Join educators from across Wales to share the latest MAT research, policy and good practice.

Contributions from Estyn, regional consortia, Challenge Award schools, charities and industry experts.

Keynote speaker Nicola Morgan, award-winning author and international expert on teenage brains.

The MAT mission: raising standards, changing lives.

28 June 2018, Cardiff
The St David’s Hotel, Havannah St, CF10 5SD

Who should attend:
Senior and middle leaders
MAT leads/coordinators
Teachers
Governors

Early bird rate
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The NACE Cymru Conference returns in June 2018, bringing together school leaders, MAT coordinators, policy makers and advisers to discuss the latest reforms, research and evidence-based approaches to provision for more able and talented (MAT) learners. The conference will offer insights, case studies and practical strategies to help schools improve provision for MAT learners in the context of whole-school improvement, through three core strands:

- Strategy and leadership;
- Curriculum, classroom and student outcomes;
- School self-review and impact.

Keynote:
Nicola Morgan

Nicola Morgan is a multi-award-winning author and international expert on teenage brains and mental health. Her expertise includes the impact of stress on wellbeing and performance, the effects of screens and social media, and the science of reading for pleasure. A former teacher and dyslexia specialist, Nicola was a prize-winning novelist whose career changed after the success of her bestselling examination of the teenage brain, Blame My Brain, shortlisted for the Aventis Prize, and The Teenage Guide to Stress, winner of the School Library Association award in both the readers’ and judges’ categories. The Teenage Guide to Friends, her popular teaching resources, and the forthcoming Positively Teenage and The Teenage Guide to Life Online, have established Nicola as the go-to expert in her field.

Today’s teenagers: upheaval, stress, storm – and success

In this uplifting start to the conference, keynote speaker Nicola Morgan will draw on her wide knowledge of adolescence, science of the learning brain and the effects of digital living. Her session will explore brain bandwidth, learning under stress, and strategies to promote wellbeing in ambitious and high-achieving, but often mentally vulnerable, young people.
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| 9:00 am | **Welcome**  
Sue Riley, NACE CEO                                                  |
| 9:10 am | **“Today’s teenagers: upheaval, stress, storm – and success”**  
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| 10:15 am| **Workshops: Strategy and leadership**  
- Effective use of data to inform classroom practice for MAT learners  
- Narrowing the gap for MAT through the Pupil Development Grant  
- Integrating MAT within leadership strategy  
- Transitions for the MAT learner |
| 11:15 am| Refreshments and exhibition                                               |
| 11:45 am| **Policy update**  
Liz Barry, HMI, Estyn                                                  |
| 12:15 pm| **Workshops: Curriculum, classroom and student outcomes**  
- Talk for learning: case study from a regional MAT project  
- Extending MAT learning through academic enrichment  
- Creating challenge in the everyday classroom  
- Developing a learning mindset |
| 1:15 pm | Lunch and exhibition                                                      |
| 2:00 pm | **Regional approaches to MAT**  
South East Wales’ strategy to enhance performance and provision for MAT learners – Debbie Harteveld, Managing Director, Education Achievement Service for South East Wales |
| 2:30 pm | **Workshops: School self-review and impact**  
- MAT teacher development: creating programmes with impact  
- Effective use of data to inform classroom practice for MAT learners  
- Assessment and feedback: MAT project case study  
- Best practice in MAT: NACE research findings |
| 3:30 pm | **Celebrations: mission accomplished**  
Challenge Award presentations  
Top 10 trends: what’s new and what’s next? |
| 4:15 pm | Conference close, refreshments and networking                            |

Programme subject to change.
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NACE members £299 + VAT
Non-members £399 + VAT

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NACE is the UK’s leading charity dedicated to supporting schools and teachers across every aspect of provision for more able learners. Drawing on over 30 years’ experience in the field, NACE is at the forefront of thought leadership and evidence-based policy for the more able, with NACE member schools leading the way in implementing best practice.

When you join NACE, you join a community of schools across Wales, England and beyond, with opportunities to network and collaborate both online and in person. Our members benefit from free meetups and webinars; an online library of resources; discounts on staff training, seminars and CPD; and opportunities to join invitation-only events and consultations.

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