

# English

## Identifying gifted pupils

Pupils who are gifted in English are likely to show some or all of the following characteristics:

### Ability to take on a variety of demanding tasks

- ✓ Be self-taught in his/her own interest areas
- ✓ Show unusual and original responses to problem-solving activities
- ✓ Have an ability to work things out in his/her head very quickly
- ✓ Have a good memory that s/he can access easily
- ✓ Have a wide general knowledge

### Stamina and perseverance

- ✓ Produce work that is substantial and obviously the product of sustained, well-directed effort

### Creative flair

- ✓ Have a flair for language and words
- ✓ Have a sophisticated vocabulary for their age
- ✓ Write or talk in imaginative and coherent ways
- ✓ Elaborate on and organise content eloquently

### Communicative skills

- ✓ Read and understand a variety of texts
- ✓ Be very articulate or verbally fluent for their age
- ✓ Communicate well with adults
- ✓ Give quick verbal response
- ✓ Prefer verbal to written activities
- ✓ Take a guiding role in helping other students or a group
- ✓ Grasp the essence of particular styles and adapting them to their own purposes
- ✓ Express ideas concisely and elegantly

### Arguing and reasoning

- ✓ Create and sustain accounts and reasoned arguments
- ✓ Understand ideas and reorganise them in logical ways that offer new synthesis or insights
- ✓ Justify opinions convincingly
- ✓ Use questioning and other forms of enquiry to elicit information
- ✓ Take up or challenge others' points of view.

