

# Year 9 Newsletter

Issue 1 - January 2026

## Welcome

As we begin this newsletter, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what an important stage Year 9 represents in your child's education.

Year 9 is a key year of transition, where students begin to prepare for the expectations of Key Stage 4. During this time, pupils are encouraged to develop greater independence, take increased responsibility for their learning, and start thinking carefully about the subjects they may choose to study in the years ahead. Alongside this academic growth, students are also developing maturity, resilience, and decision-making skills as they consider future option choices. Our focus is on supporting them to become confident, organised learners who are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We have thoroughly enjoyed the first term and have been impressed by the positive attitudes and effort shown by many students.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your child and to celebrate their ongoing successes throughout the year.

Miss Flynn



Achievement Leader

Mrs Owen



Head of Year



Mrs Critchley  
KS3 Head of Year

## Achievement

The academy values are designed in a way so that everyone can demonstrate and cultivate them through practice and support; every one of our students has the ability to become the type of person we believe they can and should be.

As we continue to celebrate the ongoing success of our Year Group we would like to spotlight the following students for the highest number of Achievement Points in demonstrating our Academy Values:



Kind – David N



Reflective – Olu O



Part of a Community – Jacob F



Resilient – Anmol A



Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Brandon C

Student of the term - Rowan Williams

Student of the month – Congratulations to our winners so far- Grace B, Libby A and Brandon C- this academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of the students.

## Curriculum Spotlight

Year 9 students will begin to consider their option choices this term, students will have an assembly to launch the process. Our options evening is Thursday 5th February, this is an opportunity for students and parents to gain a greater understanding of subjects studied in Key Stage Four and begin the formal process for choosing their options.

***For further information and a more detailed overview of curriculum coverage please follow the link below:***

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# WINNER



**Student of the Month**



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[www.thesuttonacademy.org.uk](http://www.thesuttonacademy.org.uk)



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# Attendance Matters

As always, one of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We aim to ensure that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative - thank you for your continued efforts with this. Everyday counts.

## Home Learning

Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom. It is The Sutton Academy's policy to set home learning using ClassCharts.

All students have been issued their codes for class charts if you are experiencing any problems with Classcharts please email [Year9@thesuttonacademy.org.uk](mailto:Year9@thesuttonacademy.org.uk)

Home learning is a form of revision! Homework is an important part of learning because it gives children the opportunity to revisit and practise what they have already been taught in class. By completing homework tasks, pupils can reinforce key skills and concepts, build confidence, and identify any areas they may need more support with. This regular revision helps to strengthen understanding over time and supports long-term learning, rather than introducing new content.

## Reading Spotlight

Sparx Reader helps every student to read regularly, which is vital for building literacy skills. Your children will be completing weekly reading homework using Sparx Reader. Well done to our current top 10 Sparx Reader students:

1. Stephen B
2. Anmol A
3. Rowan W
4. Neveah Grace W
5. Miko F
6. Emily F
7. Amelia M
8. Jessica M
9. Freya M
10. Caitlyn M

  
**Sparx  
Reader**

## How Lateness Adds Up



**5 minutes late daily:**  
Over 3 days of learning lost per year.



**10 minutes late daily:**  
About 7 days of learning missed annually



**15 minutes late daily:**  
Equivalent to missing almost 2 weeks of school



## Homework Tip:

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.

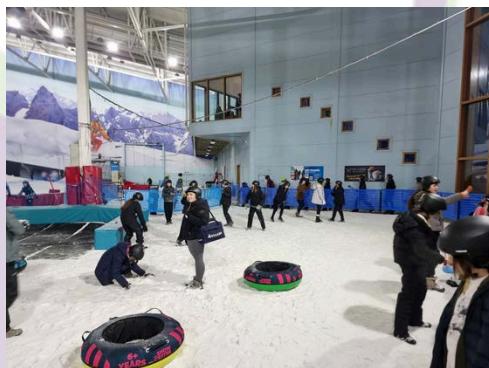
Please continue to support your children in completing their tasks to a high standard and meeting the deadlines that are set.

## Assessment Focus

Term one saw our first round of tracking assessments for Year 9 students, they tackled these with resilience and determination to achieve their full potential which was evident in the latest tracking results sent home before with Winter break.

