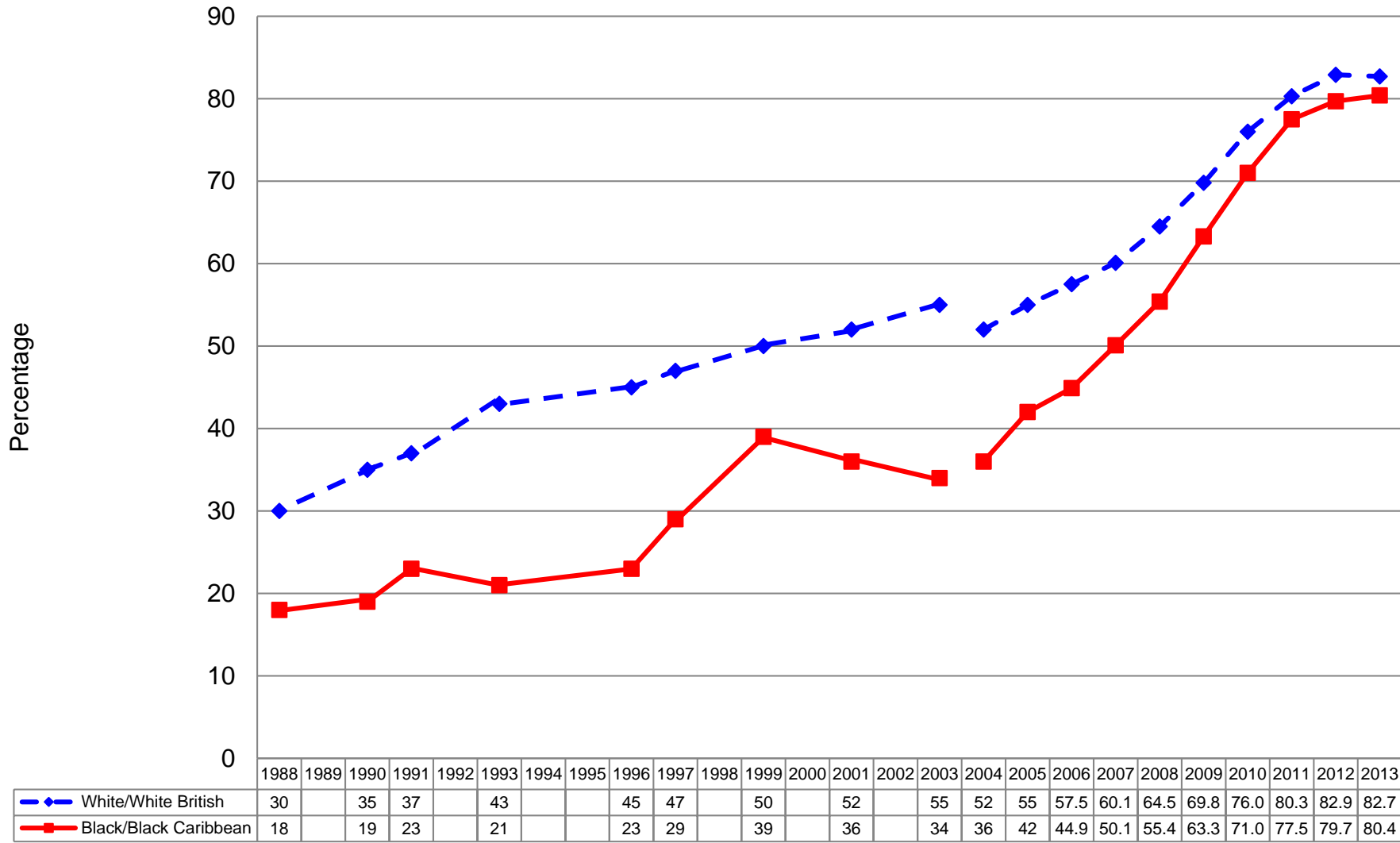
