



Corpus Christi High School Parents' Guide to More Able and Talented Learners

Definition

In Wales the term 'More Able & Talented' encompasses approximately 20% of the total school population and is used to describe learners who require enriched and extended opportunities across the curriculum in order to develop their abilities in one or more areas. *'Meeting the Challenge' 2008*

The identification of More Able and Talented learners is linked to their context regardless of how the abilities of these learners compare to those in other schools. The term 'More Able and Talented' includes learners who are more able across subjects within the curriculum as well as those who show talent in one or more specific areas, which could include practical, creative and social fields of human activity.

If you think your child is more able and talented what can you do?

- Share information with the school - parent consultations are a good time to do this.

How can you support your child?

There are many practical steps you can take to support your child:

- Set time aside each day to spend with your child e.g. watch/listen to educational and current affairs programmes and discuss these with them.
- Take the time to develop positive relationships with your child's school and teachers.
- Encourage him/her to sample new activities e.g. visit museums, science centres, nature reserves or art galleries.
- Read a quality national newspaper.
- Provide resources to support learning at home e.g. internet, visual stimuli, books, maps.
- Encourage your child to participate in extra-curricular activities at school and beyond.
- If your child complains about being bored, take the comments seriously and seek a solution with your child.
- Encourage your child to take an active part in family decision-making.
- Make sure your child has time to relax!

What is Corpus Christi High School doing to support your child?

- There is a teacher with the responsibility for these learners in school – Mrs.M.Pratali
- There is a policy for More Able and Talented learners on the school website.
- More Able and Talented learners are identified across all year groups and tracked regularly and carefully.
- All teachers provide suitably challenging work/activities in lessons.
- Standards reached by More Able and Talented learners are appropriate to their ability.
- Extra-curricular opportunities within and outside of school are provided where appropriate.

What can I do to help Corpus Christi High School support my child?

You are the most important factor in the development of your child. If there is anything you feel we should know, for example hidden abilities, please inform us. Parents, teachers and most importantly children, all benefit from excellent school-parent liaison.

