

**2020/21**  
**Understanding Students' Timetables Year 9**

At the beginning of Year 9 students were divided into two equal ability populations, which are known as X, Y and Z. These populations are broadly balanced by ability; each population has a top set and two of the populations have smaller, slower moving sets.

The table below outlines how each subject is grouped.

<b>Subject</b>	
<b>Art, Craft &amp; Design (At)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. At Blue or At Jade. Linked to Computing, Dance, Design & Technology, Life Education and Performing Arts.
<b>Computing (Co)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. Co Blue or Co Jade. Linked to Art, Dance, Design & Technology, Life Education and Performing Arts.
<b>Dance (Da)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. Da Blue or Da Jade. Linked to Art, Computing, Design & Technology, Life Education and Performing Arts.
<b>Design &amp; Technology (Dt)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. Dt Blue or Dt Jade. Linked to Art, Computing, Dance, Life Education and Performing Arts.
<b>English</b>	The students are grouped into four classes, in each population; these are broadly set using the Plymstock Pathways. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a Shakespeare character, e.g. En Angus or En Osric.
<b>Humanities (Ethics, Philosophy &amp; Culture, Geography and History) (Ep, Ge &amp; Hi)</b>	The students are grouped into four classes, in each population; these are broadly set using the Plymstock Pathways. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then with the name of a river e.g. Ge Rhine or Hi Avon. Linked to Modern Foreign Languages.
<b>Life Education (Lf)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. Lf Blue or Lf Jade. Linked to Art, Computing, Dance, Design & Technology and Performing Arts.
<b>Mathematics (Ma)</b>	The students are grouped into four classes, in each population; these are broadly set using the Plymstock Pathways. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then with a Greek letter e.g. Ma Beta or Ma Omega.
<b>MFL (French and German) (Fr or Gm)</b>	The students are grouped into four classes, in each population; these are broadly set using the Plymstock Pathways. Groups have the code Fr or Gm, depending on language. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then with the name of a river e.g. Fr Tamar or Gm Avon. Linked to Humanities.
<b>Performing Arts (Drama and Music) (Dr and Mu)</b>	The students are arranged in four mixed ability, equal sized classes, in each population. Groups are named with a 2 digit subject code and then a colour e.g. Dr Blue or Mu Jade. Linked to Art, Computing, Dance, Design & Technology and Life Education.
<b>Physical Education (Pe)</b>	Each population is arranged into four groups, in each population: female top ability, female middle ability, male top ability, male middle ability and a foundation group, mixed gender.
<b>Science (Sc)</b>	The students are grouped into four classes, in each population; these are broadly set using the Plymstock Pathways. Groups are named with the science: Bi, Ch & Ph and then a number.

N.B. Progress is regularly monitored and setting reviewed.