

## **Policy on Admissions Year 12 Sept 2021**

The Academy Trust of Bishop Stopford School is the Admissions Authority and is therefore responsible for all the admissions to the school.

The Core Values of the school which relate specifically to this policy state that we are working together to form relationships based on:

- **Faith**
- **Justice**
- **Truth**
- **Responsibility**
- **Compassion**

Such values contribute to the school's common purpose of 'Striving for high quality education with a strong Christian ethos.'

### **Introduction**

All A Levels are two year linear programmes of study. They are intentionally academic: coursework has reduced significantly and challenging content which is examined in formal end of two year examinations has been developed in conjunction with higher education institutions.

Entry requirements for A Levels are therefore important. Students' attainment at GCSE is measured in an 'Attainment 8' score and this, therefore, is the standard measure used for entry to Bishop Stopford School's Sixth Form (BSS6). (Appendix 1)

### **Admission Criteria**

Governors will automatically allocate places to:

1. Students from Bishop Stopford School who have *both*
  - An Attainment 8 score of 50 or more (Appendix 2), *and*
  - A GCSE pass in English at least grade 5 and in Maths a grade of at least a 4
  - Additionally, individual subjects' entry requirements need to be met for students to undertake that course.
2. Students from other schools, who have *both*
  - met the same criteria as those from Bishop Stopford School, outlined above, *and*
  - up to the stated admission number (75).

Any application with GCSE scores between 45 and 50 will be considered on an individual basis to identify appropriate courses.

If there are more applications than places available, the following criteria will be used to allocate places to students from other schools:

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

1. A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Places will be awarded to those students who live nearest to the school. We will use the Northamptonshire County Council's GIS computer system to determine the distance of the applicant's permanent home from the school (Headlands entrance).
3. If there are still places on specific courses then the school may consider admitting over the PAN. As a guide, 27 is the maximum number of students for an 'A' Level group.

### **Other Information**

To ensure that the school is in a position to offer 75 external places when the results are known, more than 75 conditional places may be offered to external candidates. When offering conditional places, dependent upon exam results, the admission number of 75 should always be considered. When the Sixth Form conditional offers have been made, a reserve list will be held. Should a place become available, the school's Sixth Form Admission criteria will be applied to those on the reserve list to determine who will be offered the vacant place

### **In-Year admissions**

For in-year admissions, please contact Sixth Form Administrator on 01536 359422 or email [sixthformadmissions@bishopstopford.com](mailto:sixthformadmissions@bishopstopford.com) for further details.

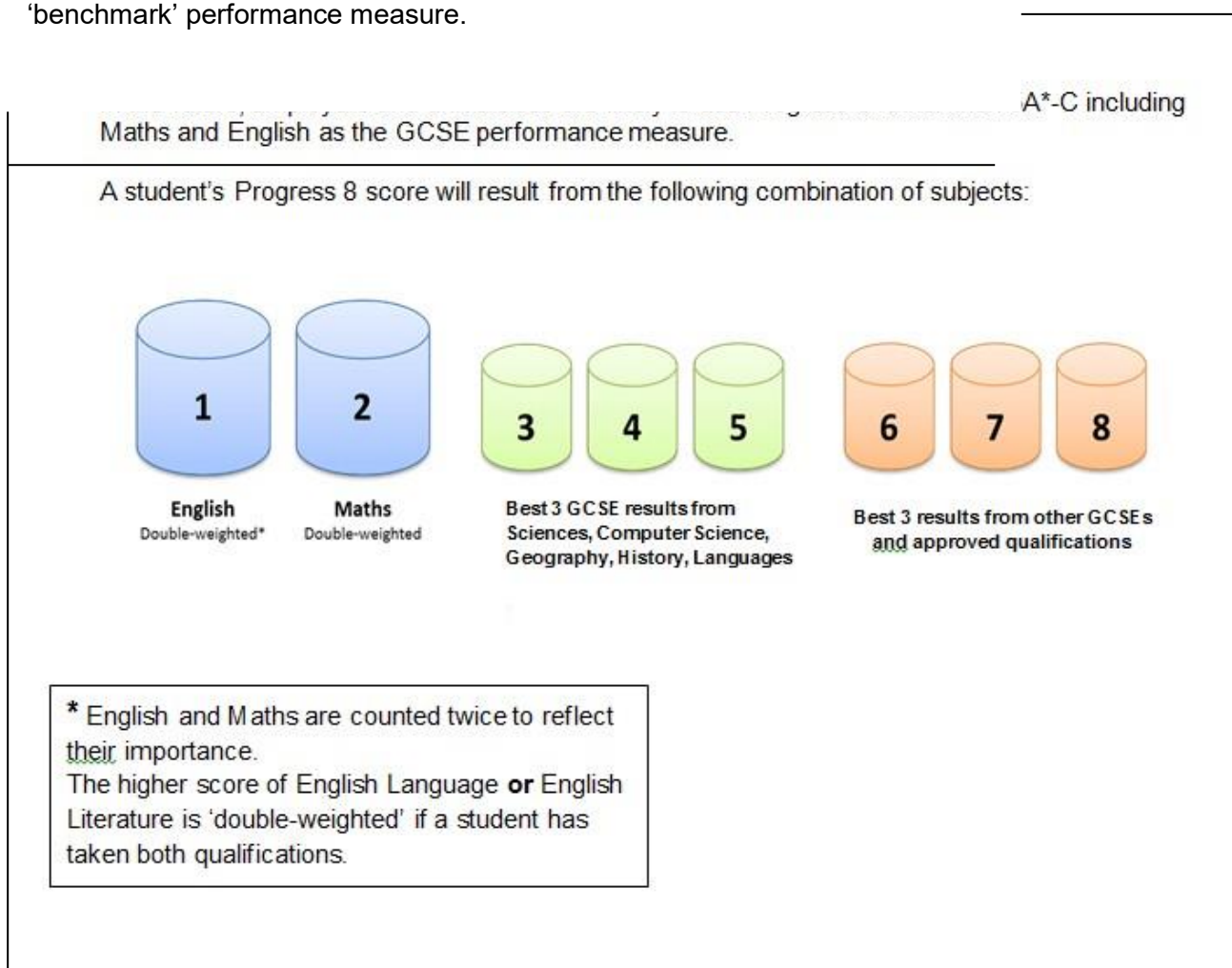
**Right of Appeal** Should an applicant be refused a place, parents have the right to appeal against the governors' decision to an Appeals Panel set up by the Diocesan Board of Education. Parents wishing to appeal should contact:

The Appeals Administrator  
Diocesan Board of Education  
Bouverie Court,  
6 The Lakes  
Northampton  
NN4 7YD  
Tel: 01604 887006

## Appendix 1

### Attainment 8

In the future, employers and universities will use students' results in their best 8 subjects, rather than 5A\*-C including Maths and English as the 'benchmark' performance measure.



## Appendix 2

### GCSE Conversion Table

The grade values of 'legacy' GCSEs, as they convert to the new grading system of 9-1, rather than A\*-G.

Grade	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	A*
Value	1	1.5	2	3	4	5.5	7	8.5

