



NORTH WEST  
GIFTED AND TALENTED

# Current Policy

- Now generally referred to as A, G & T
- No statutory requirements and DfE guidance
- Ofsted - a school that doesn't meet the needs of their A,G & T pupils cannot be deemed to be 'good'.
- Still a focus on more able from poorer backgrounds
- Use of Pupil Premium to support these children
- Provision – 80% teaching and learning; 20% enrichment

# Ofsted Recommendations March 2015

School leaders must

- develop a culture of high expectations for students and teachers in secondary school
- appoint staff and governors with responsibilities specifically to champion the needs of the most able students from poorer backgrounds
- involve universities in training school staff to provide advice to the most able
- provide training for all teachers so that their teaching challenges the most able students
- make sure that teachers use information provided by primary schools about the most able students to help manage their transition to secondary school

*The most able students an update on progress since June 2013*

# Stretch and Challenge

- All good lessons should begin and end with a challenge
- Create a learning environment to encourage and nurture challenge and thinking
- Teaching must enable pupils to develop resilience
- Good Learning starts with questions not answers' - Guy Claxton
- 'Top –Down Teaching'

# Lesson Observations

## Key Questions:

Who is doing most of the thinking?

Are all learners starting from the same place?

Is there evidence of challenge – do all pupils ‘get stuck’ at some point?

What does it feel like to be an able learner in this lesson?

# Who we are

North West Gifted and Talented (NWGT) is a regional charity that exists to support all those involved in the education of able, gifted and talented learners. This includes the learners themselves, their families, education providers and those with responsibility at a national level.









# Trustees

- Julie Taplin (Chair) – Deputy Chief Executive of Potential Plus UK
- Stephanie Lee – Head of Widening Participation and Outreach, The University of Manchester
- Gail Fulbrook – retired primary head teacher
- Janet Gaskell – LA adviser for A, G & T

# What we do - for teachers

- Regional CPD courses
- Bespoke CPD for individual schools and groups of schools
- Consultancy support for school leaders and A,G & T Co-ordinators
- Advice and guidance with regard to individual pupils
- Website from September 2015

# What we do – for pupils

- Saturday Challenges
  - large scale events in host venues
  - single workshop Challenges led by individual schools
- In school Challenge workshops run during the school day
- Enrichment programmes run on behalf of a school collaborative



# What do we do - for member schools

- **Advance notification of all pupil workshops** – information is sent to all member schools one week before it goes on general release)
- **10% off NWGT consultancy services, in school challenge workshops and bespoke CPD**
- **Regular newsletter**
- **10% reduction in membership fees for Potential Plus UK**





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