

### **MTM UK Independent Education Sector Report**

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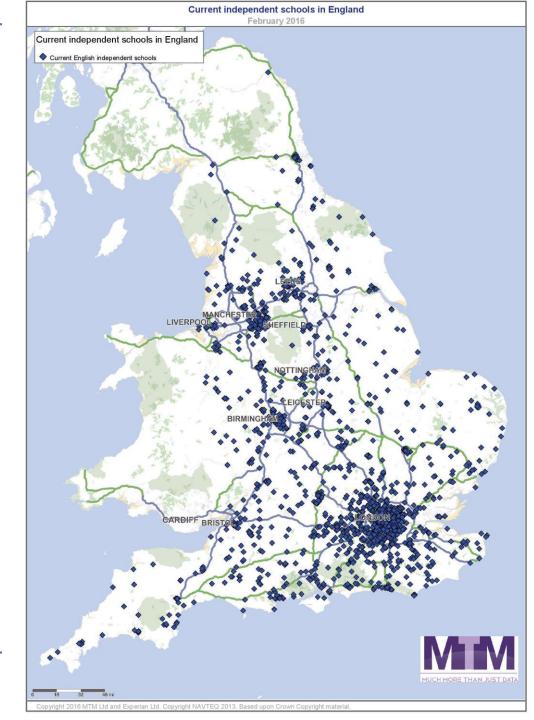
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### Locations

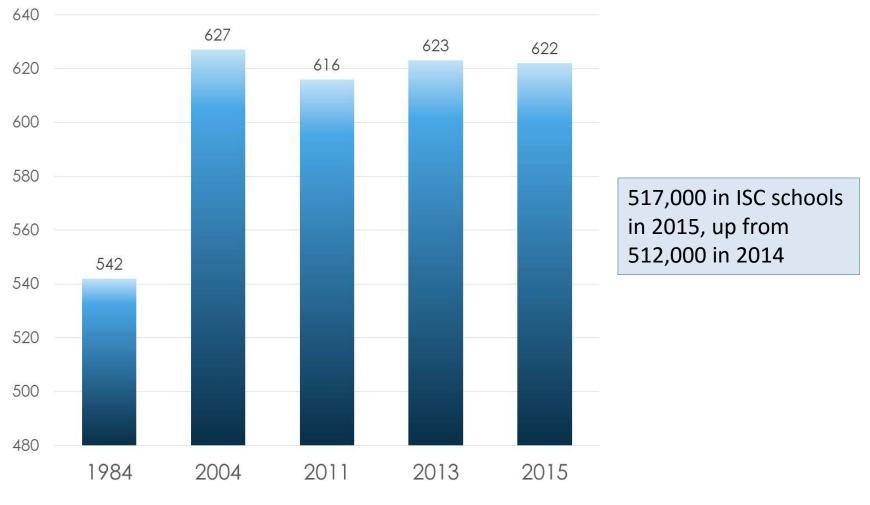
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### **Total numbers of pupils**

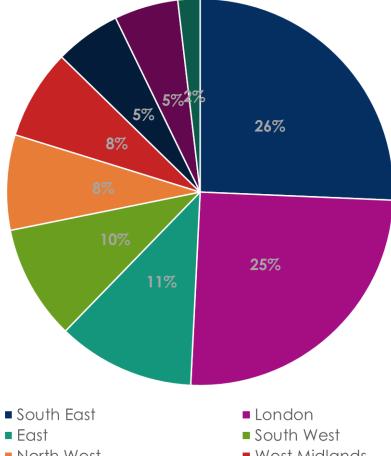
Number of fee-paying pupils in GB ('000)



