

# Setting Policy 2019



## Approach

The school always tries to ensure that students are placed within the correct set for their ability, where challenging work will help them make progress. At the end of each term, students' sets may change. At the end of the Autumn and Spring terms, parents will be informed via mail; at the end of the Summer Term, as there is always whole scale changes for the new school year, new set information will be shared via timetables in September. There may be unique circumstances where a child needs to be moved mid-term: this will be decided and arranged by their Progress Leader in collaboration with the Deputy Headteacher. When deciding which set is appropriate, the following are considered:

- Current working levels and grades (in particular, performance in English, Maths and Science)
- Subject tests and assessments
- National Test data
- Attitudes to Learning

The current curriculum structure means that each year group is divided into two groups (A side and B side), with approximately 120 students in each. Each year group has a mainstream ALN class along with a LDC class too. The sets referenced below are for each side of the year group.

In Key Stage Four students are set in core subjects only. For English, Maths and Science, students will be in five or six sets based on ability. RS and WBQ set together placing students into five classes; Welsh also has five sets. PE arrange students into five mixed ability classes.

In Key Stage Three, subjects are grouped into clusters. Each cluster may have different setting arrangements. These are explained below (mainstream only).

## KS3 Curriculum Clusters

### Year 7

Cluster	Setting	Resetting Criteria
Art, Drama, English, French, Humanities, Music, Welsh	Mixed ability classes (form groups) One ALN class (Boost)	Mixed ability; no resetting expected
Science Maths IT	Students will be tested in September and placed into four sets One ALN class (Boost)	Science and Maths decide the setting based on performance data in both subjects. IT will also be consulted. National tests will also be considered.
PE Technology	Five sets based on ability; some single gender groups, some mixed.	Classes are set by PE dept in discussion with Technology.

## Year 8 and Year 9

Cluster	Setting	Resetting Criteria
English, History Geography, RS Spanish or French Welsh	Classes are set 1 - 4 One ALN class (8C/gC)	Set by English in consultation with all other subjects.
Science Maths IT	Classes are set 1 - 4 One ALN class (8C/gC)	Science and Maths decide the setting based on performance data in both subjects. IT will also be consulted. National tests will also be considered.
Art Drama Music	Mixed ability classes (form groups) One ALN class (8C/gC)	Mixed ability: no resetting expected
PE Technology	Five sets based on ability; some single gender groups, some mixed.	Classes are set by PE dept in discussion with Technology.

[Staff link to setting dates](#)