

My Teacher Thinks I'm Gifted

My teacher thinks I'm gifted,
And I would have to agree.
But has gifted got levels,
Or is it just one category?

You can know everything in one subject,
However, nothing in another.
Where does this talent come from,
Your father or your mother?

The key to success,
Is to do well when you're at school.

Test your brain to the limit,
Remember it's your tool.

School is like life,
Learning something new each day,
Rewarding and challenging,
Only you can lead the way.

A poem by Jack Whittall Yr9

YGT Breakfast Club

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Student Support & G&T Meetings/Events

- Open G&T Student Tutorial. Wednesday 8.50—9.10. Time to meet and discuss any concerns with Mrs P. Harris
- Reviews and Mentoring. 1:1 Appointment with Mrs P. Harris. Tuesday & Thursday 8.50—9.10.
- Links with Birmingham University via their 'Forward Thinking Programme' for G&T students.
- YGT Enrichment Sessions. Friday 8.45-9.10 to be run at times throughout the year.
- Termly meetings of Students Council.
- G&T Christmas Trip and Summer Enrichment Day. TBC
- 'Pride of Bristnall' celebration evening in the Summer Term.
- Details of subject specific extra-curricular clubs/events can be obtained from Heads of Areas.



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Past Present and Future



Information for Parents and Carers of Gifted and Talented Students at Bristnall Hall Technology College



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Gifted and Talented - What does that mean?

There are no standard definitions of 'gifted and talented'. However, the Government defines gifted and talented learners as:

'Children and young people with one or more abilities developed to a level significantly ahead of their year group (or with the potential to develop those abilities).'

Gifted describes learners who have the ability to excel academically in one or more subjects such as English, Maths & History.

Talented describes learners who have the ability to excel in practical skills such as sport, leadership, artistic performance, or in an area of vocational skill.

Characteristics of G&T Students

Gifted and/or talented children may display some of the following characteristics:

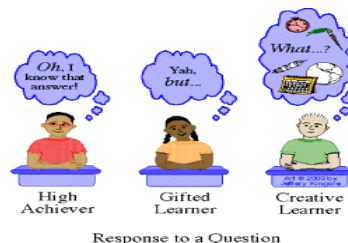
- Be intently focused
- Ask insightful questions
- See beyond the obvious
- Have a great intellectual curiosity
- Learn easily and readily
- Show initiative and originality
- Display an unusual imagination
- Provide creative and original solutions



This list is not exhaustive nor does it mean a child is necessarily gifted if he/she displays some/all of these features.

How are G&T Students Identified?

A range of both quantitative (*SATS/Teacher Assessments*) and qualitative (*teacher/coach recommendations*) are used. A College G&T register that reflects 20% of the college intake is reviewed regularly in line with the National Register. This, records the country's top 5% attaining students. Each curriculum area has established methods/agreed criteria for identification.



How will my child be supported?

The College has a responsibility to meet the educational needs of all our students. In respect to our gifted and talented students we:

- Have both an Assistant Head Teacher and a G&T Co-ordinator with special responsibility for these students.
- Have a College G&T Policy at exemplary level and Subject Specific G&T Policies are established in every Curriculum Area.
- The College G&T Register is shared with all College Staff and regularly reviewed and updated.
- Provide suitably challenging work/activities in lessons.
- Support & encourage access to extra-curricular opportunities beyond the college day.
- Work in partnership with parents/carers.



A copy of the College and/or Subject Specific G&T Policies can be provided on request and are available online via the College website.

How can I support my child?

- Set time aside each day to talk with your child & ensure that he/she has a quiet place to study with a desk.
- Encourage him/her to sample new activities.
- Use the environment to provide a broad range of experiences e.g. visits to galleries, theatres, museums, sports centres.
- Provide resources to support learning at home e.g. internet, visual stimuli, books, maps.
- Make sure your child has the opportunity to make friends, including those who share his/her interests.
- Encourage your child to participate in all extra-curricular activities at college and beyond.
- Keep up to date with the Gifted and Talented information on the college's website.

•Finally, make sure your child has time to relax and have fun!



Where can I get further information?

www.ygt.dcsf.gov.uk - The YG&T website provides information and resources to help support gifted learners, their parents/carers, educators, governors and local authorities.

www.nagcbrtain.org.uk - The National Association for Gifted Children provides a wide range of advice for parents/carers including information on national networks.

www.giftedmonthly.com - a monthly newsletter for parents of able children.

www.aquila.co.uk - a 'fun magazine for lively minded children' aged 8 - 13.

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/ExamsTestsAndTheCurriculum/DG_10037625
General Information for parents/carers.