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## Working Together Parent/Carers Conference

Saturday 24th April 2010

Reading School, RG1 5LW

£10 per parent/carer

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This event will provide parents/carers with an opportunity to hear about how the national education agenda for pupils and students with gifts and talents is being implemented at the regional and local level.

There will be a key note speech from the NAGC, a range of workshops applicable to parents/carers of children and young people aged between 4-19, and 'round the table' discussions and networking. Workshops will focus on the following topics:

- Early Years
- In-class provision (primary)
- In-class provision (secondary)
- Dyslexia and the Gifted and Talented
- Asperger Syndrome and the Gifted and Talented
- Post Compulsory and the Gifted and Talented

*Please see over the page for workshop descriptions)*

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### **Conference Agenda**

10.00 - Registration and Coffee

10.30 - Welcome and Introduction

10.40 - The Local Picture

11.00 - Workshop

12.00 - Lunch and G&T Surgery

13.30 - Round Table Discussions

14.15 - The Role of Parents / Carers

15.00 - Close

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Alongside the conference we are holding courses for Gifted and Talented students, at a reduced rate of £10 per student. Please see over the page for courses available.

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For further information on our conference and all our courses in the South East please visit: [www.canterbury.ac.uk/gifted](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/gifted)

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## **WORKSHOPS DESCRIPTION**

### **Early Years Provision**

How do we recognise the very able young child? This workshop will look at how schools and other early years' settings extend and enrich the curriculum for the more able child. It will also focus on how parents and schools can develop positive relationships.

### **Primary In-Class Provision**

This workshop will provide information on primary provision for Gifted and Talented students in schools and in the classroom. This will be useful for parents with children in primary and secondary schools.

### **Secondary In-Class Provision**

This workshop will provide information on secondary provision for Gifted and Talented students in schools and in the classroom. This will be useful for parents with children in primary and secondary schools.

### **Dyslexia and the Gifted and Talented**

This workshop will focus on the specific needs of children and young people who have a gift and / or a talent and also experience specific learning difficulties / dyslexia. It will consider how parents can support their children at home and how to work effectively with schools.

### **Asperger Syndrome and the Gifted and Talented**

Children and young people with Asperger syndrome often have particular gifts or talents - usually in quite specific and narrow areas. This workshop will explore this issue realistically in the context of the many other difficulties they may have - including emotional, sensory, communication, social interaction, planning and organisation, and imagination. It will also focus on how these gifts or talents can help to be developed at home, in school and used in later life.

### **Post Compulsory and the Gifted and Talented**

During this workshop parents / carers will be provided with information about how Further Education Colleges across the South East of England are developing practices to ensure students with gifts and talents are stretched and challenged appropriately. The presenter will talk about the roles of various professionals within colleges and how further opportunities outside of college are accessed in collaboration with the South East Regional Gifted and Talented Partnership.

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## **COURSES ON OFFER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNERS - [READING CONFERENCE](#)**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Indian Tabla: Drumming and Percussion	5-7 years old	£10 per student
Active Greek Myths	8-11 years old	£10 per student
Astronomy in the 21st century	11-14 years old	£10 per student
The Philosophy of Success	14-16 years old	£10 per student

**Free places are available for students receiving free school meals and/or education maintenance . These places are allocated on a first come first served basis.**

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