

Young People's Education and Skills Operational Sub-Group

GCSE, GCE, Applied GCE A/AS level Performance

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Summary On 24 January 2013, the Department for Education (DfE) published Statistical First Releases (SFRs) covering achievement at GCSE, GCE, Applied GCE A/AS level and other equivalent qualifications in 2011/12. This paper provides a headline summary of London's performance for these qualifications.

Recommendations OSG members are asked to:

- Note the pan-London and individual borough performance covered in this report.

1 Background

- 1.1 The latest national statistics on GCSE, GCE, Applied GCE A-level and other equivalent qualifications for 2011/12 produced by the DfE were released on 24 January 2013 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. These figures are revisions of the provisional data released in October 2012, and will be finalised later this year.
- 1.3 This paper summarises some of the headline data contained in the SFRs. Further investigation into the data can be undertaken [here](#) for GCSE results and [here](#) for GCE, Applied GCE A/AS equivalent examination results.

2 GCSE Performance in London

- 2.1 The SFR for GCSE examinations and other accredited qualifications is based on data collated for the 2012 secondary school performance tables, which has been checked by schools. The data is based on pupils reaching the end of Key Stage 4, typically those starting the academic year aged 15. All figures cover achievements in state-funded schools only, unless otherwise explicitly stated.

2.2 2011/12 headline performance for London is as follows:-

- 62.3% achieved five or more GCSEs at grade A* to C or equivalent including English and mathematics GCSEs in London. This compares to 59% nationally¹ and is an increase of 0.4% from 2010/11 (see Appendix 1 for a local authority breakdown).
- Nineteen London local authorities saw an improvement in their five or more GCSE at grade A* to C or equivalent including English and mathematics GCSEs results on 2010/11 performance. Sixteen local authorities saw an improvement greater than the overall rate of improvement for the region (0.4%), and three local authorities (Greenwich, Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea) saw an improvement of over 6% (see Appendix 2 for a local authority breakdown).
- 84.1% achieved five or more GCSEs at grade A* to C or equivalent in London. This compares to 83.2% nationally² and is an increase of 2.1% from 2010/11.
- 27% were entered for all of the subject areas of the English Baccalaureate and 19.5% passed every subject area with grades A* to C. This compares to 23.2% and 16.2% nationally³.

3 A Level Point Scores

3.1 The SFR for GCE and Applied GCE A/AS-level examinations and other equivalent qualifications is based on data collated for the 2012 School and College (Key Stage 5) Performance Tables, which have been checked by schools, and covers achievements in all Level 3 qualifications approved under Section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act (2000). The DfE Performance Tables points are used to calculate point scores for all Level 3 qualifications. All figures cover achievements in state-funded mainstream schools, Academies, free schools, maintained special schools and FE Sector Colleges (excluding Independent Schools, pupil referral units and other Government department funded institutions) unless otherwise explicitly stated.

3.2 2011/12 headline performance for London for students aged 16-18 in schools and colleges entered for all Level 3 qualifications is as follows:-

- The average point score per student entered for Level 3 qualifications in 2011/12 was 695.1 in London compared to 714.3 nationally⁴. This is a decrease on the 2010/11 point score of 712.8 (see Appendix 3 for a local authority breakdown).
- Seven London local authorities saw an improvement in their average point score per student on 2010/11 performance. Three local authorities (Southwark, Enfield and Greenwich) saw an improvement of over 20 points (see Appendix 4 for a local authority breakdown). 25 local authorities saw a drop in their average point score per student performance this year, with three local authorities' point scores dropping by more than 50 points.

¹ The national figure including pupils from state-funded schools, independent schools, independent special schools, non-maintained special schools, hospital schools and alternative provision including pupil referral units is 59.4%.

² The national figure including pupils from state-funded schools, independent schools, independent special schools, non-maintained special schools, hospital schools and alternative provision including pupil referral units is 81.8%.

³ The national figures including all pupils from state-funded schools, independent schools, independent special schools, non-maintained special schools, hospital schools and alternative provision including pupil referral units are 25.1% and 18.3%.

⁴ The national figure for all schools and FE colleges, including Independent schools, pupil referral units and other Government department funded institutions is 733.0.

