



Longridge High School

ABILITY GROUPINGS 2019-20

KEY STAGE 3: YEARS 7, 8 and 9

An introduction

Pupils are taught in groups according to their ability from the start of Year 7. We have excellent relationships with all our feeder primary schools who pass on detailed information about pupils' abilities in Key Stage 2. We initially group pupils according to their KS2 test scores, taking into account the information we receive from our primary schools. After pupils have settled in, they take a Cognitive Ability Test (CAT test) which highlights a number of aspects (verbal, non-verbal, spatial/mathematical) of their current ability and potential. We also test the reading and spelling ages of all our pupils. This is of direct relevance for language-based subjects such as English, History, Geography and Religious Education as well as being invaluable with regard to the work we do with pupils who require Literacy support and our SEN (Special Educational Needs) pupils. Regular assessments and formal examinations throughout the year also help us to review our setting arrangements and make any necessary adjustments.

Year 7 setting information 2019-20

For most of our subjects:

Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two equal upper ability classes: X1 and Y1
- Three equal middle ability classes: X2, Y2 and Y3
- One lower ability class: X3

In Maths and Science, the classes are grouped as:

- Two equal upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
 - Three middle ability classes: 2a, 2b and 2c
 - One lower ability class: 3
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- Design Technology is taught in smaller mixed ability groups. Pupils are on a rota, spending a number of weeks working on each of the four areas of technology, which we offer. These are: Food, Graphics, Textiles and Product Design.
 - Physical Education is also taught in mixed ability groups.

Year 8 Setting Information 2019-20

For most of our subjects:

Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two equal upper ability classes: X1 and Y1
- Three equal middle ability classes: X2, Y2 and Y3
- One lower ability class: X3

In Maths and Science, the classes are grouped as:

- Two equal upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
- Three middle ability classes: 2a, 2b and 2c
- One lower ability class: 3

In English, the classes are grouped as:

- Two equal upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
 - Two middle ability classes: 2a and 2b
 - One lower ability class: 3
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- Design Technology is taught in smaller mixed ability groups. Pupils are on a rota, spending a number of weeks working on each of the four areas of technology, which we offer. These are: Food, Graphics, Textiles and Product Design.
 - Physical Education is also taught in mixed ability groups.

Year 9 Setting Information 2019-20

For most of our subjects:

Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two equal upper ability classes: X1 and Y1
- Three equal middle ability classes: X2, Y2 and Y3
- One lower ability class: X3

In English, Maths and Science, the classes are grouped as:

- Two equal upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
 - Three middle ability classes: 2a, 2b and 2c
 - One lower ability class: 3
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- Design Technology is taught in smaller mixed ability groups. Pupils are on a rota, spending a number of weeks working on each of the four areas of technology, which we offer. These are: Food, Graphics, Textiles and Product Design.
 - Physical Education is also taught in mixed ability groups.