Data from DfE



### **The Regions**



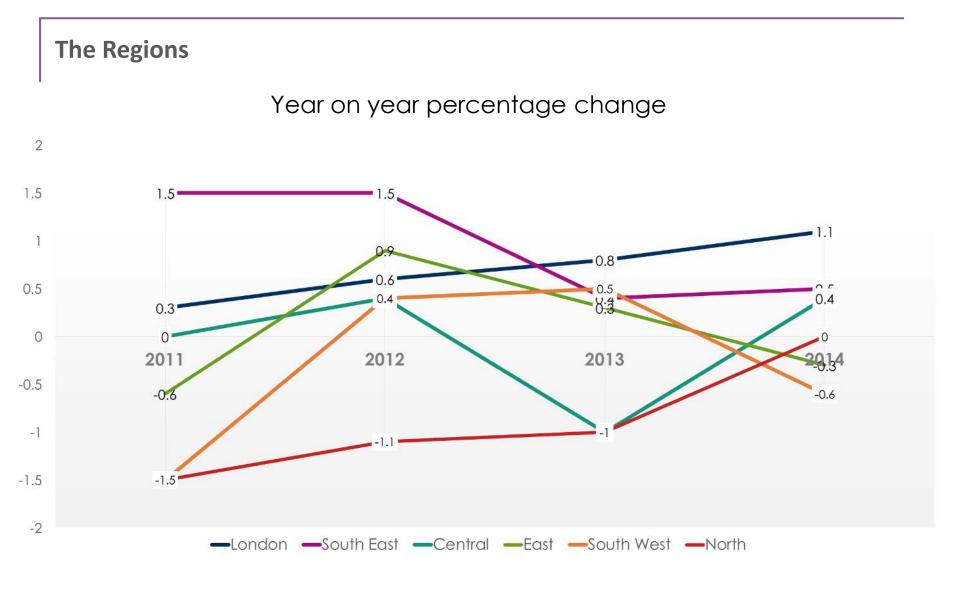
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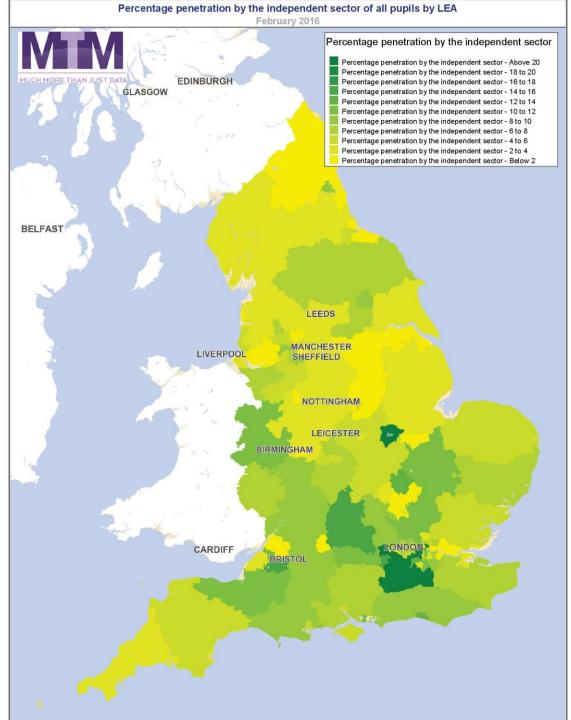




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# The Regions – Penetration by independent schools



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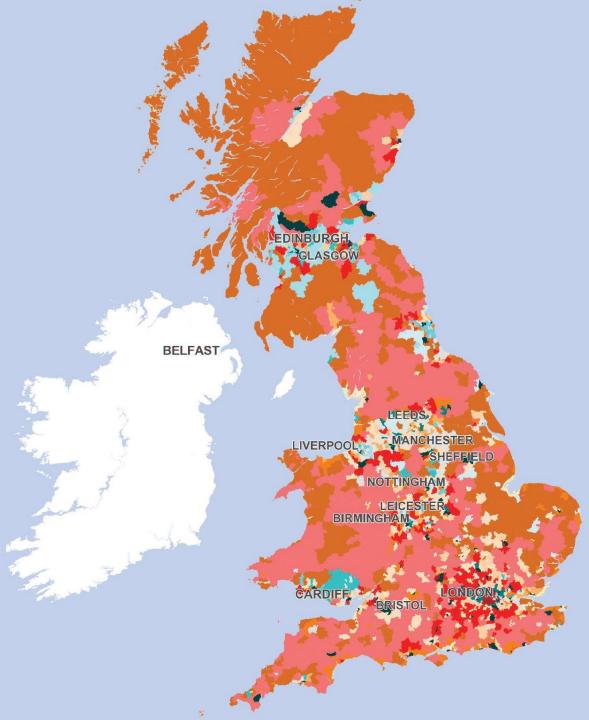


