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Brakenhale
School



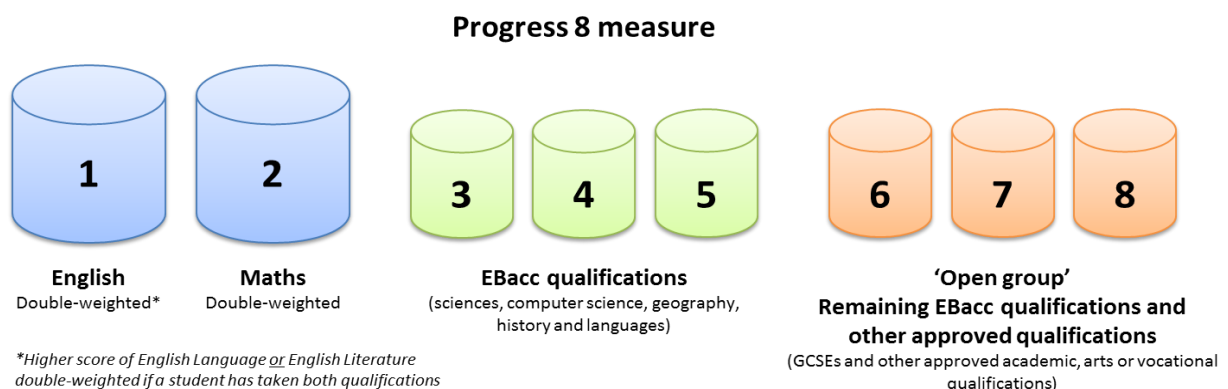
High Expectations and Challenge for All

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

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

- The Progress 8 score is based on students’ performance score across 8 subjects – this performance score is known as the “Attainment 8” score.
- Attainment 8 is a measure of a student’s average grade across a set suite of eight subjects. Once calculated, this Attainment 8 score is compared to the average Attainment 8 score of all students nationally with the same prior attainment at KS2 in order to calculate a student’s Progress 8 score.
- A school’s Attainment 8 score is the mean of its students’ Attainment 8 scores. Likewise, a school’s Progress 8 score is the mean of its students’ Progress 8 scores.

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.

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 rcorry@brakenhale.co.uk

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