## **Philosophy and Ethics**

The Environment and Animal Rights including a piece of ASDAN coursework which will involve a debate on Animal Experimentation.

## **PE**

In practical PE this half term year 9 students will be learning about creating and participating in their own obstacle course and playing basketball.

## **Art**

Continuing with Perspective and Surrealism

## **Music**

In music this half term year students will be continuing to build upon their knowledge of chords by developing their keyboard skills of broken chords and arpeggios. We will be working on performance pieces by Wham, Coldplay and John Lennon.

## **Computing**

We will be continuing work on our coding skills by getting more used to scratch programming and then using it to develop animations and other media links.

We will of course also be celebrating Christmas and preparing for the Christmas Service.

We have a Geography field trip planned to visit Bacton to look at Coastal Erosion and Sea Defenses; this is to complete our study of Climate Change and to cover some 'Local Geography'.

Good fiction books to support our learning are 'Warrior Boy' by Virginia Clay and 'Things a Bright Girl Can Do' by Sally Nicholls. We have copies of both in the Library. It would also be great to watch the film 'Suffragettes'.

As always, you can help your young people by talking about what we have been learning in lessons each evening and by encouraging them to read as much as possible.

Homework is shared via Google Classroom. This is optional, well done to the people who have completed it this Half Term.

Any questions or concerns, please do get in touch [sjones@allsaintslessingham.co.uk](mailto:sjones@allsaintslessingham.co.uk)

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