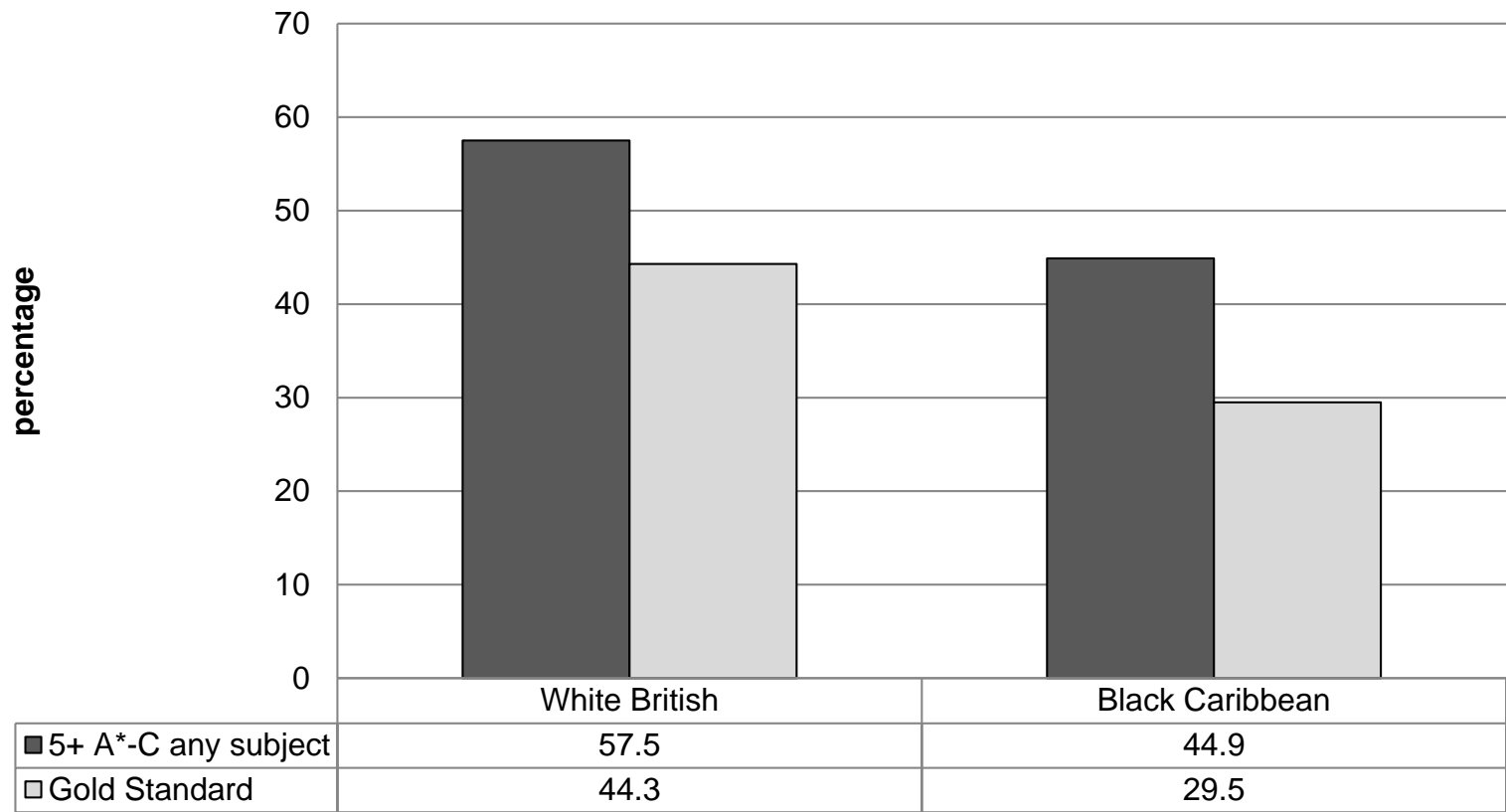


