

Hurworth School Setting Policy

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Students on entry to the school are placed initially into teaching sets according to information obtained from Primary Schools.

There are five teaching groups (1–5) in the lower school for the majority of subjects.

In upper school the teaching sets vary, English and Maths may have 6 or 8 teaching groups depending on the composition of the year group.

Tutor groups are mixed ability with students remaining in the same tutor group whenever possible for the duration of their time at school.

Year 7 Teaching Sets

Key Stage 2 data is used initially to set students.

There is a formal review of Year 7 teaching sets at the end of the Autumn Term, this is coordinated by the Assistant Head Teacher (Curriculum) and involves the Head of Core Subjects, the Head of Year 7 and SENCo.

Students/parents/carers are informed of set changes by the Head of English, the Head of Maths or the Assistant Head Teacher (Curriculum) depending on the reasons for the change.

Lower School Setting

At the end of the first and last term of each academic year all teaching sets are formally reviewed using the process outlined above; during the course of the academic year teachers can make set change recommendations via their Head of Department through regular Progress Review procedures.

As is the case in Year 7; set change discussions feed formal reviews and there are scheduled set change meetings in the Autumn and Summer Term of each academic year, this is coordinated by the Assistant Head Teacher (Curriculum) and involves the Heads of Core Subjects, Heads of Year 7, 8 and 9 and SENCo.

Students/parents/carers are informed of set changes by the Head of English, the Head of Maths or the Assistant Head Teacher (Curriculum) depending on the reasons for the change.

Upper School Setting

When students enter Key Stage 4 they are placed into sets for English and Maths based upon their end of Key Stage 3 achievement.

Option classes within Key Stage 4 are taught on a mixed ability basis, the only exception to this is if more than one class in the same subject is timetabled simultaneously then there may be an opportunity for setting.