

Now	Post-reform
<p><b>5 A*-C grades</b> in English, mathematics and any other three subjects at GCSE</p> <p>Reported in performance tables, and used for floor standards</p>	<p>1. % of pupils receiving a <b>‘pass’ in English and mathematics</b></p> <p>2. <b>Average point score</b> progress measure - pupils’ average scores <b>across a suite of 8 qualifications</b> consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English and mathematics</li> <li>- 3 further English Baccalaureate (EBacc) subjects</li> <li>- 3 other high value qualifications – EBacc, other academic, arts or vocational.</li> </ul> <p>Reported in performance tables, and used for floor standards</p>
<p><b>English Baccalaureate (EBacc)</b> – A*-C grades in each of: English, mathematics, 2 x science subjects, history/geography, a foreign language</p> <p>Reported in performance tables</p>	<p><b>EBacc remains the same</b> – pass in each of: English, mathematics, 2 x science subjects, history/geography, a foreign language</p> <p>Reported in performance tables</p>
<p>GCSE</p>	<p>GCSE (reformed, but the name remains the same)</p> <p>[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.