

PRE-16 ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

14-16 Progress 8 and Attainment 8

Up to three high-value, arts, academic, or vocational qualifications can count towards accountability measures. The Progress 8 measure comprises of a maximum of eight subjects. All Cambridge National qualifications are eligible to be counted in Progress 8 tables*. Provisional Progress 8 scores come out in the autumn with final Progress 8 scores/tables come out in January (taking account of any remarks). Attainment 8 shows pupils average achievement in the same suite of subjects as the Progress 8 measure.

*ICT is no longer recognised in Progress 8 tables but is still offered as a qualification.

Point scores

Scales for level 1/2 qualifications:

OCR Cambridge National Certificate	Points	Unreformed GCSE (A*-C)	Reformed GCSE (9-1)
	1	G	1
Level 1 Pass	1.25		
	1.50	F	
Level 1 Merit	2.00	E	2
Level 1 Distinction	3.00	D	3
Level 2 Pass	4.00	C	4
	5.00		5
Level 2 Merit	5.50	B	
	6.00		6
Level 2 Distinction	7.00	A	7
	8.00		8
Level 2 Distinction*	8.50	A*	
	9.00		9

Qualifications in the 'open' element

Up to three GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects not used to fill the slots in the EBacc element) and/or technical awards from the approved list for the year in question can count towards the three slots in the 'open' element in the Progress 8 measure. Technical awards are approved level 1 and 2 qualifications that equip 14 to 16 year olds with applied knowledge and practical skills not usually acquired through general education.

Below is an example of points performance at Key Stage 4.

Example

Subject	Grade	Points	Element	Doubled
GCSE Maths	3	3	Maths	6
GCSE English Language	4	4	English	n/a
GCSE Science	4, 4	8	Ebacc	n/a
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise & Marketing	Level 2 Distinction	7	Other	n/a
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science	Level 2 Merit	5.5	Other	n/a
GCSE Geography	4	4	Ebacc	n/a
Total		31.5		

Attainment 8 score of 31.5 divided by 10 gives an average grade score of 3.15

The example candidate above has not taken English literature, so his score for English language is not doubled. Furthermore, they have only taken only two EBacc subjects, so there is a score of zero for the third EBacc slot.