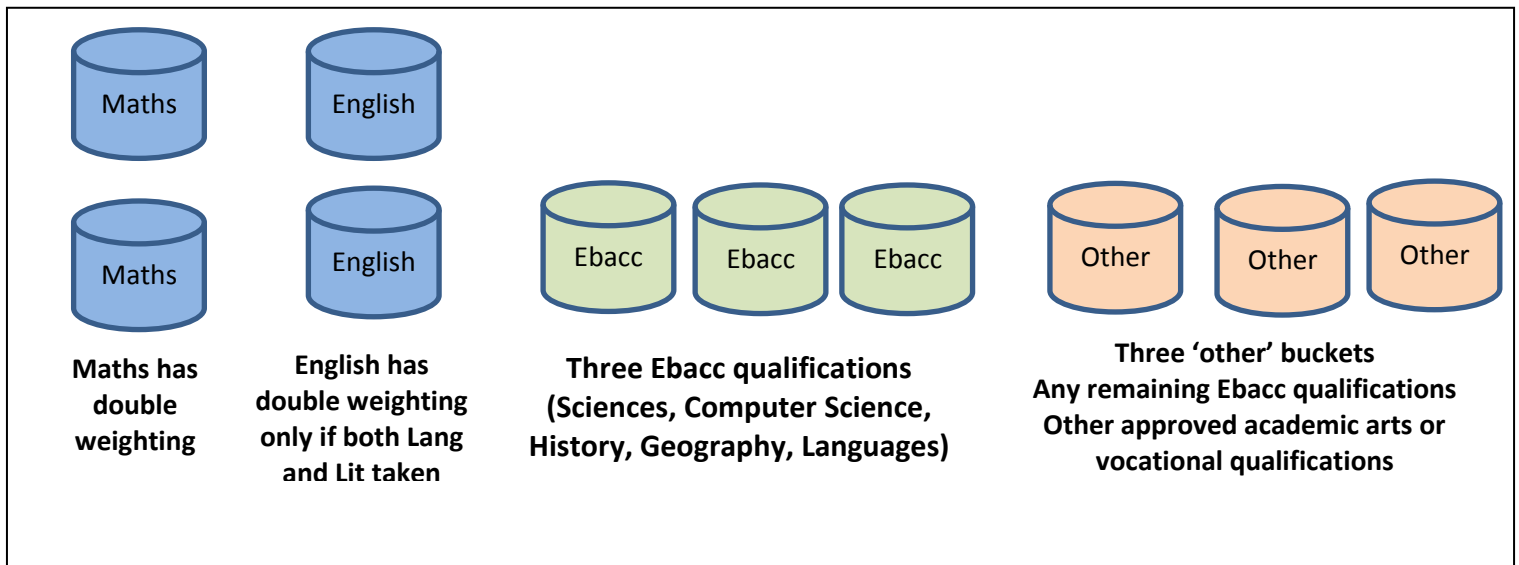


What is Attainment 8 ?

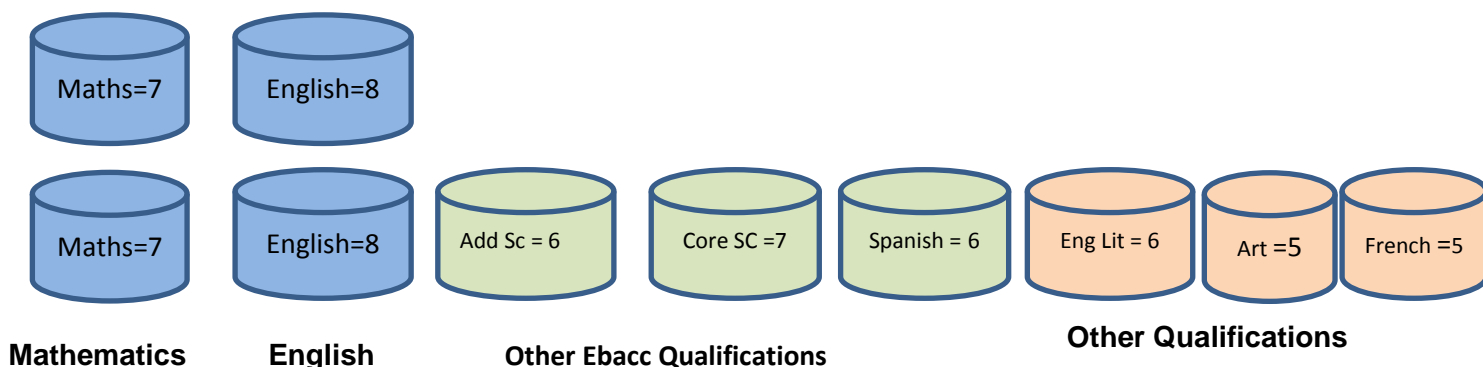
Attainment 8 is the average score obtained by a student for their best 8 GCSE results. Not just any 8 though.....



