



Gifted and Talented Students

What does Gifted and Talented mean at Havering Sixth Form College?

The College strives to recognise, support and reward all gifted and talented learners' achievements from a variety of academic, sporting, individual and extra curricular activities.

Gifted and Talented at Havering is not just about identifying students who have done well but is something that is embedded into all learners' college programme.

The College welcomes applications from those students who have been identified as part of a Gifted and Talented programme in secondary school.

What do we offer?

The College offers a specific Gifted and Talented enrichment course in both the first and second year of your studies. This course is designed to enhance the high order skills required for undergraduate study but also offers learners the opportunity to develop their communication and research skills. This year, the course has focused on thinking skills, debates, and a reading club. All learners also completed a research project, presentation of that project and ran a debate.

What do students think?

'Not only has the Gifted and Talented course enabled me to meet a set of diverse and interesting people, but it has encouraged me to progress into further education, and has provided me with opportunities to challenge myself as a person. Never did I imagine I'd be debating politics or reading books that originated from other cultures! It has opened my eyes to another world of learning and taught me the skills I'll need when I progress onto University next year.' Hayley Evans

'I think that the G&T course is really good because it teaches you a range of skills including: teamwork, debating, organising, research, independent study and so on. It also challenges you to become responsible for your own learning, from giving us the option to read the books assigned to getting prepared for a debate or collating information for our research project. It is also very interesting and the environment is very relaxed. We learn from one another.' Kemi Quadri

The College has links with the Cambridge Consortium Villiers Park who run subject specific Gifted and Talented courses. In July 2009, A level student Nicola Whittington attended an Archaeology course at Cambridge that was run by the Villiers Park association. Their courses are designed to develop subject knowledge but also provide an opportunity to meet fellow students with the same interests and also university professors and subject specialists.

The College also offers some subject specific extension courses which aim to enhance and develop subject specific skills for undergraduate study and employment.

How can you be part of the Gifted and Talented programme?

At your enrolment interview, tell your tutor if you have been part of your School's Gifted and Talented programme. This information can then be recorded on your enrolment form. At your enrolment you can then enrol for any subject specific extension courses and also the Gifted and Talented enrichment course.