

## PUPIL GROUPING STATEMENT

The school timetable is designed to provide a framework within which faculties and departments have levels of autonomy to deliver their programmes of study.

### KEY STAGE 3

For years 7, 8 and 9 the year groups are divided into two halves for timetabling – namely X band and Y band. The curricular provision for both bands is the same and covers all 52 lessons of the fortnightly timetable cycle.

On entry to the school the personal attainment and individual need of each pupil (i.e. ‘Pupil Profile’) is assessed using the following range of performance indicators:-

KS2 Teacher Assessment results in the core subjects and Welsh.

Reading Age Assessment

Spelling Age Assessment

Mathematics Age Assessment

ALN data

Pastoral data e.g. Child Protection, LAC etc.

Year 6 teacher recommendation

As part of this Transition process pupils with special needs are identified for class X5. Pupils identified as just above this level are placed in Y4, the Basic Skills group. Y4 have additional support in Literacy and Numeracy within their English and Mathematics lessons.

All other pupils are placed in mixed ability groupings within X1, X2, X3, X4, Y1, Y2 and Y3.

The timetable is structured so that most subjects/faculties are able to group/set pupils in order to meet the requirements of their programme of study. A significant advantage of this structure is that it enables pupils to have a personal differentiated profile across the curriculum.

After initial placement in a teaching group and the ongoing review of pupil performance and progress it is possible for pupils to be moved within the grouping structure to ensure appropriateness of provision.

The timetable lesson allocation and grouping is as follows:-

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LESSON BLOCK ALLOCATION</b>	<b>LESSONS</b>	<b>Y7 GROUPING STRUCTURE</b>	<b>Y8 GROUPING STRUCTURE</b>	<b>Y9 GROUPING STRUCTURE</b>
English	6	6	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
Mathematics	6	6	Mixed Ability/Set	Set	Set
Biology	6	2	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
Chemistry		2	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
Physics		2	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
Welsh	9	3	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
French		3	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
German		3	Mixed Ability	Set	Set

Geography	6	3	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
History		3	Mixed Ability	Set	Set
Religious Studies	2	2	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Technology	4	4	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Physical Education	4	4	Gender Mixed Ability	Gender Mixed Ability	Gender Mixed Ability
ICT	2	2	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Art	3	3	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Music	2	2	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Drama	1	1	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
Tutor Period	1	1	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability	Mixed Ability
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>			

There are minor variations in lesson distribution between the year groups at Key Stage 3 e.g. Year 9 Art will have 2 lessons allocated so that a lesson can be dedicated to Careers within the Humanities Block.

#### **KEY STAGE 4**

The split X and Y bands are kept for English and Mathematics with setting continuing within the two separate bands. Games is also timetabled in half year groups. Science can be set across the year group with the possibility of pupils also opting for triple science in addition to this.

Other subjects are timetabled in line with the structure of the five option blocks: Language, Humanities, Creative, Science/Mixed and Mixed.

	<b>Year 10 Lesson Allocation</b>	<b>Year 11 Lesson Allocation</b>
English	7	7
Mathematics	6	6
Science	6	6
Games	2	2
Language Block	5	5
Humanities Block	5	5
Creative Block	5	5
Science/Mixed Block	5	4
Mixed Block	4	5
Tutor Period	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>

Where two or more classes are allocated to a subject the department may choose to set the classes if so required. In all other cases the classes will be composed of mixed ability pupils.

#### **KEY STAGE 5**

Subject classes in the Sixth Form are made up of students whose ability ranges from a basic pass at GCSE to those who are more able and talented.

There are 6 option blocks (A, B, C, X, Y, T) from which the majority of students will choose four subjects at A/S, continuing with three to the full A2 qualification. Within option blocks X,

Y and T students have the opportunity to access extra Level 3 courses in addition to those provided in house. These extra courses are offered through collaboration within the 14-19 partnership.

For students working at Level 1/Level2 the school offers the possibility of GCSE re-sits as well as a variety of other 'new' vocationally based courses within blocks Voc A and Voc B. These are available through collaboration with other 14-19 providers.

Some students may take a combination of courses at different levels as appropriate to their learning pathway and ability.