

**Changes to Education – A Parent’s Guide  
Factsheet: The New Progress 8 measure**

Currently all students, Academies and schools are measured on **how many GCSE’s they achieve at A\*-C** including English and Mathematics.

From 2016 all students and Academies will be **measure on how much progress they make** from when they start in Year 7 to when they complete their exams at the end of Year 11. Their starting point in Year 7 is determined by how well they did in their KS2 SATs. Their end point in Y11 is determined by their GCSE / BTEC results. If they got high SATs results, there is the expectation they will get high GCSE / BTEC results.

This will be known as **Progress 8**

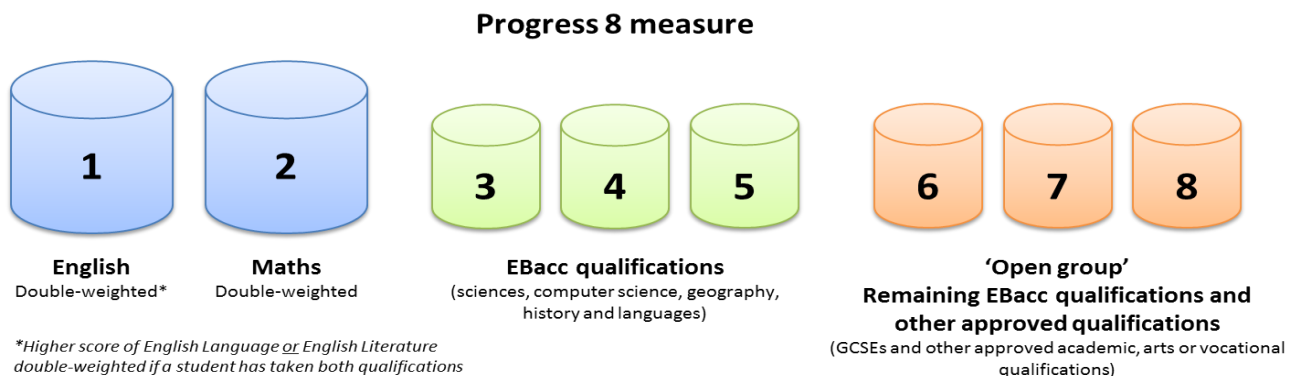
**Progress 8**

In 2016 Progress 8 **will be introduced for all.**

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 by 10 (the eight qualifications with English and Mathematics counting double), regardless of how many qualifications your child sits or in which subjects.

Each student will also leave the Academy with the following information;

(This will also be available about schools, for parents to be able to compare School performance)

- **Attainment 8** – showing the pupils’ average achievement in the same suite of subjects as the Progress 8 measure.
- **English and Mathematics** – If your child achieved a C grade or better in both English (either Language or Literature) and Mathematics.
- **The EBacc** – If your child achieved good grades (A\*-C) across a range of academic subjects

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.

### 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

All Students at West Lakes Academy **will study both English Language and English Literature**. When results are in, **the higher grade will count twice** and the lower grade will form part of Progress 8 if one of their best 8 grades.

All Students at West Lakes Academy **will study Mathematics. The result of this will automatically count twice.**

### Science subjects

All students at West Lakes Academy will study Science up to the age of 16.

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.

### 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

Language