



September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Subject Setting Arrangements 2021-22

I hope that your child has had a very positive first day back and is looking forward to the year ahead. This letter aims to explain the setting arrangements that have determined the classes your child is in to start Year 8.

It is important that students follow a broad and balanced curriculum, in teaching groups which best meet their learning needs and allow them to make excellent progress. Across year 8, students are timetabled into five teaching groups labelled: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5. Each Group has between 20-26 students, with all classes following a common curriculum.

All subjects, except for PE, are taught in the same group. Students have therefore been 'streamed' by attainment in Year 7, rather than 'set' specifically for each subject. This aims to ensure that students receive the challenge and support that they require, while also experiencing the benefits of mixed attainment groups. Prior attainment in English and Maths were an important determining factor when deciding which group to place students.

Subjects involved:	English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Spanish, French, Religious Studies, Design Technology, Food Technology, Art, Music, Drama, Computing, Self and Society.	Physical Education
8.1	Higher prior attainment, particularly in English and Maths	Boys 1
8.2	Mixed Prior attainment, particularly in English and/or Maths	Girls 1
8.3		Boys 2
8.4		Girls 2
8.5	Lower prior attainment, particularly in English and Maths	Mixed Gender

The teachers and staff at APHS will always continue to teach, assess and review setting arrangements throughout your child's time at the school. You will be notified in writing of any subject set changes that may affect your child individually or the year group as a whole.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hardman
Vice Principal

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