



KS4 GROUPINGS 2023-24

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

In the main, grouping in Year 11 continues as in Year 10. However, for 2023-24 we have introduced an additional group in the B band for Maths and Science. The pupils in Maths 10MK and 10MS and Science 10CR and 10CL during Year 10, will be placed into one of three groups in Year 11, namely Maths 11MK, 11MS, 11MT and Science 11CR, 11CL and 11CE, with the smaller pupils:teacher ratio allowing for greater intervention and support in the build up to the GCSE exams in these subjects. In the core subjects, other 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 2023-24

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

MATHS M?	
Code	Group
MZ	ZETA
MA	ALPHA
MG	GAMMA
ML	LAMBDA
ME	EPSILON
MK	KAPPA
MS	SIGMA
MT	THETA

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

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

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