



## NACE PRESS RELEASE



National Association  
for Able Children  
in Education

All Saints C.E. Junior School, Hastings, is the first school in East Sussex to achieve the prestigious NACE Challenge Award for excellence in provision for able, gifted and talented pupils.

**'All Saints C.E. School is committed to helping every child reach the highest level of personal achievement. This has raised the aspirations of its pupils who are confident learners and take responsibility for reaching their learning goals.'**

**Pupils are really proud of their gifts and talents and are given many opportunities to develop and use them. The school has a rich and vibrant curriculum and an exemplary policy on teaching and learning which results in the high quality of pupils' work.**

**Gifted and talented pupils are consistently well supported and challenged. There is a strong sense here of staff and pupils working as a team which results in pupils trying hard to do their best and willingly helping each other.**

**Parents appreciate the fantastic opportunities provided for their children, the shared involvement the school gives and said, "Happy, nurtured, motivated and challenged children-what more can you ask of a school?"**

Extract from Challenge Award Assessment Report June 2008

All Saints C.E. Junior School is the first school in East Sussex and the twelfth junior school in the UK to achieve the prestigious Challenge Award for Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils. This Award is given for high quality work by the whole school, teachers and governors, in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best.

The Award is given by NACE: the National Association for Able Children in Education, a leading national education organisation and registered charity established for 25 years. The Association exists to help the daily work of teachers providing for pupils with high abilities whilst enabling all pupils to flourish. It provides advice, training and resources for teachers, including The Challenge Award Self-Evaluation Framework which All Saints C.E. Junior School has used to audit and plan what it provides for able, gifted and talented pupils. Many thousands of primary and secondary schools are using The Challenge Award Framework to develop their work.

Assessors, who spent a day in the school, were impressed by the leadership of the school which has inspired children, staff and parents to think in new ways and use every outcome as a valuable learning experience, the Bright Sparks Club and the outstanding quality of artwork around the school.

Assessors judged the quality of the school's work by observing lessons, interviewing the pupils, teachers, parents and governors and by looking at the pupils' work. The Award is given when schools demonstrate that they meet the criteria of the Award and are committed to continuing high-quality provision for able, gifted and talented pupils.

Sept 2008 Julie Fitzpatrick Chief Executive

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