

Groups

All students that attend Connect for registration are in a mixed age or 'vertical' groups. Tutor group sessions are predominantly about social skills and checking in with students. These take place in the social space and are centred around breakfast, collaborative games, social interaction and communication. All Connect based staff take part in this to allow for a more flexible and free flowing start to the day. This gives students an opportunity to connect with each other and/or their keyworker and address anything they need to get ready for the rest of the day. This will also include personalised exploration of the timetable including ensuring students have the things they need for any lessons in mainstream

Key Stage 3 Teaching Group - DZC

This group consists of students from Year 8 and some year 9. Students in Year 7 also join this group however this cannot take place in the first term of any academic year. The group size is generally 8 with space for 2 additional students on blended provision (not in Connect Full time) making the maximum group size 10 at any one time

Key Stage 4 Teaching Group - SBT

This group consists of students from Year 10 and 11 and some year 9 (where appropriate). This group currently follows a GCSE qualification route and students are expected to achieve a minimum of 5 qualifications wherever possible. Where possible students will also access at least one additional mainstream based option subject and/or a vocational subject via an external provider if appropriate. The maximum group size is 10 including those on blended programmes of study.

Intervention Groups

There are several interventions that take place at Connect or in collaboration with Connect staff and are a central part of the Wellbeing provision. Students that attend either on a group or 1-1 basis will receive an electronic teams invite to the session with the relevant staff and office copied in to ensure access. If a student does not attend the DHOY/HOY will be notified unless the student is marked absent for the day on G4S. The maximum intervention group size taking place at Connect is between 12 and 20 depending on the intervention. In some cases, exit passes may be issued where electronic invites cannot be used.