

# Higher education journey of young Croydon residents 2020

High level summary for Scrutiny – January 2021

# CONTEXT

- Report commissioned and published bi-annually on behalf of all London boroughs by London Councils
- Analysis and report produced by University of East London based on data availability and within agreed scope with London Councils
- London wide and borough level reports produced
- Some limitations on reporting due to available data, cost implications (charge for some data and the analysis) and national HE data collection methodology (e.g. not always consistent with school data collection methodology)
- Most of the post-HE progression/participation information is recorded at a fixed point 6 months after graduation via the HE survey which is conducted by HE institutions. This has a c78% response rate. Plans to move the timing of this survey to 15 months after graduation

# KEY POINTS – 2020 CROYDON REPORT

- Croydon is typically in line with London trends
- Approximately 42% of Croydon residents progress to HE (London 44% & National 35%)
- Gender split is stable with more female (54%) than male (46%) progressing into HE
- Ethnicity participation is broadly in line with our population demographics
- Steady year on year increase in black British and black African residents entering HE (slight fall in some other ethnic groups. These are more likely to be studying at Post-92 former polytechnics than their white, Asian and Chinese peers
- White, Chinese and some other Asian group residents are more likely to be studying at Russell Group institutions than their peers from other ethnic groups
- Croydon residents continue to study predominantly at London and the South East institutions— possibly related to the extensive choice of HE available in London and the home counties

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- Russell group graduates are most likely to enter higher managerial and professional occupations with higher salaries
- Post-92 institution graduates are more likely to be unemployed or enter lower paid jobs following graduation than their peers who graduated from pre-92 & Russell group universities
- Top 5 most popular subject areas studied were: business studies, biological sciences, social studies, creative arts & design and subjects allied to medicine
- Increasing % of graduates achieving a good degree (First or 2:1) – 71.6% in 2018/19 which is an increase of 13% over the last 10 years
- Part-time study is falling in popularity

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## Observations:

- Increased number of Croydon young people from previously under-represented groups (including from our deprived wards and some Black ethnic groups) are now entering HE
- White and some Asian groups (e.g. Chinese) young people are more likely to enter HE with higher tariff points, achieve good honours (first or 2:1) and enter higher paid occupations than their peers from other ethnic groups
- Potential impact of pandemic on HE in future years – perception of value for money and associated implications e.g. virtual/blended learning, part-time study, degree level apprenticeships etc.