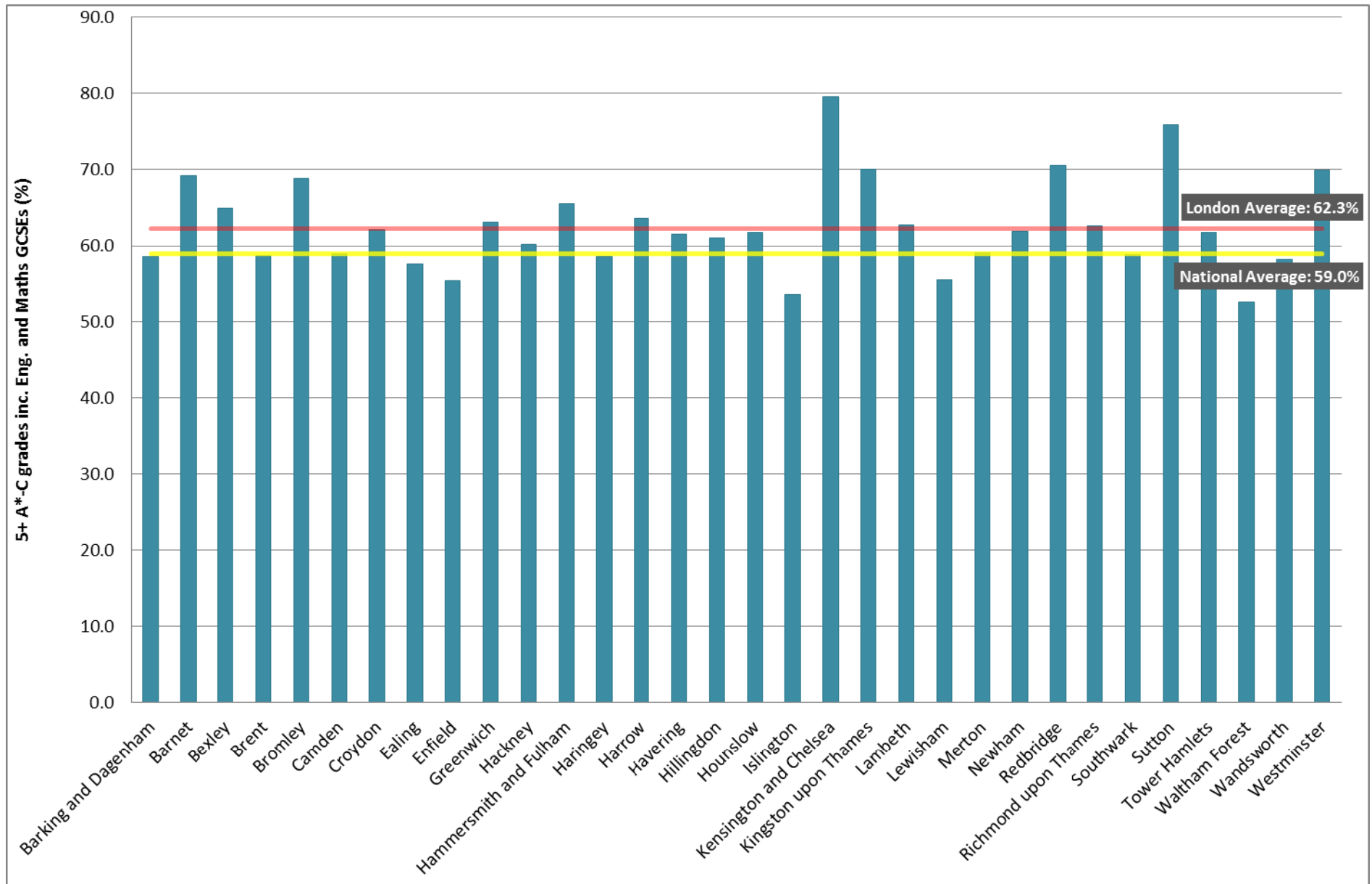
- The average Level 3 point score per entry has decreased to 209.3 compared to an average of 214.5 in 2010/11 and is exactly the same as the national average⁵.
- 94.0% of students achieved passes equivalent in size to at least two GCE/Applied GCE A levels in London. Although this is a decrease of 1.5% on 2010/11 performance, it is higher than the national average of 93.1%⁶.
- For students in London aged 16-18 in schools and colleges entered for GCE/Applied GCE A Level and Double Awards in 2011/12, 9.3% of students achieved three or more A* or A grades at A Level. This compares to 10.0% nationally⁷ and is a decrease of 0.8% from 2010/11.

