

Able, Gifted and Talented Update

May 2011

Although policy for the development of A,G&T at Government level has been quiet over recent months the Centre for Education and Employment Research has been commissioned to discover what is happening in institutions, Norfolk has a great deal of good practice so please let them know what you are doing by emailing Pamela.robinson@buckingham.ac.uk.

White Paper: The Department for Education's White Paper, [The Importance of Teaching](http://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/index/about-us/national-college-initiatives/specialist-leaders-of-education.htm), introduces the designation of specialist leaders of education (SLEs) – excellent professionals in leadership positions below the headteacher. This is intended to recognise the significant contribution that all leaders within a school can provide in leadership development and improvement of standards within the system. The SLEs directory will be based on the key areas of Ofsted focus and include support for the most able. Consultation ends on Friday 13th May. For more information <http://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/index/about-us/national-college-initiatives/specialist-leaders-of-education.htm>

A, G&T Network Meetings

Wymondham High School

Tuesday 14 June 2011 1.30 -3.30 Contact Janet Macpherson to confirm attendance
macphersonj@wymondhamhigh.co.uk

West Norfolk meeting - King's Lynn

Tuesday 24th May 2011 2.30-4.30 Greyfriars Primary Contact Sandra Howard

A,G&T Funding Information

Census Funding

Schools can see funding received for G&T in budget line 1.9

National Strategies

This funding has now been sent to schools and should appear in the May download.

Out of School Hours Able, Gifted and Talented Funding has now been sent out and should appear in budget line SF 1. There will be further funding available in next year and distribution will be decided by Schools Forum.

Philosophy for Children

The final course will take place on 25th and 26th May in Norwich. Since this initiative started last year over 100 Norfolk teachers have attended the 2 day Level 1 training and I know many schools have followed up with further training and implementation. Many thanks to the support provided by schools and Jason Buckley for his inspirational training and 'Sustained Support to Make Thinking Fun'

QCDA <http://www.qcda.gov.uk/assessment/7602.aspx>

Optional level 6 tests in English reading, English writing and mathematics for year 6 pupils will be available soon. The tests will provide the opportunity to stretch high attaining pupils and will also provide a useful tool for measuring the ability and progression of gifted and talented pupils. You are advised to view the tests to make a judgement on how appropriate they are for your pupils. The information below, as well as information on [optional tests for year 5](#), may be useful when making these decisions.

It is important to note that the level 6 tests are additional and optional. The key stage 2 national curriculum tests in English and mathematics remain statutory for all year 6 pupils, as does the requirement for pupils at selected schools to take part in science sampling tests.

Some Places to go for Support and Ideas

Excellence East: www.excellenceeast.org.uk greatly developed website with enews updates

NAGC: www.nagcbrtain.org.uk

NACE: <http://www.nace.co.uk/> new updated website including information about The NACE

Challenge Award Conference **Leadership that Inspires Learning** High quality provision for More Able and Talented Learners Friday 24th June, 2011.

G&T Update: www.gifted-talented-update.com

G&T Voice: www.gtvoice.org.uk 'a national network for support and nurture of gifted and talented young people, their families and educators.'

Independent Thinking: www.independentthinking.co.uk

Norfolk Schools: http://schools.norfolk.gov.uk/page_45.cfm

Sutton Trust: <http://www.suttontrust.com/home/>

Villiers Park Educational Trust: <http://www.villierspark.org.uk/vphome.php>

Remember why you're proud to be a teacher - Taylor Mali slam poet watch and memorize www.youtube.com/user/ITLWorldwide?feature=mhum#p/f/1/fuBmSbiVXo0

Norfolk Children's Services PDC

The 01603 433276 number will not be available after half-term. If you wish to call regarding training opportunities please contact Julia Idiens on 01603 307762 or Robin Biss on 01603 307797 regarding school improvement issues.

EE 6th Annual Conference

'The Able Child in the Inclusive Classroom'

Wednesday 19th October 2011

University of Hertfordshire – Hatfield

[Carol Dweck on Mindsets and The End-of-Year Slump](http://blog.brainology.us/cms/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=9&Itemid=58)

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Websites to visit:

EXPLORE: Five Programs that Engage & Inspire High Ability Learners

<http://www.ingeniosus.net/archives/explore-five-programs-that-engage-inspire-high-ability-learners>

Free lesson plans and ideas [Guardian Teacher Network](#). Click [here](#) to sign up and start using the resources.

For Teachers, students and parents

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/>

National Strategies archive

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110113104120/http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/inclusion/giftedandtalented>

Young writer programme lesson plans and resources USA <http://ywp.scriptfrenzy.org/educators>

Gifted Resource Centre

http://www.educationaladvancement.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=23&Itemid=24

Google Science Fair <http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/teachers.html>

Recommended by Jason but also good for Minimus and just for fun visit 3D video from the University of Hertfordshire about a Roman legionary in training
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV5jsrMwLpo>

Creative Generation <http://www.creativegeneration.co.uk/about.aspx>

Visit <http://kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/onlyagame.aspx> for KS2 "Only a game" drama script, lesson plans and resources. Also <http://www.playgroundfun.org.uk/> <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/studentssite/playgroundgames.htm>

<http://www.education.gq/gg/custom/resourcesftp/netmedia/ll/ks1/english/characters/nindex.htm>

Sites for students

Last brain thinking <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/studentlife/games/lastbrainthinking/>

GCSE Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/>

KS2 Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/>

Online Courses from the World's top scholars <http://academicearth.org/>

Aquila Magazine <http://www.aquila.co.uk/>

Cogito connecting young thinkers around the world <http://www.cogito.org/>

Parliament's education website <http://www.parliament.uk/education/>

Enrichment and citizenship site <http://www.youngtimebank.org.uk/>

Young Artists share their work <http://www.youthartsonline.org/>

Science <http://exploretheblue.discoveryeducation.com/explore.cfm>

It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated team of colleagues. Your hard work and support in raising achievement and developing provision for able pupils is invaluable.

I shall miss you but hope our paths cross in the future. If you have any queries please contact me before the 27th May 2011.