

Able, Gifted and Talented Update

March 2011

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A, G&T Network Meetings

At the last Secondary meeting in Norwich I was asked to set the dates and venues for future meetings. Please note these dates and changes:

Tuesday 14 June 2011	1.30 -3.30	Wymondham High School	Contact Janet Macpherson
Thursday 6 October 2011	1.30 -3.30	Orminston Victory Academy	Contact Lucy Austin
Tuesday 7 February 2012	1.30 -3.30	Orminston Victory Academy	Contact Lucy Austin
Thursday 14 June 2012	1.30 -3.30	Orminston Victory Academy	Contact Lucy Austin

West Norfolk meeting - King's Lynn

Tuesday 24th May 2011 2.30-4.30 Greyfriars Primary Contact Sandra by 1st May.

NACE Update

Able Learners, Independent Learners - a guide for the informed secondary teacher

Author: Clare Buntic £9.99

Challenge Award Conference – Leadership to Inspire Learning Friday 24 June, 2011

High Quality Provision for More Able Learners
Friday 24th June, 2011 Hilton Paddington Hotel, London

University of Cambridge Newsletter for Teachers and Advisers

If you haven't signed up for this subscription I highly recommend it for access to opportunities for you and your students.

<http://universityofcambridge.newsweaver.co.uk/f1yu4cc0rxlhib4koko6rn?email=true>

Update on Targeted Support. (TSP)

High schools have received funding for this programme and should be using it to support G&T FSMs and LAC students in Y10/11 to develop confidence and aspiration. In addition Excellence East has funded for Norfolk schools 2 half day **Your Future, Your Choice** workshops and a **Philosophy** workshop for this group. There may be sufficient funding for a further workshop if any school is interested. This activity needs to be in place before 31 March 2011 so please contact me if you are interested.

Last A,G&T Funding Opportunities

Philosophy for Children 2 day Sapere Level 1 Course – The subsidised course on 4th and 5th April is now full but owing to the level of response another one is proposed before the end of May (after wk beg 9th May). If you wish to take advantage and have not already indicated your interest please contact Nicola Bruce @ PDC, nicola.bruce@norfolk.gov.uk

Out of School Hours Able, Gifted and Talented Funding Available (limited amount) Schools which were unsuccessful in the Excellence East Hub submissions please let me know

The activities must be additional to existing opportunities provided as enrichment and should have the ability to become sustainable.

They might focus on:

- Transition from Key Stage to Key Stage;
- Extension, challenge, deep learning, creative collaboration; Take the form of a series of activities closely linked to classroom provision. E.g. Master classes, study skills, thinking skills, philosophy ... ;
- Narrowing the Gaps, Targeted Support for a specific group;
- Develop aspiration, motivation e.g. attend Excellence east opportunity

Proposals should include a brief summary of intended activity and methods of evaluating the impact. For examples of previous activities visit:

http://schools.norfolk.gov.uk/page_45.cfms=1&m=2623&p=1625.index&zs=n

The gifted and talented leading teacher / coordinator should contact sandra.howard@norfolk.gov.uk by 8th April 2011.

Shakespeare 4 Kidz

A national touring theatre company currently touring with a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Please see www.shakespeare4kidz.com for a full tour schedule. As well as touring they also visit schools and drama groups and hold educational Shakespeare workshops.

Occasional Paper published by NAGTY: Bridging the Gap:

Bigging up Boys' Writing

<http://www.gtce.org.uk/tla/rft/gifted0607/gifted0607cs/casestudy4/>

Academic word list:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~alzsh3/acvocab/>

Minimus at Castle Museum subsidised by Norfolk A,G&T [Minimus Et Cetera](#)

Thursday 31st March, 10–14.15

This day is for KS2 pupils already using Minimus. We are delighted that **Barbara Bell**, the author of Minimus, is joining us and there will be an opportunity for children to ask prepared questions.

Charge £2 per student

Thursday 23rd June, 10-14.15

This day is aimed at KS2 children who have not done any Latin and is especially suitable for schools thinking about starting it.

Charge £2 per student

For more information and to book please contact Becky Brown, Bookings Administrator on 01603 493636, becky.brown@norfolk.gov.uk

Excellence East

www.excellenceeast.org.uk

Congratulations to Cromer High School, Methwold High School, Reepham High School, Orminston Victory Academy and Weeting VC Primary who have all secured funding to provide activities for able learners in the summer term. Please support the activities and alert students to the website where many activities are available.

Peterborough EIP proudly presents... see attached

Festival of Learning
26th April 2011
Kingsgate Conference Centre

P4C Developing Communities of Enquiry Sapere Level 2 (4 days): Stevenage £629>
Contact Jeremy.reynolds@hertscc.gov.uk or 01438 844008

Diary Date [The Able Child in the Inclusive Classroom](#) EE Conference Wednesday 19th October University of Hertfordshire. Keynote speaker **Tony Hurlin**.

MUSEUM WORK EXPERIENCE TASTER DAY – 20th April 2011

<http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/dept/education/youngadults/images/workexperience.pdf>

Last year a teenager in care from Norwich attended this work experience event at the Fitzwilliam Museum and had a brilliant time. The event is especially aimed at young people aged 14-18 who are considering their future careers and may be interested in investigating the museum sector. Linda Brooklyn, on 01223 764840 or email lmb26@cam.ac.uk.

