



Attainment levels have gone up



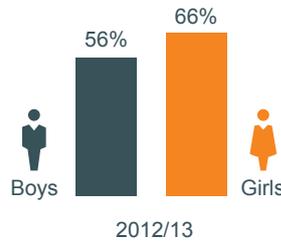
Percentage of pupils in state-funded schools achieving at least five A*-C GCSEs or equivalent, including English and mathematics.



However, there are some gaps in attainment between different groups

Girls continue to do better than boys

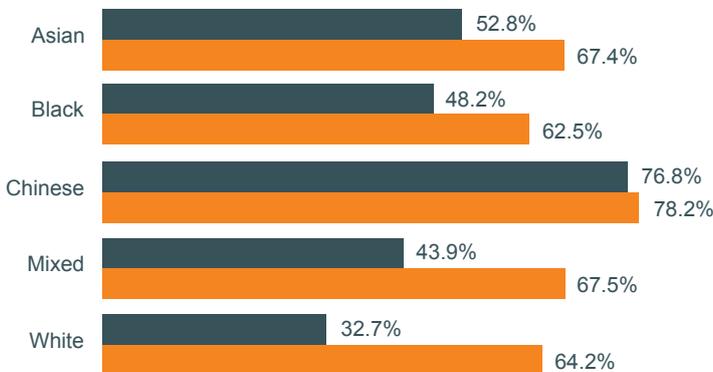
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Chinese pupils in England are consistently high achievers

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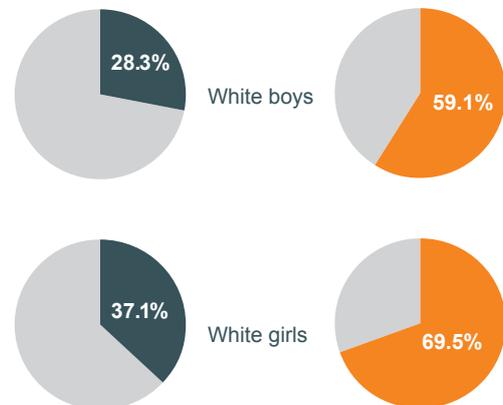
- Free school meals
- Non free school meals



The biggest attainment gaps are among White pupils

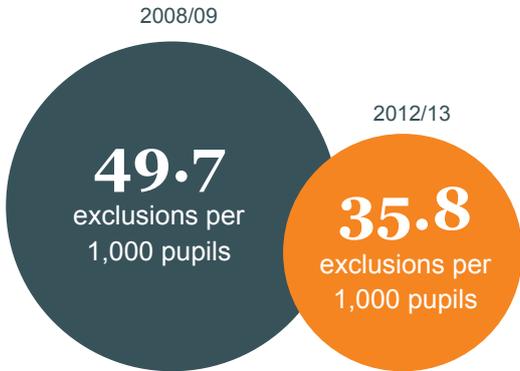
White boys who get free school meals have the lowest attainment levels

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Exclusions from school continue to fall but those most likely to be excluded are often the lowest attainers



This is a decrease of **13.9** cases per 1,000 pupils

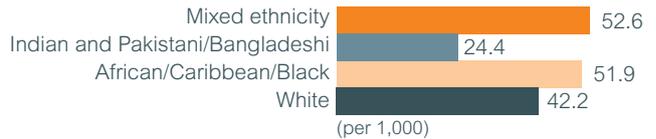


Groups with the highest exclusion rates in 2012/13 included:

Boys compared to girls:



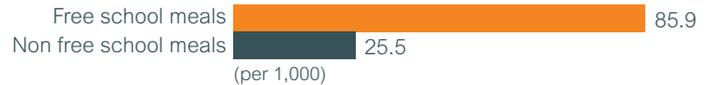
Mixed ethnicity, Indian and Pakistani/Bangladeshi and African/Caribbean/Black children compared to White children:



Children with Special Education Needs (SEN) compared to without:



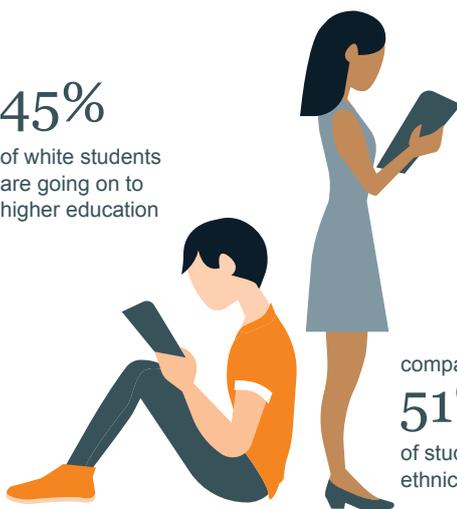
Pupils eligible for free school meals compared to pupils not eligible for free school meals:



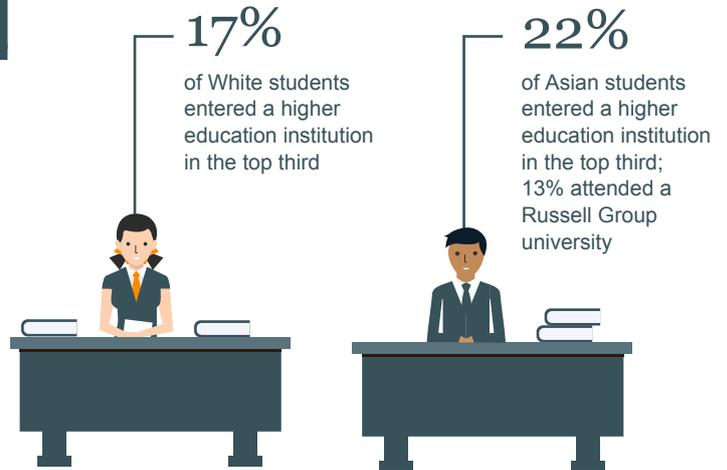
There are still gaps in higher education participation

(2013/14 data)

45%
of white students
are going on to
higher education



compared to
51%–64%
of students from
ethnic minorities



Whereas despite their overall high participation in higher education only...

15%
of Black students attended an
institution ranked in the top third;
7% attended a Russell Group
university



Using the evidence that we have gathered, there are areas where England has improved and got fairer, and areas where it has got worse. Improvements need to be made across the board to really aim for a fairer England.

All references available at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/IsEnglandFairer