⁵ The national figure for all schools and FE colleges, including Independent schools, pupil referral units and other Government department funded institutions is 212.8.

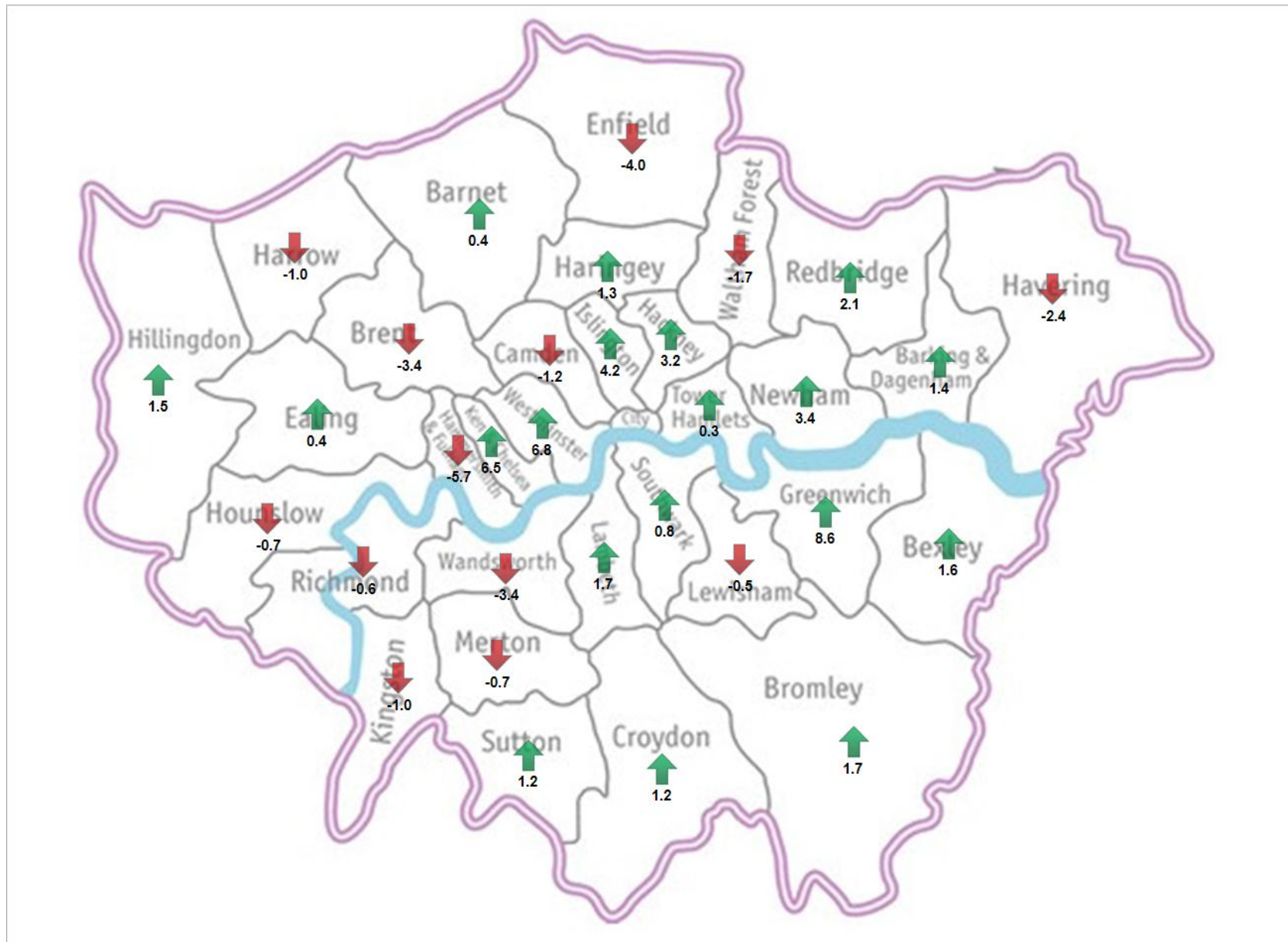
⁶ The national figure for all schools and FE colleges, including Independent schools, pupil referral units and other Government department funded institutions is 93.6%.

⁷ The national figure for all schools and FE colleges, including Independent schools, pupil referral units and other Government department funded institutions is 12.8%.

