



## Parents' Guide to the Progress 8 Measure

In 2016 the Department for Education changed how school performance is measured. Since 2016, the new 'progress 8' measure has been used to judge all secondary schools on the progress pupils make.

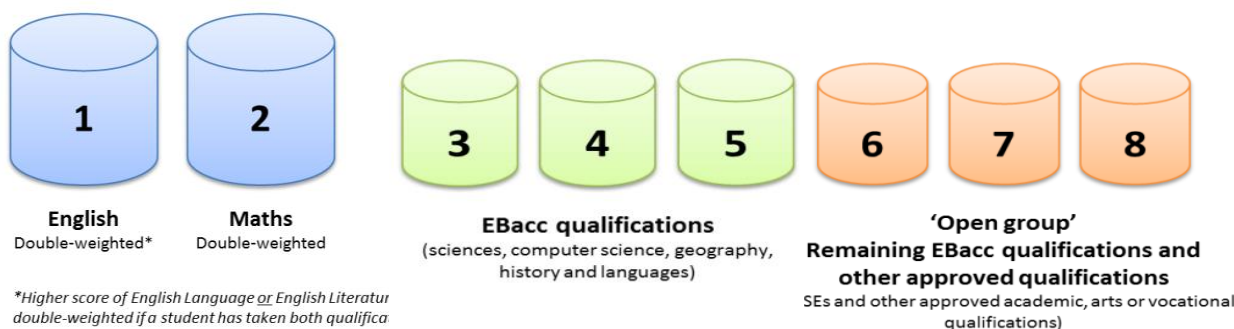
### What does progress 8 measure?

- Progress 8 calculates how much progress pupils make between their results in year 6 (when pupils are aged 10 or 11) and their results in year 11 (when pupils are 15 or 16).
- Progress 8 compares pupils' year 11 exam results with those of other pupils with similar year 6 results.
- A school's progress 8 score is an average of all pupils' individual scores. It shows whether, as a group, pupils in the school made above or below average progress compared to similar pupils in other schools.

### Which subjects are included?

- The Progress 8 measure was introduced to encourage all students to study and gain qualifications in a broad and balanced range of subjects to offer them the biggest range of options when choosing their next steps in Post 16 education and training.
- Each student's progress will be measured across 8 subjects. These must be a combination from the diagram below.

### The Progress 8 Measure





## Which qualifications 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 can include up to three vocational qualifications
- In the open group of subjects, any GCSE can count, or any of the high-value, approved vocational and academic qualifications can count.

## Understanding the Progress 8 curriculum at Newsome High School

- All Students will study Mathematics. The result of this will automatically count twice.
- All Students 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 the Progress 8 if it is one of their best 8 results overall.
- All students will study Science up to the age of 16. Combined science will count as two slots. If a student is studying Separate GCSEs (triple science) in biology, chemistry and physics can count as one slot each in the EBacc and/or 'Other' section.

## What is the EBacc?

The EBacc refers to a combination of subjects that the Department for Education has decided is important for young people to study at GCSE. It includes:

- English language and literature
- maths
- sciences
- geography or history
- languages, e.g. French or German

The Department for Education now recommends that the vast majority of students should be gaining qualifications in this range of subjects.

The EBacc is awarded to students achieving a 4+ (secure pass) and a 5+ (strong pass) and evidences a student's ability to achieve in a wide variety of academic subjects.

At Newsome High School we are committed to ensuring that the majority of our students follow a curriculum enabling them to achieve the EBacc qualification.

If you have any further questions regarding these measures or any other assessments and qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to give further advice.