

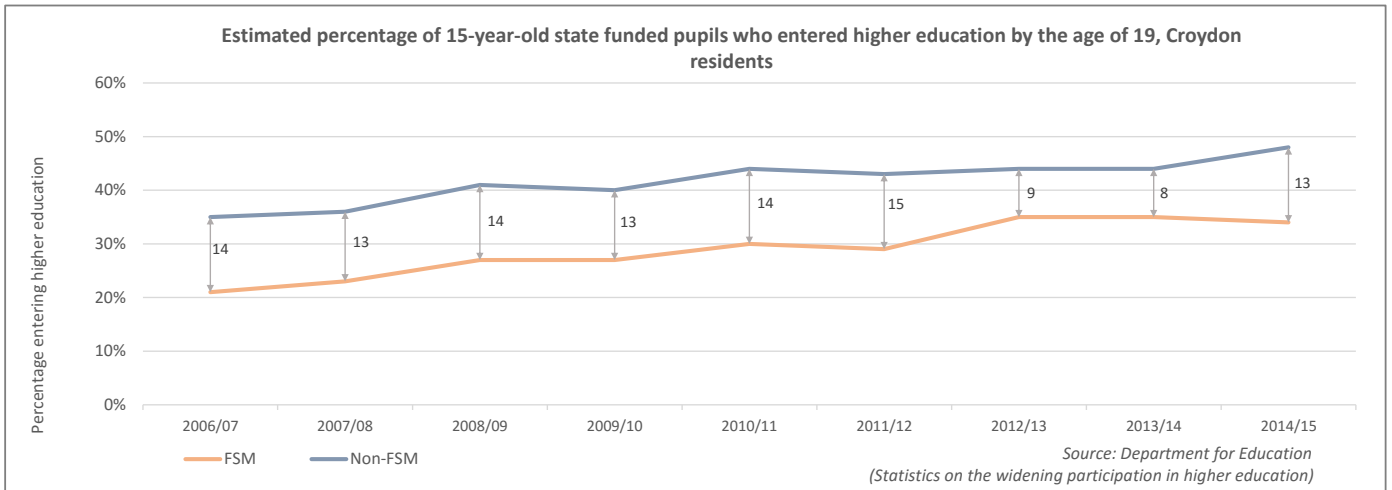
Progression to Higher Education in Croydon

On 3rd August 2017, the Department for Education released the annual participation in higher education statistics <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/widening-participation-in-higher-education-2017>

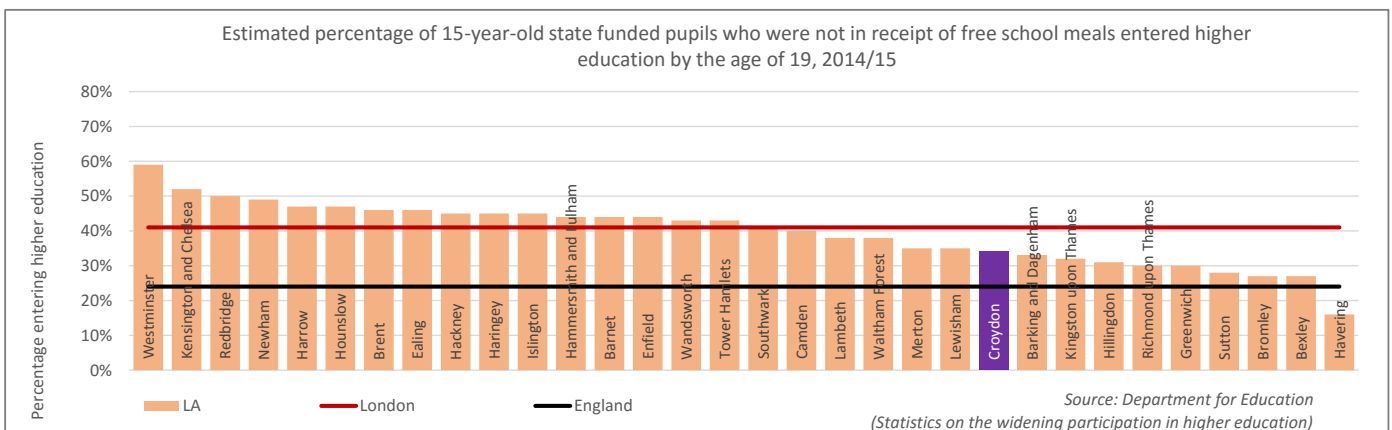
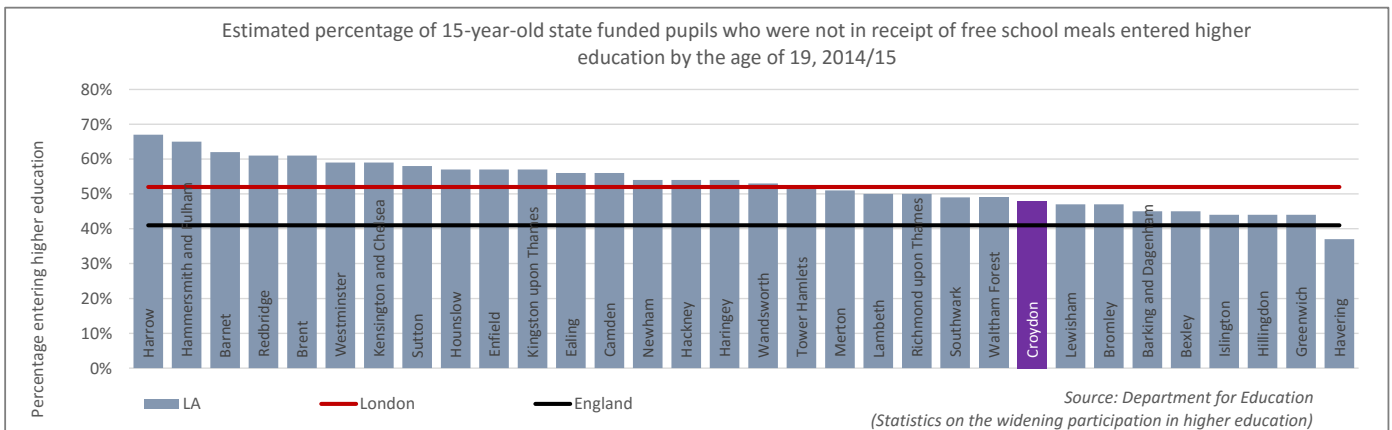
The figures estimate the percentage of 15 year olds in state funded education eligible for free school meals (FSM) who progressed to higher education by the age of 19. The 2014/15 cohort includes those who entered Higher Education aged 18 in 2013/14 or aged 19 in 2014/15.

In Croydon, an estimated 34% of pupils who were in receipt of free school meals aged 15 entered higher education by age 19 by 2014/15. This compares to 48% of non-FSM pupils. The estimated proportions in Croydon are higher than those seen across England but lower than those seen across London.

The gap in progression rates between FSM and non-FSM pupils rose this year, from 8 to 13 percentage points between 2013/14 and 2014/15. The gap within Croydon had varied between 13 and 15 percentage points since 2005/06 apart from in 2012/13 and 2013/14 where the gap narrowed.



In 2014/15, Croydon had the ninth lowest estimated percentage of those without free-school meals progressing to higher education and the tenth lowest estimated percentage of those with free-school meals progressing to higher education within London.



Notes on the data:

The FSM measure covers pupils from English state-funded schools and special schools who have progressed to HE in UK Higher Education Providers and English Further Education Colleges. The measure uses matched data which takes longer to become available and should be considered as estimates. Pupils progressing to alternative providers are excluded from this publication.