

## Glossary

**English Baccalaureate** - The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is not a qualification in its own right. To meet EBacc criteria, a pupil must have obtained a grade A\* to C in English, maths, two sciences, history or geography (referred to as humanities), and an ancient or modern foreign language.

**DfE statistical first release** – the first official release of data from the Department of Education. This is not final data and is liable to alter slightly in subsequent releases.

**Good Level of Development (GDL)** – Assessment of children in reception year of school (age 5) in relation to early learning goals. Children must reach 'expected' levels in 12 key areas.

**Early Learning Goals** – children are assessed to be 'emerging', 'meeting' or 'exceeding' expectations for: personal, social and emotional development; physical development; communication and language. There are 12 core Early Learning Goals.

**Pupil Premium** – pupils who have been in receipt of Free School Meals at any time in the past 6 years, are In Care or Adopted from Care (2014 data does not yet include the latter two groups).

**Phonics** – the Phonics Screening Test was introduced in 2013 to test pupils ability to read words phonetically.

**Quartile data** – used to compare performance to other local authorities by calculating the best 25% (top quartile), the weakest 25% (bottom quartile) and the upper and lower middle groups.

**First entry** – A pupils first attempt at a GCSE which may be in Year 10 or even Year 9.

**Best entry** – A pupils best grade for a GCSE. This may have been taken at a later date to the First Entry.