## The Regions – Why London?

Dominant Mosaic Group - A City Prosperity Dominant Mosaic Group - B Prestige Positions Dominant Mosaic Group - C Country Living Dominant Mosaic Group - D Rural Reality Dominant Mosaic Group - E Senior Security Dominant Mosaic Group - F Suburban Stability Dominant Mosaic Group - G Domestic Success Dominant Mosaic Group - H Aspiring Homemakers Dominant Mosaic Group - I Family Basics Dominant Mosaic Group - I Family Basics Dominant Mosaic Group - J Transient Renters Dominant Mosaic Group - K Municipal Challenge Dominant Mosaic Group - L Vintage Value Dominant Mosaic Group - M Modest Traditions Dominant Mosaic Group - N Urban Cohesion Dominant Mosaic Group - O Rental Hubs

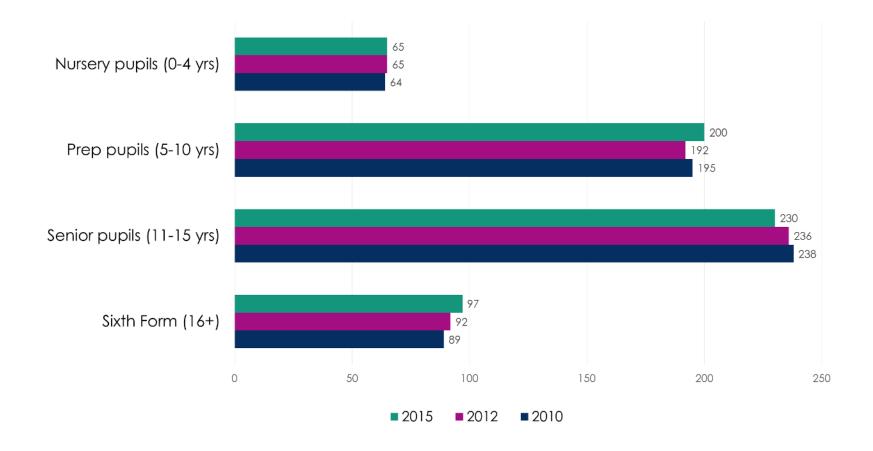
Data from MTM catchment analysis



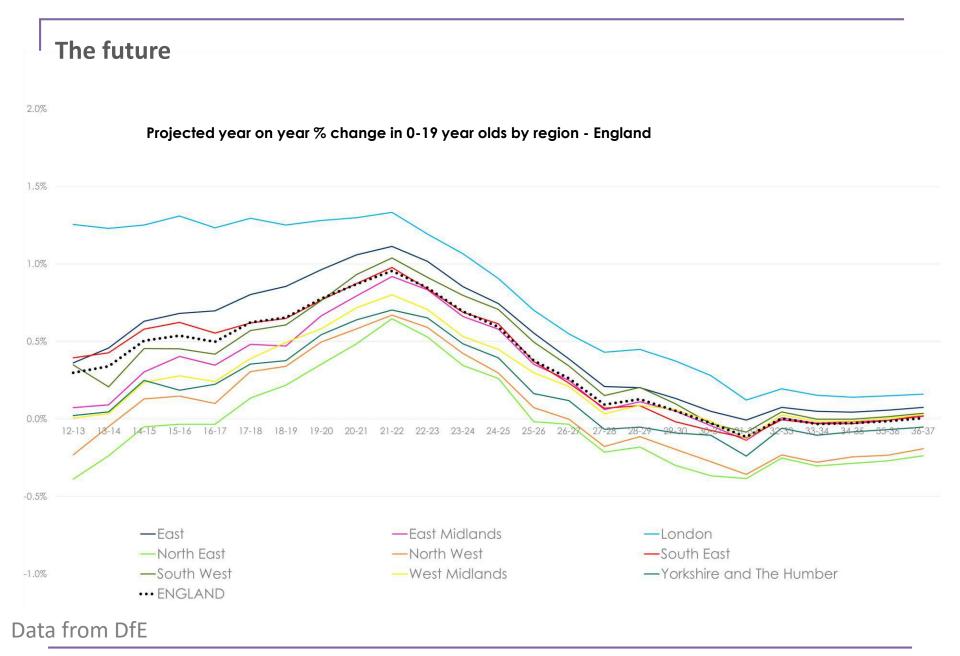


#### **The Sections**

### Number of fee-paying pupils by section in England & Wales ('000s per year)

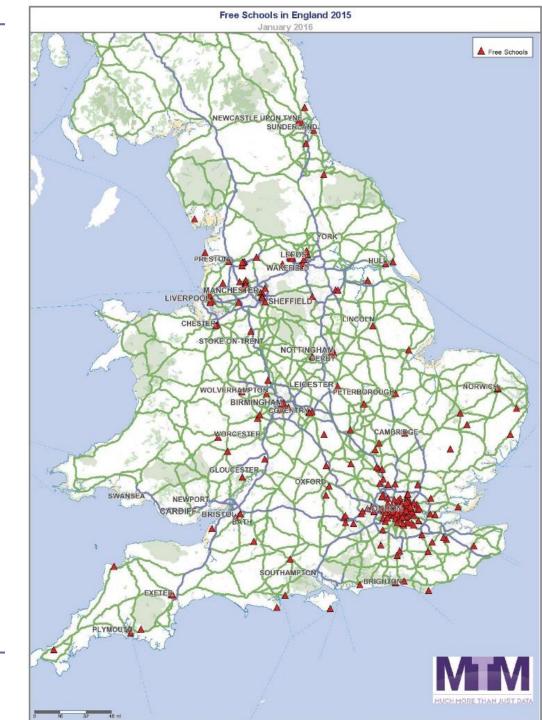