**Figure 1: Five or more higher grade GCSE passes, any subject, 1988 – 2013
(percentages)**



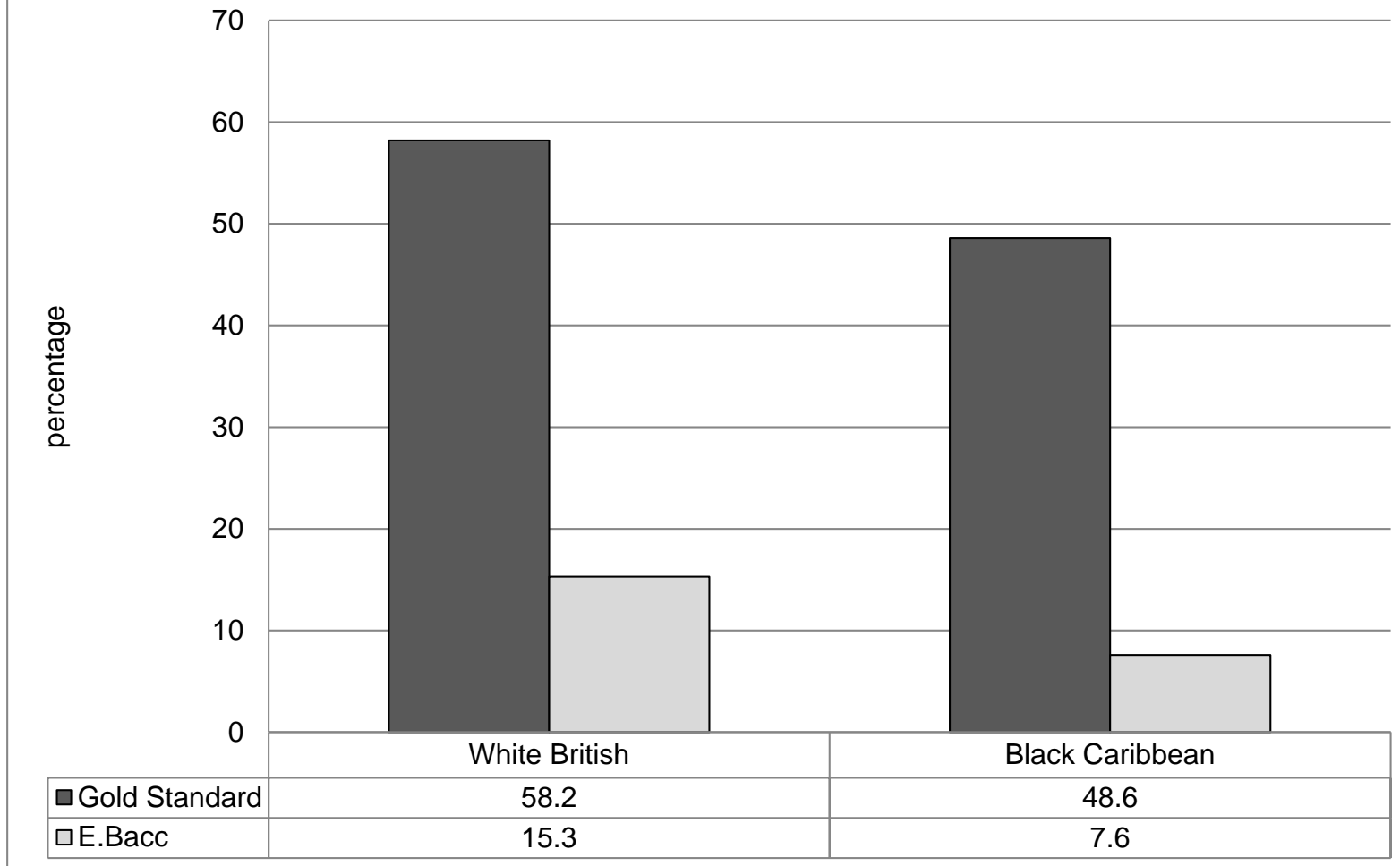
Sources: DfES, 2005a, table a; DfES, 2006a, tables 7 & 8; DfE, 2010a, table 2a; DfE, 2013, table 2a; DfE, 2014a, table 2a

**Figure 2: The Introduction of the 'Gold Standard':
two measures compared, 2006 (percentages)**



Source: DfE, 2010a, table 2a.

