

# Setting Policy 2024 - 2025

## 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, a few students' sets may change: parents will be informed via mail. At the end of the Summer Term, as there are 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 Assistant Headteacher. At Key Stage 4, re-setting can also occur at the end of a unit or module which may be a more appropriate time than the end of term. When deciding which set is appropriate, the following are considered:

- Current progress scores 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, Cymraeg, Maths, Science and PDCS students will be in five sets based on ability. The P.E. department arrange students into four/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 Setting

Cluster	Setting	Resetting Criteria
English, Geography, History, MFL, Religion & Ethics, Cymraeg	Four sets (1 - 4) on both A and B side (eight in total). One ALN class	Initial setting in Year 7 is based on primary school data (inc. National Tests). There may be moves in October if any student is misplaced. Set moves throughout KS3 are then based on classwork, assessments, end of year exams, CATs and National Test data. The English Dept. oversees resetting.
Art, Performing Arts and PDS	Four mixed ability classes (taught in form groups) One ALN class	Mixed ability classes - no resetting required.
Science Maths IT	Four sets (1 - 4) on both A and B side (eight in total). One ALN class	Initial setting in Year 7 is based on primary school data (inc. National Tests). There may be moves in October if any student is misplaced. Science and Maths decide the later setting throughout KS3 based on performance data (as detailed above) in both subjects. IT will also be consulted. National tests will also be considered.
PE	Four/five sets based on ability; some single gender groups, some mixed.	Classes are reviewed at the end of each term.
Technology	Six classes of mixed ability.	Mixed ability classes - no resetting required

## KS4 Setting

Cluster	Setting	Resetting Criteria
English, Cymraeg and PDCS	Five sets (1 - 5) on both A and B side (eight in total). One ALN class is within the B side (B5).	Initial setting at the start of Y10 is based on the end of KS3 performance (exams and progress scores). Re-setting can then take place at the end of terms or the end of a unit and is based on classwork, assessments, internal and external exams. The English Dept. oversees resetting.
Maths	Five sets (1 - 5) on both A and B side (eight in total). One ALN class is within the B side (B5).	Initial setting at the start of Y10 is based on the end of KS3 performance (exams and progress scores). Re-setting can then take place at the end of terms or the end of a unit and is based on classwork, assessments, internal and

		external exams.
Science	Five sets (1 - 5) on both A and B side (eight in total). One ALN class is within the B side (B5).	Initial setting at the start of Y10 is based on the end of KS3 performance (exams and progress scores). Re-setting can then take place at the end of terms or the end of a unit and is based on classwork, assessments, internal and external exams.
PE	Four/five sets based on ability; some single gender groups, some mixed.	Classes are reviewed at the end of each term.
Option Subjects	Classes of mixed ability. Each subject may have one, two or three classes all within different columns. Therefore setting is not possible.	Mixed ability classes - no resetting required.