This half term students will sit their core assessments (English, Maths and Science) in exam conditions and other assessments in their classrooms.

**These assessments begin on Monday 19th January and will run for two weeks.**



## Trips and Events

Last term, our Year 9 students enjoyed an exciting indoor ski trip to Chill Factore in Manchester. The visit gave students the opportunity to experience skiing in a safe, professionally run environment, with expert instructors supporting them throughout the day.

Many students challenged themselves by learning new skills and building confidence on the slopes, while others improved their teamwork and resilience. The trip was both enjoyable and rewarding, creating memorable experiences outside the classroom.



## Trips and Events ctd...

During the last half term, students took part in a range of activities as part of our House Competition, which focused on supporting our local community.

We're delighted to share that Sun House led the way with the highest number of donations. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, over 900 items of food and essential everyday items were collected and donated to The Hope Centre, helping to support individuals and families in need.

Throughout the competition, students demonstrated our core school values of kindness, reflection, and being an active part of the community. It was a fantastic display of teamwork and compassion, and we're very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all families who supported and contributed to this important initiative. Well done to all!

## 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.

**Total Participation: 149/ 268**

**Percentage: 55.2% Participation**

**Female Engagement 70 Girls**

**Male Engagement: 79 Boys**

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

[EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES \(AUTUMN TERM 2025\)](#)

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Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Dance Club	Sixth Form Students	Dance Studio	2.45-3.45pm	1-6
Homework Club	Mrs Höglund	EG03	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.45pm	1-6
Learn to speak German	Mrs Reby	FG03	2.45-3.45pm	7-11 12/13
Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Dance Club	Mrs Mitchell	Dance Studio	2.45-3.45pm	7-11 12/13
Boys Rugby League	Mr Cawley	Astro Turf	2.15-3.45pm	10
Boys Football	Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	1-6
Girls Rugby League	Mrs Egerton	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Multi-Sports Club	Ms Whitehouse/Ms Allen	Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.45pm	10
Chess Club	Mrs Boudy	AG03	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Italian Conversation Club	Miss King	AF03	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Homework Club	Mrs Nutall	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Netball	Ms Whitehouse / Miss Lithgow	Main Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Boys Football	Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10
Martial Arts	Mr Williams	Side Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Boys Rugby League	Mr Sutcliffe	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10
Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.45pm	10
Art Club	Miss Deegan	DG08	2.45-3.45pm	7 8 12/13
Hearts Club	Mrs Nutall	EG03	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Humanities Club	Miss Evans/Mr Yates/ Mrs Fawcett	EF10	2.45-3.45pm	7 8 10 11-12/13
Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Githolesey	AG14	2.45-3.45pm	7 8 10 11-12/13
Computing and Robotics club	Mr Lawton	EG03	2.45-3.45pm	7 8 10 11-12/13
Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Basketball	Mr Langford	Main Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Boys Football	Mr Holm	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Girls Football	Mr Appleton	Pitch	2.45-3.45pm	7 8 10 11-12/13
Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.45pm	10
Debate Club	Mrs Rody / Mr Lovelady	Library	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Sutton Newspaper (starts 23rd September)	Miss Pennington/Mr Unsworth	RG08	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Year 7 Football	Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	7
Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.45pm	7 8 10 11-12/13
Concert Band	Mr Waller/Mr York	CG01	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13
Dance Club	Mrs Miller	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	8
Homework Club	Mr Gobson	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Maths Club	Mr Oulton	9F04	2.45-3.45pm	10 11-12/13



**EXCITING NEWS**



**Get ready for an unforgettable event as 12 of our amazing staff members take the stage in mascot costumes, singing their favourite songs – all to raise funds for student enrichment activities!**

**Event Schedule:**

**Round 1: Monday 19 January**

**Round 2: Tuesday 20 January**

**The Final: Wednesday 21 January**

**Venue: Arts Theatre**

**Time: 2:40 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Tickets: £3.00 each**



**On sale via Arbor Pay under 'School Shop'.**

**Extras:**

**Enjoy treats from our cash-only tuck shop during the show!**

**Don't miss this fun-filled event – secure your tickets early!**