



ST. DAVID'S HOLY FAITH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Greystones, Co. Wicklow

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Base Classrooms Policy

This Whole School Base Classrooms Policy was ratified by the Board of Management on
Tuesday, 21st February 2023

St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones is a Catholic, co-educational secondary school, under the Trusteeship of Le Chéile Catholic Schools Trust, with a student population of 732 students (October 2022).

The school operates a system of base classroom allocation for all students, who have a five minute tutorial class, at the start of each school day. Students are assigned a base (main) class for most subjects, in Junior Cycle and Transition Year, and some subjects at Senior Cycle.

The school assigns all students to base classes from First Year, ensuring there is a mixed ability to all classrooms. The school will not accept requests for students to be put in a base class and will not accept any such requests.

The rationale for the school choosing and creating base classrooms is to ensure that:

1. All students are assigned a base class based on equity and equality for all
2. It fosters a climate of student engagement with different students of all academic levels and interests
3. For students who originate from smaller schools, it ensures class groups are not based on pre-existing friendship groups, from larger schools
4. It ensures no canvassing takes place
5. All students are encouraged to form new friendship groupings and instils a sense of new identity linked with our school.

First Years

- 1. Students, assigned to base classes (main class) in First Year, applies to the following subjects:**

English, Gaeilge, Mathematics, Religious Education, Physical Education, History, Geography, C.S.P.E, and S.P.H.E.

- 2. Students, are not assigned to base classes in First Year, in the following subjects:**

Science

French/Spanish (Option Block One)

Business, Engineering, Graphics, Home Economics, Music, Technology Wood, Visual Art (Option Blocks Two and Three).

Second & Third Years

- 1. Students, assigned to base classes (main class) in Second and Third Years, applies to the following subjects:**

English, Religious Education, Physical Education, History, Geography, C.S.P.E, and S.P.H.E.

- 2. Students, are not assigned to base classes in First Year, in the following subjects:**

Science

French/Spanish (Option Block One)

Business, Engineering, Graphics, Home Economics, Music, Technology Wood, Visual Art (Option Blocks Two and Three).

Gaeilge, Mathematics (these two subjects are streamed in Second and Third Years – into Higher and Ordinary levels, so students are no longer in their base classes).

Transition Years

- 1. Students, assigned to base classes (main class) in Transition Year, applies to the following subjects only:**

English, Computer Science, Ethics, Religious Education, Physical Education, Guidance, Creative Skills, World of Work,

- 2. All subjects except Irish and Mathematics (streamed Higher and Ordinary levels), rotational subject blocks in Science, Humanities, foreign languages and subjects in the Creative blocks 1, 2, 3 (subjects within said blocks change annually)**

Fifth & Sixth Years

- 1. Students assigned to base classes (main class) in Fifth and Sixth Years applies to the following subjects only:**

Physical Education, Religious Education

- 2. Students are not in base classes for the following subjects:**

English, Gaeilge, Mathematics (Higher and Ordinary classes)

Optional subjects offered are Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Construction Studies, D.C.G, Economics, Engineering, French, History, Home Economics, Geography, Music, Physics, Physical Education (L.C Examinable), Politics & Society and Spanish.

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Signature (Chairperson):

Alanus Hawley

Date:

23. 2. 2023

Signature (Principal):

Simon Og

Date:

23-02-2023