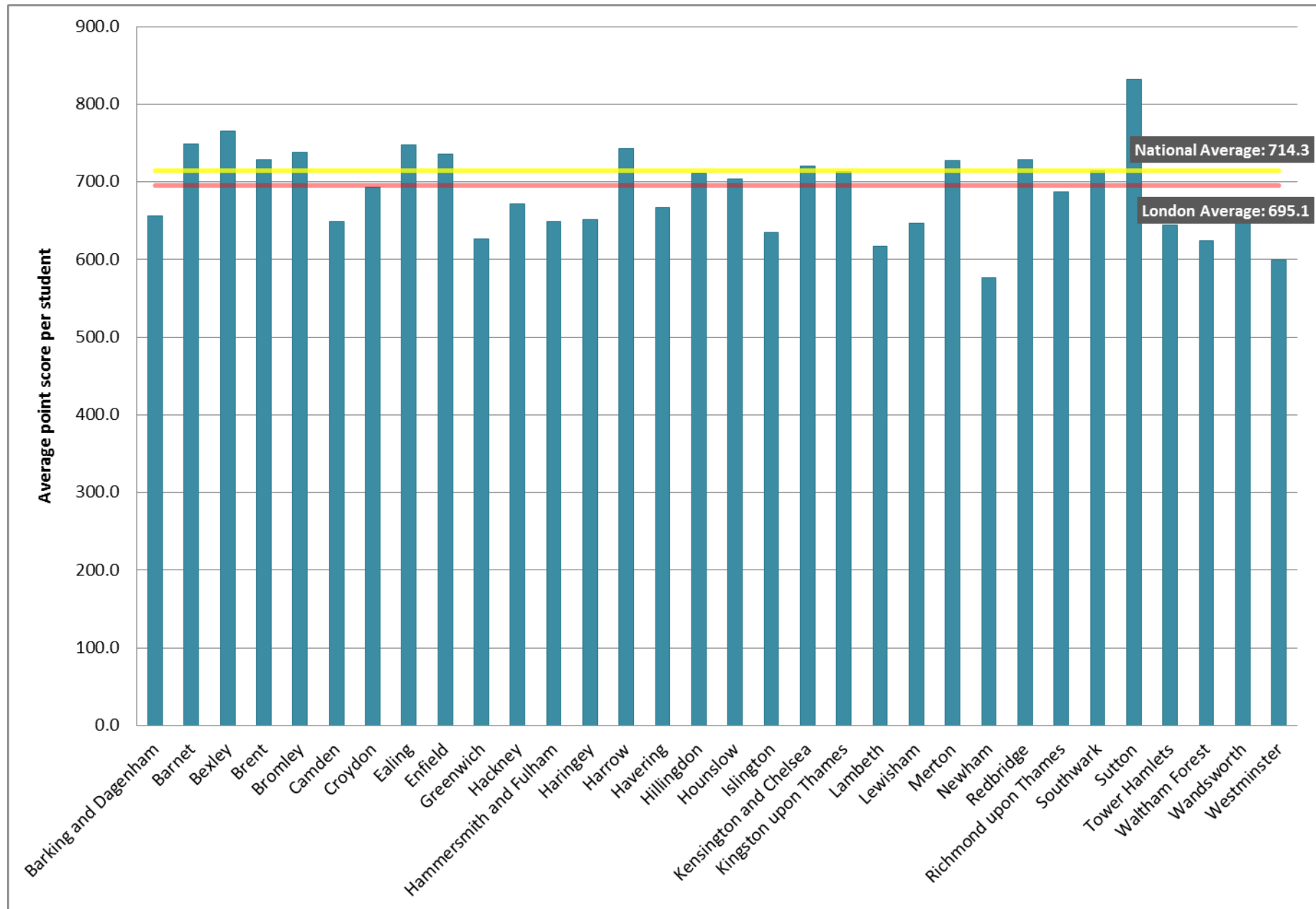
Appendix 1: London local authority breakdown of 5 or more GCSEs at grade A* to C or equivalent including English and mathematics GCSEs in London for 2011/12



Appendix 2: London local authority breakdown of percentage variation for 5 or more GCSEs at grade A* to C or equivalent including English and mathematics GCSEs between 2010/11 and 2011/12



Appendix 3: London local authority breakdown of average point score per student entered for Level 3 qualifications for 2011/12



Appendix 4: London local authority breakdown of average point score per student variation between 2010/11 and 2011/12

