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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child(ren)'s 2024-25 teaching groups are available for you to view as a report on Go4Schools, please remember that it is not possible to view reports on the Go4Schools mobile app and you will need to login to the web app to view them.

In the subjects that are taught in ability groups, these groups were decided based on student's performance throughout the year, in particular, the subject examinations that took place throughout the Spring and Summer terms.

To move up a teaching group in these subjects a student would need to out-perform students currently in that teaching group. Being on or above target is not an indicator that a set change is needed. There is of course no ceiling on progress in any teaching group and all students are given an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

In the subjects that are to be taught in mixed ability groupings, the groups have been created to prepare students for this way of working before they begin their GCSE studies, when they will be taught in mixed ability groups. The table below shows which subjects will be taught in ability or mixed ability groups and an explanation of how these groups will be named can be found in the appendix (Appendix 1 and 2).

Year group from September	Subjects taught in ability groups.	Subjects taught in mixed ability groups
8	Maths/Science (MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4, MS5)	English and the Foundation subjects (D, H, J, O, W) DT (D, H, J, O, W)
9	Maths/Science (MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4) MFL (XFr, XSp, YSp1, YSp2) PE (XF, XM, YF, YM)	English and the Foundation subjects (D, J, O, W) DT (B, G, I, K, Q)

Should you have any questions regarding your child's grade report or Teaching groups please do not hesitate to contact me with general questions or concerns or the Head of Faculty/Department with specific subject grade and Teaching group questions or concerns using their contact details (Appendix 3).

Kind regards,
 Mr. Bird
 Assistant Headteacher

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Appendix 1: Foundation subject group names

Where subjects are to be taught in mixed ability groups, the groups will be named after important Salopians and reflect the names of the mixed ability groups in all years:

Darwin (D), named after evolutionary biologist [Charles Darwin](#) from Shrewsbury,

Hazlitt (H), named after [William Hazlitt](#) an English essayist, drama and literary critic, painter, social commentator, and philosopher who lived in Wem **(Year 8 only)**,

Jebb (J), after [Eglantyne Jebb](#) who founded Save the Children and hailed from Ellesmere,

Owen (O), after the first World War poet [Wilfred Owen](#) from Oswestry and

Wylie (W), named after suffragette [Barbara Wylie](#) who fought for women's rights and came from Shrewsbury.

Appendix 2: DT groups names

DT will be taught in different mixed ability groups to those students will be in for the Foundation subjects, English (in Year 8) and PSCHE, therefore the DT department have decided to name each group after a culinary, fashion or product design icon:

Boateng (B), after innovative fashion designer [Ozwald Boateng](#),

Gray (G), after homeware and furniture designer [Bethan Gray](#),

Ive (I), after [Sir Jonathan Ive](#) former chief design officer of Apple inc,

Kochhar (K), after Michelin-starred chef [Atul Kochhar](#) and

Quant (Q), after iconic fashion designer [Dame Mary Quant](#). Students will learn more about the lives and innovations of our icons throughout the year.

Appendix 3: Staff contact details.

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