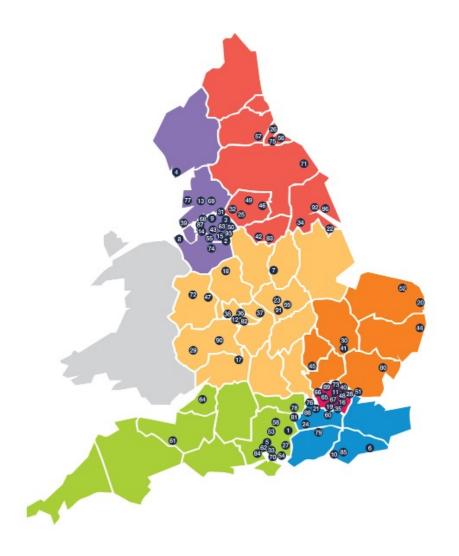




YPES Post 16 Qualifications reform Implications for Sixth forms and Sixth Form Colleges

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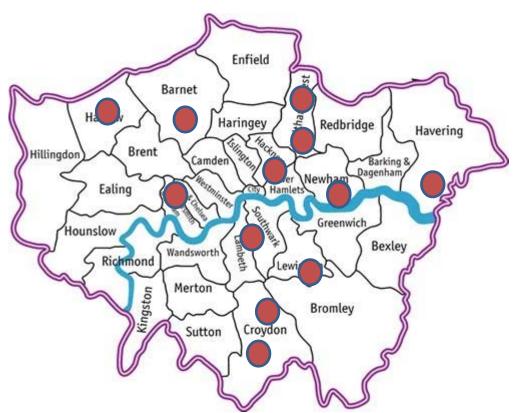




- 94 Sixth Form Colleges
- Over 150,000 full time 16-18 year olds
- 90% studying for a Level 3 qualification
- 1 in 7 of all acceptances to UK Universities attended a SFC
- 20% of all A and AS levels are sat in SFCs







- Coulsdon SFC
- Havering SFC
- Newham SFC
- St Francis Xavier SFC
- St Charles SFC
- St Dominic's SFC
- Woodhouse College
- Bsix Brooke House SFC
- Christ the King SFC
- Leyton SFC
- Sir George Monoux College
- (John Ruskin)





"Delivering the reformed AS and A-levels: a challenge or opportunity for content, assessment and progression?"





What needs reforming?

- Resit culture needs reform
- Remove January resits
- A* as discriminator
- A levels are not broken Ofqual





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Evidence for reform?



- Access to an academic diet
- 40+ A level subjects on offer in most SFCs
- Modular v linear
- Cultural Capital



Content

- Depth will it close the gap?
- Narrowing the offer
- Losing minority subjects
- Insidious messaging



Assessment

- Linearity end testing
- Decoupling AS from A2
- Parallel frameworks logistical mess



Progression

- Social mobility
- 32% from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Closing the gap



Alternatives to 'A' levels

- **IB**
- BTEC Diplomas
- Tech Bacc
- SFBac
- Programmes of Study
 - Maths and English
 - Work Experience











Thank you

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