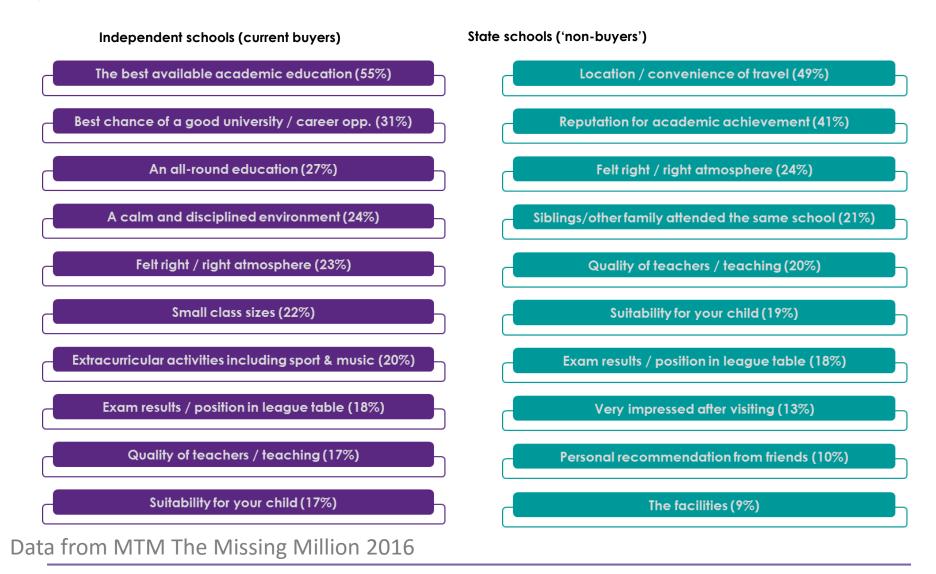
### The free schools



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### The importance of a niche – reasons for school choice





### Any questions?







# Positioning for independent schools Where's our niche?

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# what is

# positioning?

a marketing strategy that aims to make a brand occupy a distinct position, relative to competing brands, in the mind of the customer



### what are their aims?

expand? improve?

research

### understand their personalities

strengths? weaknesses?

swot analysis

### who are their customers?

yours? not yours?

customer profile

# who are our competitors?



### what are our strengths?

key messages to pupils and families

### who are our pupils and families? what do they want? parental survey

### who are we?

### what makes us different?

points of differentiation

who are our potential pupils and families? what do they want? what do they think of us?

