

Changes to Education – A Parents' Guide

Factsheet 1: The New Progress 8 measure

Currently all students, Academies and schools are measured on **how many GCSEs they achieve at A*-C** including English and Mathematics. The most common measure in the past has been 5A*-C grades.

From 2016 all students and Academies will be measured on **how much progress students make** from when they start in Year 7 to when they complete their exams at the end of Year 11 in relation to their Key Stage 2 score.

This will be known as **Progress 8 (P8)**.

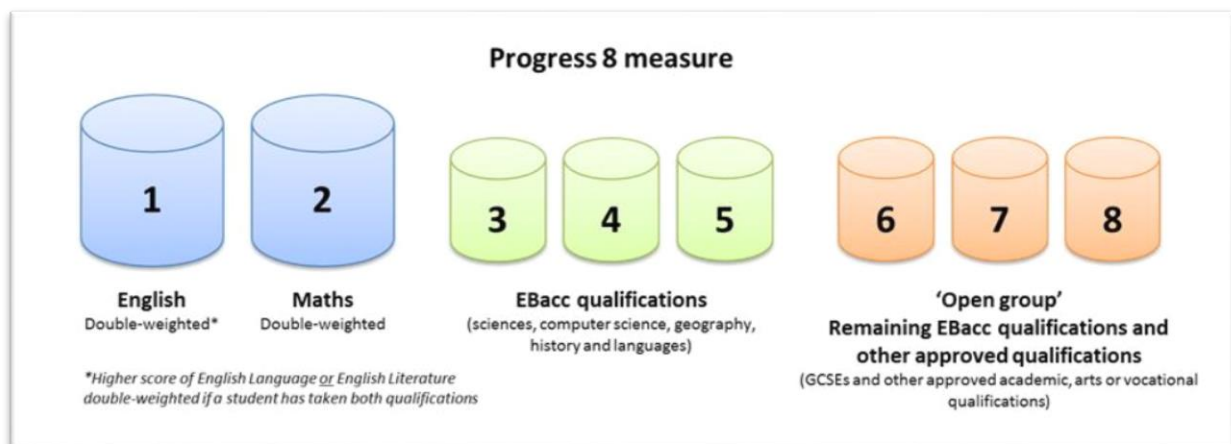
Progress 8

For students getting exam results in **Summer 2016 onwards, Progress 8 will apply** and will replace the traditional 5 A*-C with English and Maths measure.

The Progress 8 measure is designed to encourage all students to study a **broad and balanced curriculum**.

The new measure will be based on **students' progress measured across eight subjects**.

For each student the **8 subjects must be a combination from the diagram below**.



The Progress 8 score will always be determined by dividing the points total (total number of points they get per subject) by 10 (the eight qualifications with English and Mathematics counting double), regardless of how many qualifications your child sits or in which subjects.

Example progress 8 subjects - **Student A**

A students' progress 8 subjects may end up being;

- (1) English Language (counts double)
- (2) Maths (counts double)
- (3) Geography, (4) Core Science and (5) Additional Science
- (6) RE (7) Art (8) Food Technology

Example progress 8 subjects - **Student B**

A students' progress 8 subjects may end up being;

- (1) English Literature (counts double)
- (2) Maths (counts double)
- (3) History, (4) Core Science and (5) Blank (no qualifying subject)
- (6) DT (7) Textiles (8) English Language

As well as Progress 8, schools and students will also have the following performance measures when they finish school.

- **Attainment 8** – showing the students’ average achievement (Average grade) in the same suite of subjects as the Progress 8 measure.
- **A*- C in English and Mathematics only** – This measure includes students who achieve the equivalent of a C grade or higher in both English (either Language or Literature) and Mathematics.
- **The EBacc** – Students that achieve all A*-C grades across a range of academic Subjects (English, Maths, Sciences and Computer Science, a language and one Geography or History).

Below is a mock example of what your child would leave the Academy with at the end of Year 11

Students’ Progress Grade (average of 8 grade)	Students’ Attainment grade (average of 8 grades)	Achieved Maths and English at C grade or better	Achieve EBacc subjects at C grade or better
+1.2	B+	Yes	Yes

Below is a mock example of what School and Academies headline figures would like at the end of each year.

Students’ Progress Grade (average of 8 grade)	Students’ Attainment grade (average of 8 grades)	% of Students achieving Mathematics and English at C grade or better	% of students Achieve EBacc subjects at C grade or better
+0.8	B	60%	38%

Qualifications that will count towards the Progress 8 measure

All full-course GCSEs count towards the Progress 8 measure, along with any approved, high-value qualifications. However they have to fit into the 8 slots shown in the first diagram.

Other approved qualifications

Up to three vocational qualifications can count towards the Progress 8 measure.

In the open group of subjects, any GCSE can count, or any of the high-value, approved vocational and academic qualifications can count.

Double-weighting of English and Maths

All Students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon will study both English Language and English Literature. When results are in, **the higher grade will count twice** and the lower grade will likely form part of Progress 8 in slot 6, 7 or 8.

All Students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon will study Mathematics. The result of this will automatically count twice.

Science subjects

All students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon will study at least one Science qualification up to the age of 16.

Each Science GCSE they get counts once.

EBacc measure

The EBacc recognises the success of those young people who attain GCSEs, at grades A*- C in the following subjects –

English and Mathematics

Geography or History

Science/s (students who also study **Computer Science** will have this count as an ebacc subject along with their Science)

A Language