- Idea began in transition period between NNCO & NCOP
- Targeting/staffing/expectations
- Pilot phase launched with Liverpool schools May 2017 with 67 students (cohort 1)
- Events included:
 - University visits
 - London residential
 - Saturday tutoring
- Future events:
 - 2 x visits, focus on Post-16 choices
 - Academic/Study Skills support in Easter Holidays
 - Bespoke support









Lessons learnt from pilot

- Selection process/Teacher involvement
- Bespoke to different schools needs
- More of a focus, early on, on creating a feeling of belonging
- Role models











Success stories

- Connor After 3 tutoring/study skills sessions, allowed to take
 Higher Paper in Maths
- Richard At risk of expulsion and during Governors hearing his involvement and attendance in the project was a deciding factor in him getting a last chance
- Jamie Used photos he took on London Residential for his GCSE art portfolio and college interview, offered a place
- Ste London Residential attendee, evaluation: "Going to London has made me feel more confident" – Has been offered a scholarship at Eton Sixth Form with the Hope Opportunity Trust









Cohort 2 (Liverpool) launched December 2017 with 66 students

Programme of events

- 9th December Introductory visit
- 25th February University focus day
- 14th April Careers and enterprise focus day
- 16th June Employability focus day
- Year 11 Similar programme









Developed a "Knowsley arm" of the project

https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/jan/29/knowsley-education-catastrophe-a-levels-merseyside

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/01/knowsley-country-safest-labour-seat-cuts

https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/nov/13/education-schools-liverpool-knowsley









- Cohort 2 (Knowsley) launched January 2018
- Genuine co-production model, Headteacher/SMT buy-in, developed the project with people who knew "the lads"
- Developed a programme which went beyond usual HE "aspiration raising"
- Took lessons from the pilot and applied them to create something fit for purpose









Cohort 2 (Knowsley) launched January 2018

Programme of events

- Late Jan Introductory visit Held at school, invited parents and carers
- February Go karting, University visit day –'Building Bridges' and collaborative visit to LIPA, LJMU and City of Liverpool College
- March/April St Modwen ("The Townie" and local employability),
 Sports Science session (Liverpool Hope) and 'Football Industries' day at Goodison Park, Everton in the community
- May/June Jaguar Land Rover (Apprenticeships), MALIT
- July Residential Keele University
- September London visit George Howard MP







