

POLICY ON ALLOCATION OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES

- 1) The Principal is responsible for the allocation of the students to classes.
- 2) Students in this school are grouped in mixed ability classes except for Maths and Gaeilge.
- 3) Streaming for Maths and Gaeilge takes place in October of Second Year. Students sit a common exam and are advised to study for Higher or Ordinary Level depending on their results.
- 4) Students whose results indicate they should study for Ordinary Level but who may wish to study for Higher Level, may be allocated to the Higher Level Class.
- 5) Where feasible, and depending on student numbers, preferences and needs, there may be more than one Higher Level Class. Students remain in the Higher Level Class to which they have been allocated . At the end of the year student progress is reviewed and students are advised if they should remain in the Higher Level Class.
- 6) Students may move from Higher to Ordinary Level on the advice of their teacher and after consultation with their Year Head and Parents.
- 7) Students allocated to mixed ability classes remain in the class to which they have been allocated.
- 8) Where students have to choose between optional subjects allocation to classes is decided as follows:
 - Student preferences
 - Students' ability and performance
 - Maximum Class SizeWhen a subject is over subscribed, students whose performance in the subject indicates that they have poor ability in the subject and will not succeed are asked to choose another option.
- 9) Students are not allocated a place in Word Technology /
Construction if their performance indicates that they are unlikely to pass

a danger to themselves or other students. They are in this instance, denied a place on Health & Safety Grounds.