Pupil Voice

Children as Researchers

<http://childrens-research-centre.open.ac.uk/>

- An opportunity to promote child voice by supporting children to carry out research on topics that are important to them
- offer diverse groups of children and young people a taught programme on all aspects of the research process followed by one-to-one support to design and carry out a research project
- help them to disseminate their research We have links to numerous schools and community organisations nationally and internationally and exist to contribute to the body of knowledge on childhood and children's lived experiences.

Please contact me if you are interested in finding out more about this or implementing a programme in school

GT Voice

At the core of GT Voice is **Charter 2011**, a set of principles and beliefs which underpin the initiative and which will help to guide its work. Over the next few months, we will be inviting individuals and organisations to sign up to the principles of Charter 2011 and to help develop this important initiative in the G&T world to support children and young people with high learning potential.

The initial framework for delivering GT Voice will be a new website which will help to link together and signpost information about G&T issues in the UK. In the first instance this site will bring together:

- **Charter 2011** – If an individual or organisation signs up to the principles of Charter 2011, this constitutes membership. Members will be able to use the GT Voice logo on their own headed paper as well as in their marketing materials and on their website. Members will also have access to ‘members only’ pages on the website.
- **UK G&T news**
- **Resources** including examples of interesting practice
- **Discussion forums**
- **Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships**
- **A Directory of individuals and organisations** that are providers of services
- **Information about other countries’ G&T work**

As new ideas are developed and people and organisations volunteer to help, GT Voice will be able to extend what it is able to offer. As GT Voice gets off the ground and for the next twelve months all of this will be free to access; after which it may be necessary to look at how it can be underwritten in the long term to make it sustainable.

The website is live at <http://gandtvoice.wordpress.com/> and individuals and organisations will be able to sign the Charter from this date, There is also an email address enquiries@gtvoice.org.uk <<mailto:enquiries@gtvoice.org.uk>> and individuals and organisations can write to G&T Voice now with any questions or to volunteer their services.

The Ri E&E grants scheme will make 60 grants of up to £500 available to teachers of mathematics to choose activities from the STEM Directories (<http://www.stemdirectories.org.uk/>) in 2011.

It provides an exciting opportunity to initiate mathematics enrichment and enhancement (E&E) activities in their schools and help integrate E&E into their curricular practice. We welcome applications from all schools, with preference being given to state-funded schools that have not had external mathematics enrichment activities in the past two years.

<http://www.excellenceeast.org.uk/articles/view/-/the-royal-institution-of-great-britain-2011-grants-for-schools-for-mathematics-enrichment-activity>

Dream Teachers

Make a short video of your most effective approach to teaching one of the toughest topics and upload it on youtube.com/dreamteachers by 5 April. Help other teachers and students across the country learn from your ideas. Plus, you could be one of 7 winners to receive £3,000 for yourself and £7,000 for your school.

Resources

As you may be aware the [Teacher Training Resource Bank](http://www.ttrb.ac.uk/) (<http://www.ttrb.ac.uk/>), [Behaviour4Learning](http://www.behaviour4learning.ac.uk/) (<http://www.behaviour4learning.ac.uk/>), [Multiverse](http://www.multiverse.ac.uk/) (<http://www.multiverse.ac.uk/>) and [SEN Portal](http://sen.ttrb.ac.uk/) (<http://sen.ttrb.ac.uk/>) and National Strategies websites will close on 31 March 2011.

The resources held on the sites will be released under the [Open Government Licence](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/uk-gov-licensing-framework.htm) (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/uk-gov-licensing-framework.htm>) allowing anyone to re-use and/or develop the content as long as they abide by these conditions.

You will be able to access all available resources from the new [Teacher Development Hub on the TDA website](http://www.tda.gov.uk/school-leader/school-improvement/teacher-development-hub.aspx) (<http://www.tda.gov.uk/school-leader/school-improvement/teacher-development-hub.aspx>) The CPD database will continue to provide a service to professionals in schools looking for CPD relevant to their development; it can be accessed via the main TDA website or direct to the CPD database.

Websites to visit:

Bloom and Pirates of the Caribbean

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjhKmhKjzsQ&NR=1>

http://www.ruralgt.lancsnqfl.ac.uk/index.php?category_id=94 Challenge activity

http://www.ruralgt.lancsnqfl.ac.uk/index.php?category_id=107 writing

http://www.webquestuk.org.uk/LIBRARY%20FILES/English_1.htm

[The Youth of Today](#)

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/index.html>

[The Last Brain Thinking](#)

[KS2 Bitesize](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbccone/wallaceandgromit/>

http://www.crackingideas.com/teachers/innovation_packs/

[Academic Earth](#)

http://giftedkids.about.com/od/gifted101/l/bright_gifted.htm - chart comparing of high achievers, gifted learners and creative thinkers

Website for plants www.saps.plantsci.cam.ac.uk

Website for children to publish their work and review others includes art and poetry

www.publishinghouse.me.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/studentlife/games/lastbrainthinking/index.shtml> KS3 thinking games for students

A collection of Brainteasers and Puzzles from Cambridge University to stretch thinking skills and problem-solving www.caret.cam.ac.uk/puzzling/ Click on Extras to access Teachers' Handbook. Online biology experience <http://revolution.caret.cam.ac.uk/>