market research



### positioning statement

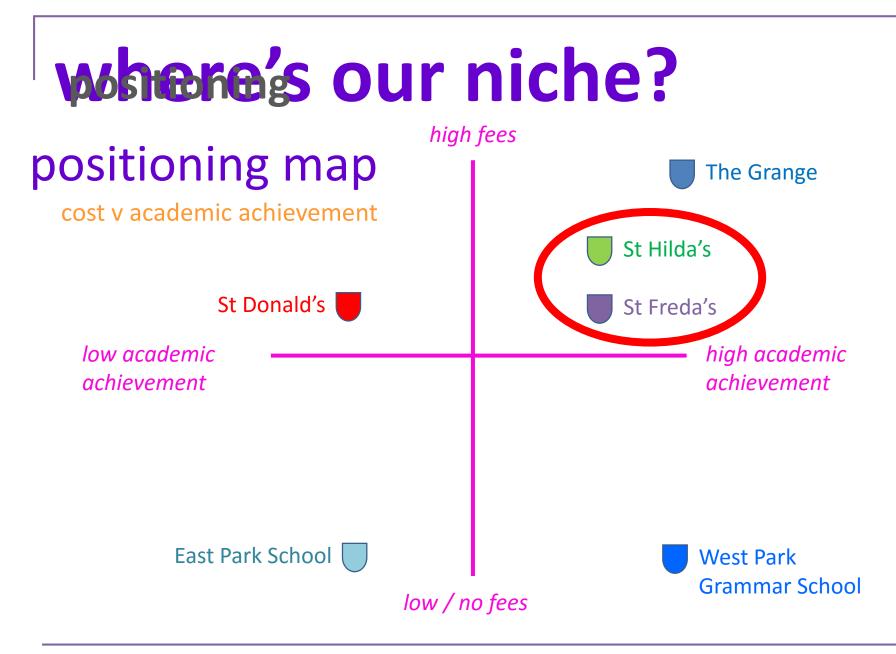
For affluent professional parents

who want a small, academic , single-sex independent school

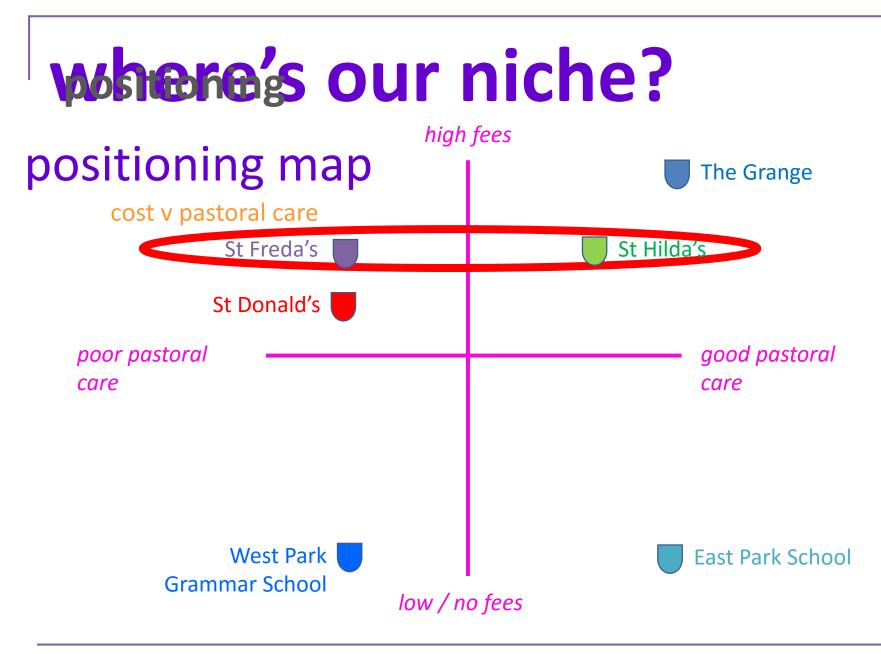
St Hilda's is a girls' school with 300 pupils on roll and the best GCSE results in the area.

Our school is not a co-ed, 1,500-pupil school with variable academic results Unlike St Donald's.











St Hilda's strengths?





### **Any questions?**



