

Possible Indicators of Talented, Able and Gifted young people

- They can think quickly and accurately
- They work systematically
- They are creative
- They can process unfamiliar information and apply previous knowledge and their own insights
- They are diligent and determined
- They show empathy and sensitivity
- They make sound judgments
- They can be outstanding leaders
- They can be fascinated by or passionate about a particular subject or topic



There's a genius inside every one of us!

Our TAG Programme

- In lessons, staff will ensure that learning tasks challenge and engage TAG students
- Pupils of every year will be offered a range of activities to provide engagement and stretch them
- TAG sessions will enrich the curriculum and give TAG students the chance to extend themselves both physically and academically
- All TAG students will be encouraged to attend and be informed about courses outside the school curriculum
- The school will ensure that enrichment and Aim Higher opportunities including talks, trips and competitions are offered



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Mangotsfield's "Talented, Able and Gifted" Programme

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What does being Gifted and Talented really mean?

There are no standard definitions of 'gifted and talented'. The government defines Gifted and Talented learners as the top 5% of a school: 'Children and young people with one or more abilities



The programme is about everyone fulfilling their potential

developed to a level significantly ahead of their year group' (or the potential to develop those abilities).

'Gifted' describes learners who have achieved in the top 5% of the schools CATS scores

'Talented' describes learners who have been nominated in practical lessons such as PE, Drama and Art.

'Able' describes learners who have been nominated in academic subjects such as Maths, English and Science

The TAG students are a diverse group and their range of attainment will be varied. Some do well at statutory tests and national qualifications. However, we recognize that being Able, Gifted and Talented covers much more than the ability to succeed in exams. This is why we include pupils who have achieved exceptionally outside of the classroom.

It is important to recognize that not all talented learners are obvious achievers. Many may actually be underachievers due to low self-esteem, boredom, low expectations or physical and mental medical conditions that may mask their ability.

Identification is key

Identification is not necessarily straightforward. There is no one test to identify TAG students. The process at Mangotsfield School is as follows:

- Primary Schools are asked to identify Year 5 and Year 6 students that they consider to be Gifted & Talented
- Data analysis is carried out in Year 7 based on CAT scores; the top 5% are identified as 'gifted'
- Each year members of staff are asked to identify students that they feel are talented or able in their subject
- The talented and able list is not fixed and performance at each key stage is analyzed to inform changes

The Aim of the Programme

We aim to create a programme within the school to ensure that all students, including our TAG cohort, are adequately supported, sufficiently challenged and are given opportunities that enrich their curriculum.

We also ensure that all staff know who belongs to the TAG team, enabling staff to meet TAG students' individual needs.

The overall aim is for our students to be more motivated, have high expectations of themselves and be better equipped to face the world while also enjoying school.



All students need to be encouraged to fulfill their potential

The Full TAG Programme in 2011/12 is available to view on the web site and click on the TAG option.

These are a few examples of TAG events that have been offered in the past

- Latin club
- Trip to Eden Project
- CSI investigates
- Mission Impossible
- Island Survivors
- Anaesthetists visit
- RAF Maths/ Science Mission
- Business trip to Disney Land Paris

You can also find on the website, a selection of pictures and information about past activities.

<http://www.mangotsfieldschool.org.uk/TalentedandGiftedProgramme.html>

