



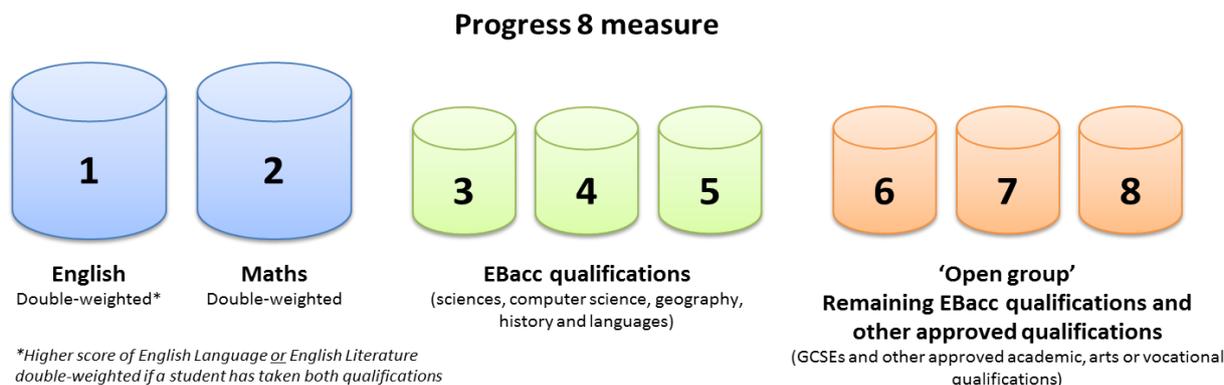
Changes to Education – A Parent’s Guide
Factsheet: The New Performance Measures

Currently all students, academies and schools are measured on **how many GCSEs they achieve at A*-C** including English and mathematics.

From 2016 the government has introduced two new national performance measures called **Progress 8** and **Attainment 8**.

- **Progress 8** will measure how much **progress** a cohort of students make from when they start in Year 7 to when they complete their examinations at the end of Year 11. This will be published as a numerical figure where each GCSE grade is equal to 1. An example of a progress 8 score is 0.2.
- **Attainment 8** will measure the **average grade** of students in a cohort from 8 prescribed courses. This will be published as a single grade to represent the average achievement of the year group. An example of an Attainment 8 grade is B-.

These measures are designed to encourage all students to study a **broad and balanced curriculum**. They will be based on students’ progress and attainment measured across **eight subjects**. For each student, the 8 subjects must be a **combination** from different groups of subjects as shown in the diagram below.



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

Qualifications that will count towards the new Performance Measures

All full-course GCSEs count towards the Progress 8 measure along with any approved qualifications such as approved BTEC’s and V-Certs.

Double-weighting of English

All students at The Brakenhale School will study **both English Language and English Literature**.

Science subjects

All students at The Brakenhale School will study science up to the age of 16.

Double Science will count as two slots, and Core and Additional Science GCSE will take up one slot each in the Progress 8 measure.

Separate GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics each count as one slot.

Students will either take Double or Triple Science as outlined above.

EBACC measure

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

- English, mathematics,
- geography or history
- science
- a foreign language

Open Group

All full course GCSEs will be applicable in this group alongside other approved qualifications.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email
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