

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

Gifted and Talented: A Guide for Parents

WHAT DOES 'GIFTED AND TALENTED' MEAN?

'Gifted and talented' describes children and young people with one or more abilities developed to a level significantly ahead of the year group.

- * '*Gifted*' refers to students who are particularly able or excel in one or more academic subjects such as Mathematics, English, Science, History, Geography, RE and Languages.
- * '*Talented*' pupils are those who have special ability or potential in Art, Music, Drama and Physical Education (see the School's Policy on Gifted and Talented Education on the website).



Students can be identified as gifted and talented at any age, as they develop at different rates. Intelligence is not static. Students can be **added** to the school's register or **removed** from it at any time during the school year.

BRIGHT CHILD

Knows the answers
Is interested
Has good ideas
Works hard
Answers the questions
Is in the top group
Listens with interest
Enjoys peers
Completes assignments
Enjoys school
Absorbs information
Is a technician
Is good at memorizing
Is alert
Is pleased with his own learning

GIFTED LEARNER

Asks the questions
Is highly curious
Has wild, silly ideas
Plays around yet tests well
Discusses in detail, elaborates
Is beyond the top group
Shows strong feelings/opinions
Prefers adults
Initiates projects
Enjoys learning
Manipulates information
Is an inventor
Is good at guessing
Is keenly observant
Is highly self-critical

There is no such thing as a typical gifted or talented student, but he may display some of the **characteristics** outlined in the table above.

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WHAT THE SCHOOL CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Our school has the responsibility to meet the educational needs of all students. With respect to our gifted and talented students, Hitchin Boys' School does the following:

- Has a lead Teacher for G&T and a G&T Coordinator with special responsibility for these students in school.
 - Works in partnership with parents/carers.
 - Monitors student progress to prevent underachievement.
 - Puts into practice the school policy for gifted and talented students.
 - Identifies the gifted and talented students and ensures that all staff are aware of their specific learning needs.
 - Provides suitably challenging work/activities in lessons.
- Supports access to extra-curricular opportunities beyond the school day.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Set time aside each day to talk with your son.
- Encourage him to sample new activities.
- Use the environment to provide a broad range of experiences eg. visits to galleries, museums, sports centres.
- Provide resources to support learning at home (Internet, books, maps).
- Make sure your son has the opportunity to make friends, including those who share his interests.
- Take the time to develop positive relationships with your son's school and teachers. Find out about support for gifted and talented students.
- Encourage your son to participate in extra-curricular activities at school and beyond, including summer schools.
- If your son complains about being bored, take the comments seriously and seek a solution with your child, and the school if appropriate.



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