

Year 8 Curriculum and Grouping 2024-2025

The table below has been produced as a guide, to help parents and carers understand the year 8 subject groupings. If you have any further questions about specific subject areas please contact the Curriculum Leader at the College as shown in the table.

At Torpoint Community College all students follow a two-week timetable (week 1 and week 2) with 5 one-hour lessons per day, giving a total of 25 lessons per week (50 over two weeks). Each student will follow 14 different subjects within their curriculum covering all aspects of the National Curriculum that was implemented in September 2014.

Table to show Year 8 groupings

Subject and Department Lead	Number of 1-hour Lessons over 2 weeks	Subject Code on Timetable	Explanation of subject grouping
All groups within English, Science and Maths are each taught at the same time. This means that all year 8 Science groups have their lessons at the same time, English lessons are on at the same time and Maths lessons are on at the same time. This allows students to be moved between groups as a result of their progress. In English, Maths and Science students have been placed in broad ability bands as a result of the teacher assessments and attainment data year 7. The students will be constantly assessed throughout lessons. At times throughout the year, starting towards the end of this Autumn half term, students may well move groups depending on their progress. In English and Maths some students may be extracted periodically for additional intervention, for both support and further challenge.			
English Mrs Read	8	E	There are 5 English groups in year 8. Students are grouped into sets based on their progress in year 7. Teacher Assessment, through Assessment for Learning, is an integral part of teaching and learning and students will be constantly assessed and may well move between groups.
Mathematics Mrs Seaman	8	M	There are 5 Maths groups in year 8. Students are grouped into sets based on their progress in year 7. Teacher Assessment, through Assessment for Learning, is an integral part of teaching and learning and students will be constantly assessed and may well move between groups.
Science Mr Cameron	8	Sc	There are 5 Science groups in year 8. Students are grouped into sets based on their progress in year 7. Teacher Assessment, through Assessment for Learning, is an integral part of teaching and learning and students will be constantly assessed and may well move between groups. Students will be re-grouped based on their ability by half term into sets. Teacher Assessment, through Assessment for

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Year 8 is already split into two half year groups for Maths (population A and population B) and will stay in the same population for the remaining subjects. Students are placed within mixed ability groupings.			
Art Miss Thomas	2	A	Art is taught in mixed ability groupings.
Computer Science Mrs Howard	3	Cp	Computer Science is taught in mixed ability groupings.
Design & Technology Mrs Bell	3	Dt	Design & Technology is taught in mixed ability groupings. Each DT specialism is taught in rotation.
Drama Mr Colquhoun	1	Dr	Drama is taught in mixed ability groupings.
French or Spanish Miss Murphy	6	F or Sp	French or Spanish is taught in mixed ability groupings.
Geography Miss Lindup	3	Gh	Geography and History are taught in mixed ability groupings. Geography and History are taught on a rotation basis where a Geography module is taught followed by a history module and this continues throughout the academic year.
History Mr Truan	3	H	
Citizenship Mrs Lockett	1	Cz	Citizenship is taught in mixed ability groupings.
Physical Education Mr Evans	4	Pe	PE is taught in mixed ability groups and taught in either separate or mixed gender groupings depending on the sports block students have chosen.
Personal, Social, Health and Economics Mrs Bray	2	PP/Wb	PSHE/Wellbeing is taught in mixed ability groupings.
Religious Studies Mr Truan	1	R	Religious Studies is taught in mixed ability groupings.

Model to show the structure of the Year 8 timetable

* English 8		* Maths 8		* Science 8		? Ebac + Other Subjects 19		* DT/Comp 3		* PE 4	
28	E ₈ 8	28	M ₈ 8	28	Sc ₈ 8	-1A	23 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	23	Pe ₄ 4
28	E ₈ 8	28	M ₈ 8	28	Sc ₈ 8	-2A	23 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	23	Pe ₄ 4
28	E ₈ 8	28	M ₈ 8	28	Sc ₈ 8	-3A	22 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ F ₆ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	22	Pe ₄ 4
28	E ₈ 8	28	M ₈ 8	28	Sc ₈ 8			17	Cp ₃ 3		
23	E ₈ 8	23	M ₈ 8	23	Sc ₈ 8						
* English 8		* Maths 8		* Science 8		? Ebac + Other Subjects 19		* DT/Comp 3		* PE 4	
-1B	23 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ F ₆ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Wb ₂					-1B	23 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ F ₆ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	23	Pe ₄ 4
-2B	22 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂					-2B	22 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	23	Pe ₄ 4
-3B	22 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂					-3B	22 A ₂ C ₂ Dr ₁ G ₃ H ₃ R ₁ Sp ₆ Wb ₂	17	Dt ₃ 3	21	Pe ₄ 4
								16	Cp ₃ 3		

*Please note, the numbers on the left of each column are for timetabling purposes only and should be disregarded.