

Thomas Telford School

Early Entry Examinations – Policy Statement

In late September 2013 the Government announced that students GCSE results achieved on any attempt other than the first would not count in school performance tables from 2014 onwards. Students would nevertheless still continue to be credited with the best grade achieved if more than one attempt was taken and employers and universities would continue to use the highest grade achieved for application purposes. However, schools could not be credited with students higher grade achievements.

At Thomas Telford School, the Governors have endorsed the policy for the continuation of early entry for examinations where it is in the best interests of the students. This means that the media or the DfE will report figures only on the basis of first entry, which in the case of Thomas Telford School is misleading the public regarding the students' actual achievement. The School will therefore publish its own figures informing the public of the actual and real achievements of the students.

Our parents will always be informed when early entry is being instigated and our policy is to re- enter a student until they at least meet or exceed their predicted grades, which will continue to be set higher than national norms.

Sir Kevin Satchwell
Headmaster