

## **KS4 GROUPINGS 2021-22**

### **INTRODUCTION**

At the end of Year 9, pupils make their option choices for courses to study to GCSE or equivalent level. Similar to KS3, there is a mixture of mixed ability groups and groups based predominantly on prior attainment.

### **Year 10**

In English, pupils are grouped by prior attainment in one of seven GCSE groups across two bands, X and Y (10ES, 10ED, 10EO or 10EZ, 10EL, 10ER, 10EA). For one lesson per week, all seven groups have English at the same time but for the other three, English is banded against Core PE for two periods and RESPECT (RE/CPSHE) for one period. The groupings (10XR, 10XE, 10XS, 10XP or 10YE, 10YC, 10YT) for RESPECT are mixed ability. However, pupils studying GCSE Religious Studies will be grouped together in one group in each half of the year (10XR, 10YE). Similarly, pupils in Core PE are grouped in mixed ability groups. However, pupils studying GCSE PE are grouped together in one group in each half of the year (10PO or 10PP). The remaining pupils are placed in one of the three mixed ability groups; there is one group for each gender and a third mixed gender group (10PL, 10PM, 10PY or 10PI, 10PC, 10PS).

In Science, there are seven groups; two groups follow Triple Science (10TF, 10TN) and five groups study Combined Science (10CC, 10CA, 10CD, 10CR, 10CL). These groups are based on prior attainment. Science is banded with Maths into two bands, A and B. The A band has five Science groups (10TF, 10TN, 10CC, 10CA, 10CD) and five Maths groups (10MZ, 10MA, 10MG, 10ML, 10ME); the B band has two Science groups (10CL, 10CR) and two Maths groups (10MK, 10MS). In Maths, like Science, pupils are grouped by prior attainment.

Moving to option choice subjects made at the end of Year 9, all subjects are mixed ability groups, according to the group of pupils who opt for a particular subject. Occasionally, an exception may occur if a subject attracts enough pupils to accommodate two groups in the same option block; if this is the case, the opportunity to group by prior attainment will be taken. Dependent on whether the Triple or Combined Science course is followed, pupils choose 3 or 4 subjects to study to GCSE or equivalent level. Option groups are mixed ability as this allows pupils as free a choice as possible and provides them with greater opportunity to follow courses that they meet their interests, talents and aspirations.

### **Year 11**

Grouping in Year 11 continues as in Year 10. In the core subjects, adjustments may be necessary if appropriate and in the best interests of the individual pupil. However, it is more likely that pupils remain in the same teaching groups as assigned throughout Year 10.

### KS4 Class Codes 2021-22

| ENGLISH ... E? |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Code           | Group       |
| ES             | SHAKESPEARE |
| ED             | DICKENS     |
| EO             | OWEN        |
| EZ             | ZEPHANIAH   |
| EL             | LEE         |
| ER             | RUSSELL     |
| EA             | ANGELOU     |
| EB             | BLACKMAN    |

| MATHS ... M? |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Code         | Group   |
| MZ           | ZETA    |
| MA           | ALPHA   |
| MG           | GAMMA   |
| ML           | LAMBDA  |
| ME           | EPSILON |
| MK           | KAPPA   |
| MS           | SIGMA   |

| SCIENCE ... S? |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Code           | Group      |
| TF             | FARADAY    |
| TN             | NEWTON     |
| CC             | CURRIE     |
| CA             | ANNING     |
| CD             | DARWIN     |
| CR             | RUTHERFORD |
| CL             | LOVELACE   |

| PE .... P? |          |
|------------|----------|
| Code       | Group    |
| PO         | OLYMPICS |
| PL         |          |
| PY         |          |
| PM         |          |
| PP         |          |
| PI         |          |
| PC         |          |
| PS         |          |

| RE/PSHE .... X? Y? |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Code               | Group   |
| XR                 | RESPECT |
| XE                 |         |
| XS                 |         |
| YP                 |         |
| YE                 |         |
| YC                 |         |
| YT                 |         |