

Gifted and Talented Parental Feedback 2012/2013

Thank you for taking time to fill in the questionnaire last year, we really appreciate your feedback. All of your questionnaires have been shared with the relevant departments and below is a summary of the most common suggestions.

Suggestions from parents/carers	Action taken/suggested solutions
Meetings with a G&T mentor to discuss progress and ensuring that students know why they are on the register.	Each subject area has a G&T representative who will meet with G&T students during the year to discuss their nomination and progress. There is also a student questionnaire which students can fill in to express their views.
Communicating to parents what opportunities the school provides for G&T students.	In response to this, we have published lists of the opportunities available to G&T students which can be found in the 'Gifted and Talented' section of the website.
Setting additional homework.	Giving our G&T students extra homework does not necessarily mean that they will be stretched academically. We aim to set homework that is sufficiently challenging, rather than additional work. If a student wants to carry out their own research in addition to homework, they can ask their teachers for advice.
Work with other students of a similar ability in lessons.	In some subjects, students are grouped according to ability. In other lessons, they are in mixed ability classes. Teachers will often vary who students work with, depending on ability/ friendship groups/ working with a range of different students. There are advantages to working with different groups of students and we strive to challenge all students in class.
Career choices and information about University could be discussed further down the school.	Year 10 students have a career interview with Mr Knight where this can be discussed, however Mr Knight is available to all year groups and students can make an appointment to discuss careers and universities further down the school. In addition, students can ask their teachers about career choices and subject combinations. There is also a website they can visit www.eclips-online.co.uk login is: CW11 3NT. We also organise a trip to Oxford for Year 10 students and for students who are considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge we arrange for a speaker to come in on one evening to do a talk for parents and students Year 10-12. Dates for this event are confirmed nearer the time.
Experiencing the 'world of work'.	Year 10 have a week at the end of the year to do this- work experience week. Students can arrange their own work experience in addition to this and should seek advice from their teachers.
More trips.	Please see the school website for the list of trips. In the G&T section of the website, parents/carers can see all of the opportunities available to students by department.
Meet Athletes	In response to this, Flixton Girls' Trip was organised, where students got the chance to meet a professional athlete.