

# Longridge High School

## ABILITY GROUPINGS 2021-22

### KEY STAGE 3: YEARS 7, 8 and 9

#### An introduction

As we do not have KS2 test scores this year, pupils are taught in mixed ability form groups from the start of Year 7 until the end of the first half term in October. We have excellent relationships with all our feeder primary schools who pass on detailed information about pupils' abilities in Key Stage 2. 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.

Group changes are made at the end of the first half term for Year 7 and pupils and parents are informed of these changes before we break up for the first half term break.

#### **Year 7 setting information 2021-22 – from November 2021**

For most of our subjects:

Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two upper ability classes: X1a and X1b
- Three middle ability classes: Y1c, Y2a and Y2b
- One lower ability class: X2c

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

- Two upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
  - Three middle ability classes: 1c, 2a, 2b
  - One lower ability class: 2c
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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 2021-20**

For most of our subjects:

Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two upper ability classes: X1a and X1b
- Three middle ability classes: Y1c, Y2a and Y2b
- One lower ability class: X2c

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

- Two upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
  - Three middle ability classes: 1c, 2a, 2b
  - One lower ability class: 2c
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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 2021-22**

For most of our subjects:

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Pupils are grouped into one of three broad ability bands:

- Two upper ability classes: X1a and X1b
- Three middle ability classes: Y1c, Y2a and Y2b
- One lower ability class: X2c

In English and Maths, the classes are grouped as:

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

In Science, the classes are grouped as:

- Two upper ability classes: 1a and 1b
  - Four middle ability classes: 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c
  - One lower ability class: 2d
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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.