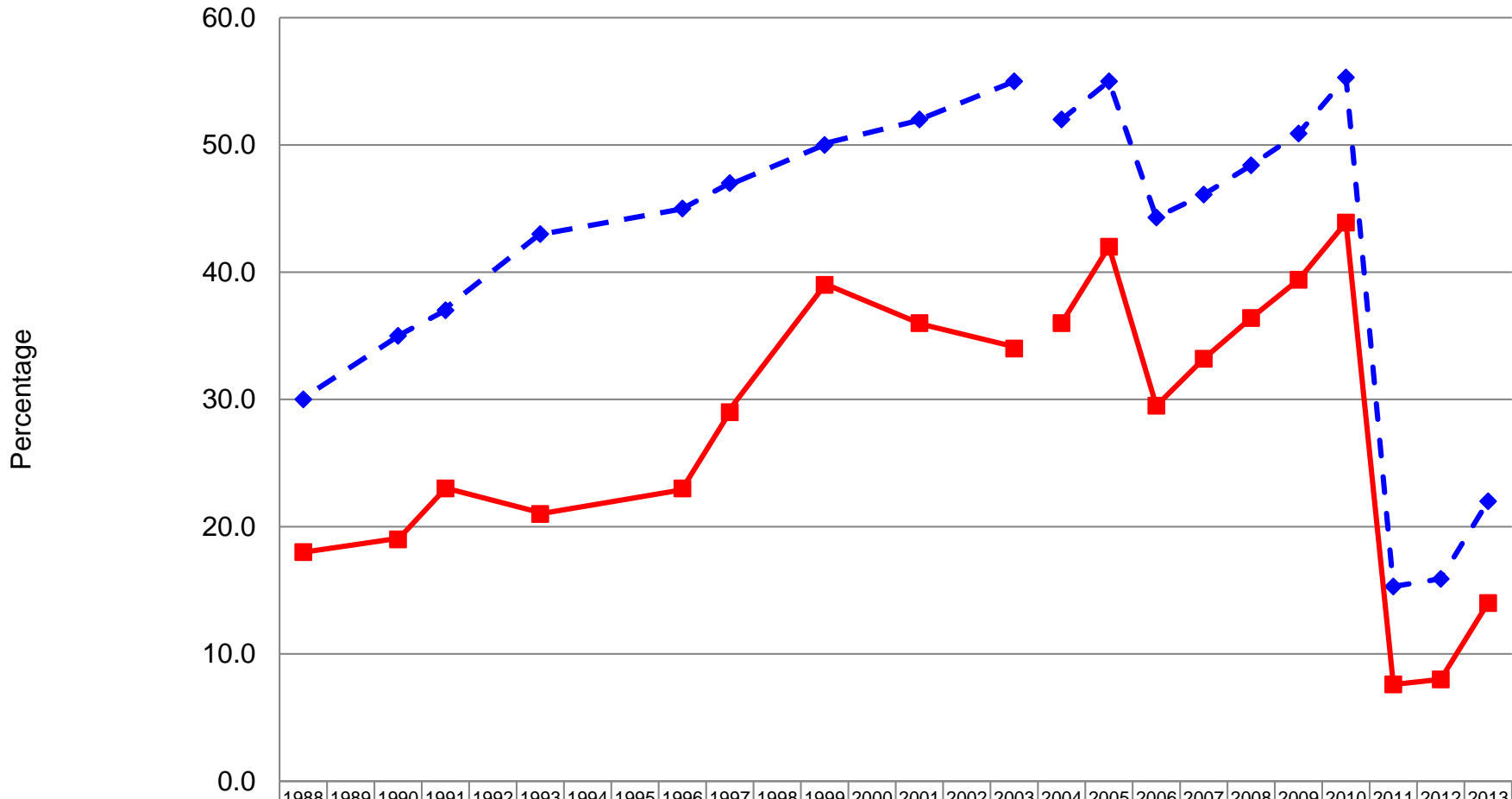
**Figure 3: The E.Bacc Penalty*:
two measures compared, percentages, England 2011**



* **E.Bacc Penalty** = the proportion of students successful in the old measure who fail to secure the E.Bacc

Source: DfE, 2014a, table 2a.

Figure 4: 25 Years of the Black/White Gap: moving the goalposts, 1988 – 2013



| | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White/White British | 30.0 | | 35.0 | 37.0 | | 43.0 | | | 45.0 | 47.0 | | 50.0 | | 52.0 | | 55.0 | 52.0 | 55.0 | 44.3 | 46.1 | 48.4 | 50.9 | 55.3 | 15.3 | 15.9 | 22 |
| Black/Black Caribbean | 18.0 | | 19.0 | 23.0 | | 21.0 | | | 23.0 | 29.0 | | 39.0 | | 36.0 | | 34.0 | 36.0 | 42.0 | 29.5 | 33.2 | 36.4 | 39.4 | 43.9 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 14.0 |
| Odds Ratio | 1.95 | | 2.3 | 1.97 | | 2.84 | | | 2.74 | 2.17 | | 1.56 | | 1.93 | | 2.37 | 1.93 | 1.69 | 1.90 | 1.72 | 1.64 | 1.59 | 1.58 | 2.20 | 2.17 | 1.73 |

Sources: DfES, 2005a, table a; DfES, 2006a, tables 7 & 8; DfE, 2010a, table 2a; DfE, 2013, table 2a; DfE, 2014a, table 2a