



'No Limits' @ HUS

Faculty / Department name
English

Department logo

Identification of students:

Criteria: (including nominations and a variety of data)

Students are usually identified through teacher observation, although suggestions from parents/other colleagues in the school are also welcomed. Selection of our Gifted and Talented students is made using the specific criteria determined by the English Department. These students are likely to show some or all of the following characteristics:

- Creative flair and perseverance
- Communicative Skills
- Ability to take on demanding tasks
- Arguing and reasoning
- Use a fluent and articulate with a wide and flexible vocabulary.

All students who are working at or above a level 7 at KS3, or at grades A/A* at GCSE, 'as' or 'A2' level are considered by the English Department to be Gifted and Talented students.

Review:

The Gifted and Talented list is reviewed periodically during Faculty meetings. Teachers are asked to identify any students who have consistently demonstrated attributes from the department criteria. Recognition of these students also takes place during the process of progress checks.

Notification:

Students are encouraged to be actively involved regarding their progress in English. Individual tutorials allow the students to discuss their attainment and set targets that develop and extend their learning. The department also recognizes the importance of effective communication with parents which conveys progress information, targets and enrichment opportunities.

Curriculum opportunities with 'No Limits' :

The English Department promotes a variety of curriculum opportunities for our Gifted and Talented students. Our policy encourages students to extend their knowledge and understanding of English using various strategies. These strategies promote a passion for the subject through the means of independent learning tasks and include research projects, creative writing and advanced communication skills. The department has also begun to incorporate provisions for the G&T students in all SOW.

Enrichment opportunities with 'No Limits':

Enrichment opportunities are available for all students who are listed as Gifted and Talented in English. Our students have many enrichment opportunities within the Department, for example, a creative writing project has been set up in conjunction with a lower school as part of the Literacy Hour. This project will be developed over the next academic year and offers lots of exciting enrichment opportunities for those listed as Gifted and Talented. The Department has also invited a writer to visit the school and work specifically with our G&T students on creative writing techniques. The number of enrichment activities like these will be extended over the next academic year.

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