

GCSEs - What's New for 2019

New GCSE Grading Structure															
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	A*		A		B		C	D		E		F		G	U
Old GCSE Grading Structure															

What else is new?

- Tiered exams will no longer be available except for Maths, Science and Modern Languages. Everyone else will study the same exam and the same curriculum.
- Coursework and controlled assessment will largely disappear – please check option booklet carefully for details.
- Vast majority of course is examined at end of Year 11 via terminal examinations. In 2016 – average student took 24.5 hours of exams. In 2020, it will be 33.5 hours.

ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE	PE	RE	OPTIONS
8	6 (8)	10	4	2 (0)	20
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & ENGLISH LITERATURE ENGLISH LANGUAGE*	MATHS	TRIPLE SCIENCES (BIO / CHEM / PHYS) TRILOGY SCI SYNERGY SCI	CORE PE	SHORT COURSE RE	4 'FREE' CHOICES INCLUDING ART DESIGN TECHNOLOGY HUMANITIES COMPUTING LANGUAGES PERFORMING ARTS SPORTS VOCATIONAL GUIDED OPTIONS TO SUPPORT LEARNING
2 / 1	1	2 / 3	0	0.5	4

English Baccalaureate: What Is It?

The 'EBacc' as it is known is not an additional qualification. It is a group of subjects which includes GCSE courses in:

- **English, Maths and Science** (all of which will be studied as core subjects by all students.)
- plus a **Modern Foreign Language**
- plus either **History OR Geography**

To obtain the “English Baccalaureate” you must get a grade ‘5’ or better in English, Maths, Science, a modern language and either Geography **OR** History.

EBacc is not compulsory and will not be appropriate for some students.

However, it is a preferred foundation model for the Dept. of Education and does facilitate what is called the ‘academic basket.’

Academic Entry Basket: GCSE grade Cs in any 5 of the following 'core' subjects (short GCSEs count as half grade)

- . Business Studies
- . Computer Science
- . English Language **
- . English Literature
- . Foreign Language
- . Geography
- . History

**GCSE Grade 4 will be required for English and Maths

- . Law
- . Maths **
- . Music
- . Philosophy
- . Psychology
- . Religious Studies
- . Science (separates / trilogy / synergy)
- . Sociology

Progress 8:

<p style="text-align: center;">Basket 1 (2 slots)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The English / Maths Basket</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Basket 2 (3 slots)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 'EBacc' Basket</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Basket 3 (3 slots)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 'Free Choice' Basket</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English Language and / or English Literature (<i>maximum of one slot</i>) ● Maths (1 slot) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sciences (<i>up to 3 slots</i>) ● French ● Spanish ● Geography ● History ● Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any other full course GCSE (including 'extra' EBacc or Literature) ● Any accredited non-GCSE course
<p><i>Each result in basket 1 is double counted in the final measure. This is meant to reflect the importance of Maths and English.</i></p>	<p><i>Up to 3 'EBacc' subjects can be counted – the 3 highest grades are taken if more than 3 are studied.</i></p>	<p><i>Up to 3 other full course qualifications can be counted including any 'extras' from basket 1 or basket 2. To count a qualification must be identified as P8 in the options booklet.</i></p>

Why does it matter?

How is Progress 8 Calculated?

Results in the 'basket' subjects are added together to give a total. The highest possible combination of results are automatically used. An example is given below:

KS4 results		
Basket 1: English / Maths	Basket 2: EBacc	Basket 3: Free Choice
GCSE English Language (8)	GCSE Synergy Science (6, 6)	GCSE Art (8)
GCSE English Literature (6)	GCSE Spanish (7)	GCSE RE (5) (full course)
GCSE Maths (6)	GCSE History (8)	GCSE English Literature (6)
		GCSE Synergy Science (6)
Point Scores for results		
GCSE English Language: 8	GCSE History: 8	GCSE Art: 8
GCSE Maths: 6	GCSE Spanish: 7	GCSE English Literature: 6
	GCSE Synergy Science: 6	GCSE Synergy Science: 6
Total: 28 (8+6) x 2	Total: 21	Total: 20

- The scores for all 3 baskets are then added together. The example above would give a score of 69 (Remember scores for English and Maths are counted twice.)

- The total score is then divided by 10 to get an average score. So the example above would give a Progress 8 score of 6.9 (69 divided by 10.)
- This score is compared with the Progress 8 score of everyone with the same KS2 score.
Year 9 Reports / Exam Results

Subject	GCSE Pathway	Expected Progress
MUSIC MR GREEN	7+	Meeting expectations
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY MS PURPLE	5+	Meeting expectations
HISTORY MR ORANGE	6+	Working above expectations

Subject	GCSE Pathway	Expected Progress
ART MISS VIOLET	7+	Working below expectations