

UNDERSTANDING ATTAINMENT 8

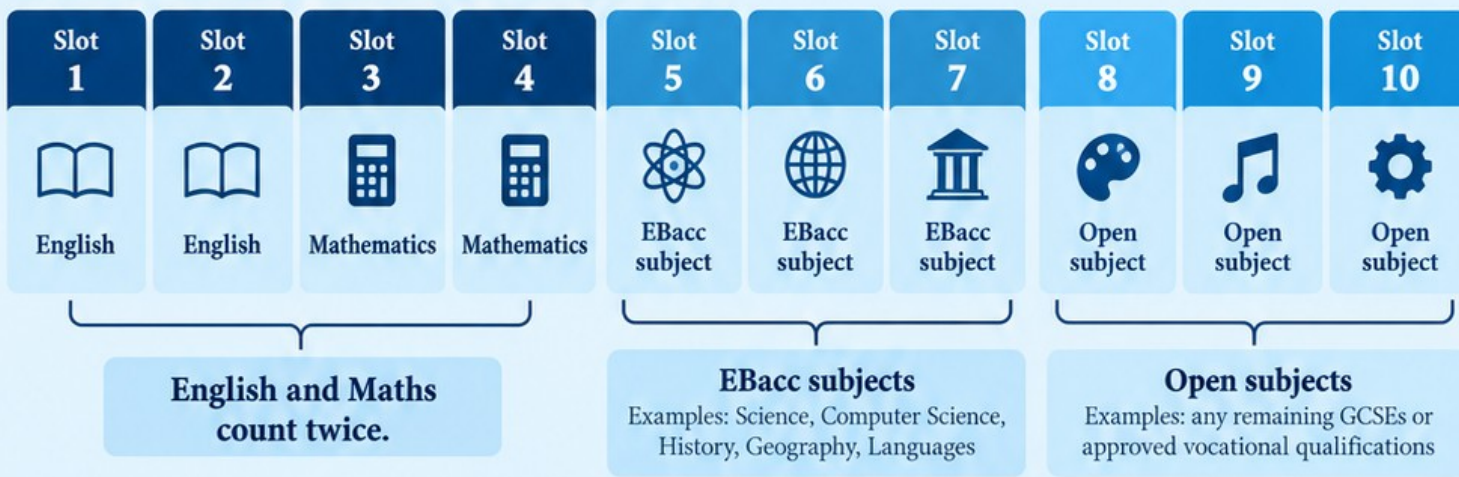
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Attainment 8 is a national measure that shows how well students have performed across a range of subjects at GCSE. It is based on the best 8 qualifications, which account for 10 subject slots, with English and Maths counting twice.

HOW ATTAINMENT 8 IS BUILT



HOW THE SCORE IS CALCULATED

- 1 Each qualification receives points equal to the grade achieved (for example, Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 5 = 5 points).
- 2 English and Maths are double weighted, so they count twice in the total.
- 3 The best three EBacc qualifications fill the EBacc slots.
- 4 The final three slots are filled by the best remaining approved qualifications.
- 5 The Attainment 8 score is the total points across all 10 slots.

WHAT DOES IT TELL US?

- It shows overall achievement across a broad range of subjects.
- A higher score means stronger attainment across the curriculum.
- Schools often use it alongside Progress 8 to understand student outcomes.

EXAMPLE

Here is an example of how an Attainment 8 score is calculated:

English Grade 5 (counts twice)	+	Maths Grade 6 (counts twice)	+	Three EBacc subjects Grades 5, 5 and 4	+	Three Open subjects Grades 6, 5 and 5	=	Total Attainment 8 score
10 points (5 × 2)		12 points (6 × 2)		14 points (5 + 5 + 4)		16 points (6 + 5 + 5)		52

A score of 52 means 52 points across the 10 Attainment 8 slots.

Attainment 8 is a national measure used to reflect achievement across a broad curriculum.