

Now	Post-reform
<p data-bbox="100 145 947 215">5 A*-C grades in English, mathematics and any other three subjects at GCSE</p> <p data-bbox="91 475 958 512">Reported in performance tables, and used for floor standards</p>	<p data-bbox="1093 145 1982 181">1. % of pupils receiving a 'pass' in English and mathematics</p> <p data-bbox="1050 220 2022 435">2. Average point score progress measure - pupils' average scores across a suite of 8 qualifications consisting of: - English and mathematics - 3 further English Baccalaureate (EBacc) subjects - 3 other high value qualifications – EBacc, other academic, arts or vocational.</p> <p data-bbox="1151 475 2018 512">Reported in performance tables, and used for floor standards</p>
<p data-bbox="64 635 983 742">English Baccalaureate (EBacc) – A*-C grades in each of: English, mathematics, 2 x science subjects, history/geography, a foreign language</p> <p data-bbox="300 818 748 855">Reported in performance tables</p>	<p data-bbox="1030 635 2040 705">EBacc remains the same – pass in each of: English, mathematics, 2 x science subjects, history/geography, a foreign language</p> <p data-bbox="1310 818 1758 855">Reported in performance tables</p>
<p data-bbox="479 1270 568 1307">GCSE</p>	<p data-bbox="1176 1214 1895 1251">GCSE (reformed, but the name remains the same)</p> <p data-bbox="1081 1289 1989 1359">[A proposed name change to English Baccalaureate Certificates (EBCs) is not being implemented]</p>

Q & A

What is happening to the EBacc?

- It remains unchanged as a measure published in performance tables consisting of five subject areas (English, mathematics, sciences, history/geography and languages).

But might computer science displace languages in the EBacc?

- Absolutely not. Computer science is not a sixth subject area; it counts as one of the sciences.

What is a floor standard?

- The floor standards for primary and secondary schools represent the minimum level of acceptable performance for a school. The floor standard is based on certain performance indicators, at present the 5 A*-C including English and maths measure. The secondary floor standard was raised to 40% of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs at A*-C, including English and maths from the summer 2012 examinations. All schools use the floor standard indicators to judge their performance.

So what does the 8 subject measure mean for languages?

- The eight subject measure will exist alongside the EBacc, as the current floor standard does. It does not replace the EBacc. It potentially provides more opportunities for pupils to study two (or more) languages, as they could take a language in each of the second and third categories of eligible qualifications.