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Dear Parents and Carers,

Core, PE and PSICHE Teaching Groups 2026-27

Your child(ren)'s 2026-27 Core subject and PE/PSICHE 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.

As students move into KS4 (Key Stage 4) and begins their GCSE studies we increase the number of teaching groups in English, maths, and science from four to five. Maths will therefore be taught in groups M1-M5, and English will be taught in groups that are identified by their teacher's initials, EB = Mr Balmer, GE = Mr Evans, SE and SJE = Miss Evans and DS = Mr Seager.

Science is both a Core and Pathways subject, which means that the teaching groups are slightly different to the English and maths groups. Some students have chosen to study triple science and have been allocated to the T1 and T2 groups, which were decided on by the Pathways block each student selected triple science in. The students who did not choose triple science as a Pathways choice have been allocated to the Core science groups, C1, C2 or C3.

Your child's other teaching groups have been allocated based on their Pathways choices. Their PE and PSICHE (Personal, Social, Citizenship, Health, and Economic education) groups have been created to give students an opportunity to work with students they might not have an opportunity to work with in their other lessons, with students being divided equally between mixed ability groups, details of how the groups have been named can be found in the appendix (Appendix 1).

Should you have any general questions regarding your child's grade report or teaching groups please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Faculty/Department with specific subject grade and teaching group questions or concerns, staff contact details can be found in the appendix (Appendix 2).

Kind regards,

Mr. Bird

Deputy Headteacher

Appendix

Appendix 1: PSCE/PE 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,

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: Staff contact details.

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