

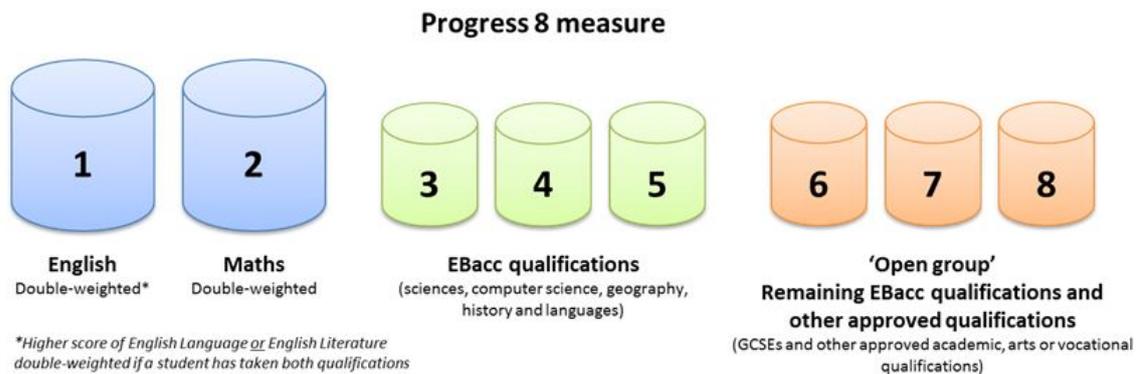
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Dear parent/carer,

Re: New Progress 8 School Performance Measures

I am writing in order to help you make sense of the government's new Progress 8 measures for school performance. This is the new way the government measures how well students make progress at secondary school and it replaces the 5A*-C grades including maths and English. Progress 8 aims to capture the progress a student makes from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school. It is a type of value added measure, which means that students' results are compared to the actual achievements of other students with the same prior attainment.

Progress 8 includes how well students of all abilities have done in their school and whether they get better or worse grades at GCSE compared with students in other schools. It includes eight qualifications divided into 4 'buckets' as shown below and is calculated for the GCSE cohort of each school.



This is then compared to the national average of students with similar academic starting positions based on the KS 2 English and maths assessments (SATs). Almost all secondary schools will have a Progress 8 score of between +1 and -1, with the national average score being zero. Therefore half of the schools in the country will have a positive score and half will have a negative score.

At Skipton Girls' High School we are very proud to tell you that our Progress 8 score for 2016 is +0.46.

A Progress 8 score of +1 means that on average students have achieved one grade higher in each qualification than similar students across the country. Likewise a score of -1 means that on average students have achieved one grade lower in each qualification than similar students across the country. The provisional 2016 Progress 8 scores for all schools will be available on the Department for Education performance tables website from October, revised data appearing in January 2017. Additional detail explaining Progress 8 is available at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/progress-8-school-performance-measure>

As has historically been the case at Skipton Girls' High School the qualifications your daughter achieves will continue to be what is considered for Post 16 places. I wish your daughter well with her Year 11 studies this year and look forward to celebrating the results with her in August.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Wade