Example A

Qualification (GCSE)	Student Grade	Include in Buckets	Bucket	Doubled	Total points
Maths	7	yes	Maths	yes	14
English Lang	8	yes	English	yes	16
English Lit	6	yes	Other	no	6
Additional Science	6	yes	Ebacc	no	6
Art	5	yes	Other	no	5
Core Science	7	yes	Ebacc	no	7
French	5	yes	Other	no	5
Spanish	6	yes	Ebacc	no	6
9 th Subject	4	no	None left		

9th subject not counted as all buckets filled in and the best 8 grades used.



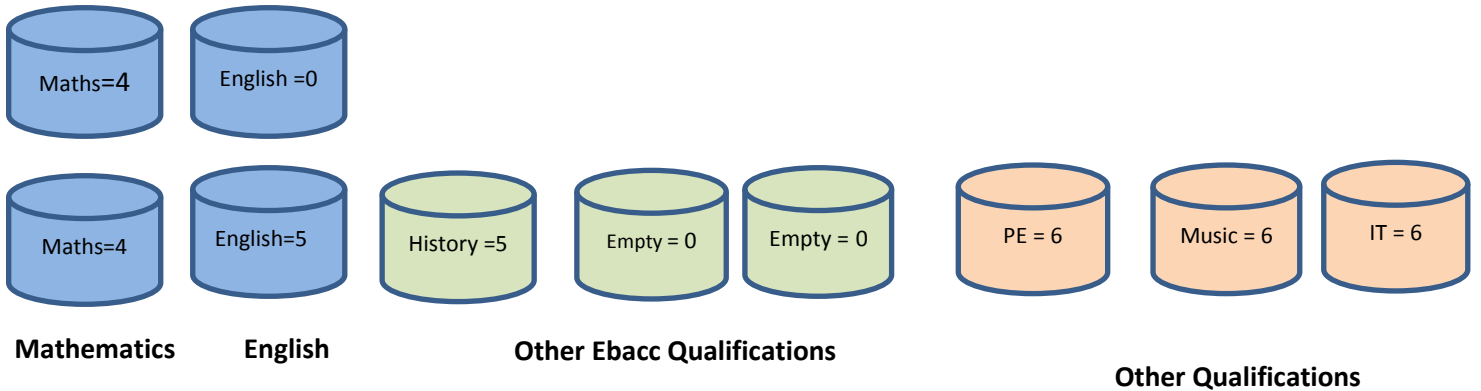
$$\text{Attainment 8 score} = (7+7) + (8+8) + 6 + 7 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 5$$

$$= 65$$

Dividing the Attainment 8 score by 10 gives a pupil's average grade. In this case it is 6.5

Example B

Qualification	Student Grade	Include in Buckets	Bucket	Doubled	Total points
GCSE Maths	4	yes	Maths	yes	8
GCSE English Lang	5	yes	English	no	5
GCSE History	5	yes	Ebacc	no	5
BTEC Physical Education	6	yes	Other	no	6
BTEC Music	5	yes	Other	no	5
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in IT	5	yes	Other	no	5
Princes trust	Merit	no	No bucket	no	



$$\text{Attainment 8 score} = (4 + 4) + (5 + 0) + 5 + 0 + 0 + 6 + 5 + 5$$

$$= 34$$

Divide by 10 and Student B has an attainment 8 score of 3.4

English Literature not taken so that English is not doubled. Only one Ebacc subject taken, so scores zero in two of the three Ebacc buckets. Only three of the four vocational subjects count.

The BEST 8 GCSE grades are used to fill in the buckets according to the rules given.

NEW GCSE grades

KS3 Levels				8	7	6	5	4	3		
Old GCSE Grade	A*		A	B		C	D	E	F	G	U
New GCSE grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		U