

 #oeMoreAble

# Supporting the Progress of the More Able

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and ensure staff and parental understanding to support progress

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Expert speakers include:

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Senior Director, London G&T

**Bob Cox**

Independent Consultant

**Dr. Verity Jones**

Education Consultant

**Andy Brumby**

Director of Achievement,  
The Learning Academy Trust

## KEY BENEFITS

### IDENTIFICATION

Ensure more able pupils are  
supported and encouraged

### LEADING PROVISION

Develop whole-school  
support and staff  
confidence

### CLASSROOM STRATEGIES

Practical ideas for  
differentiation and  
motivation

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With too much focus on raw data and a lack of resource and motivation, there are many barriers to ensuring effective support for more able pupils.

Talent can be all too easily wasted if more able pupils are left unchallenged. Ensuring a culture of 'pitching to the top', balancing the curriculum for the benefit of all pupils, and effectively providing greater depth in lessons is crucial.

In addition to this, leading the provision of the more able in your school and building whole-school staff engagement can be a daunting task for both new and experienced coordinators.

## Are you confident your staff can provide the stretch and challenge required to ensure that all more able pupils are motivated and inspired?

This practical and informative event will outline key ways to improve provision for your more able pupils, and ensure your staff are equipped with effective strategies in the classroom.

### Why should I attend this event?

- **Identification:** consider criteria beyond the data and ensure all more able pupils are supported and encouraged.
- **Aspirations:** build crucial aspiration for all, including disadvantaged pupils.
- **Whole-school Engagement:** how to motivate all staff to support more able provision.
- **Assessment & Monitoring:** hear case studies outlining successful frameworks for demonstrating progress.
- **Curriculum:** practical ways to balance your curriculum and support greater depth in learning across all subject areas.

### Who should attend?

- Gifted & Talented/Most Able Coordinators
- Deputy Headteachers
- Assistant Headteachers
- Teaching & Learning Coordinators
- Heads of Department

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## This year's speakers include...



### Ian Warwick

#### Senior Director, London G&T

After teaching in inner city comprehensives for 20 years, Ian Warwick set up London Gifted & Talented ([www.londongt.org](http://www.londongt.org)) as part of the ground-breaking London Challenge, which successfully worked to tackle issues of educational disadvantage across the city. LG&T have directly worked with well over 3,000 schools and 11,000 teachers nationally.



### Bob Cox

#### Education Consultant

Bob Cox, Director of Searching for Excellence Ltd, has been inspiring ideas for enhancing able learner provision for many years. As a freelance educational consultant, he has presented at regional, national and international conferences and supported over 400 schools directly. In 2017 his 'Opening Doors to Quality Writing' book series won an Educational Resources Award in the 'educational book' category. Thousands of schools use the resources and build quality text to quality writing journeys.



### Dr Verity Jones

#### Freelance Education Consultant

Verity has worked as a primary teacher, deputy head and consultant to local authorities. Over the last five years she has managed the More Able and Talented web site for Wales, been advisor to London Gifted and Talented, launched Bristol Gifted and Talented and developed a UK wide freelance consultancy ([enhancedlearningforall.co.uk](http://enhancedlearningforall.co.uk)); supporting schools in developing teaching and deeper learning.



### Andy Brumby

#### Director of Achievement, The Learning Academy Trust

Andy spent 20 years as a successful classroom practitioner before moving on to work for Cornwall LA as a teaching and learning consultant in 2005. Over the next decade, he worked on a multitude of different projects within Cornwall and beyond, establishing himself as an inspirational speaker, writer and coach. He is perhaps most widely known for his work on raising the achievement of disadvantaged children, a subject that sits, in his mind, right at the very core of school effectiveness.



### Rob Jones

#### Managing Director, Specialist Engagement Solutions

Rob Jones regularly advises schools, academy groups and local authorities on how to inspire and engage with parents and carers, particularly those from challenging backgrounds/families who are resistant to working with educators and other agencies. Rob also has many years of experience in community engagement and cross-agency partnership working, designed to affect positive outcomes for children and young people.



### Hetty Jones

#### Gifted and Talented Coordinator and Teacher of English Literature, St. Brendan's Sixth Form College

After studying English Literature and Language at Oxford University, Hetty spent 15 years teaching in both the public and private sectors. She is currently a teacher of English Literature and Gifted and Talented coordinator at the comprehensive and diverse St. Brendan's Sixth Form College in Bristol and works closely with local universities and industry to raise the aspirations of students in their choice of future destination.

09:00 – 09:45 Registration and refreshments

09:45 – 10:00 **Chair's introduction and welcome**  
Ian Warwick, Senior Director, London G&T

10:00 – 10:30 **Identification**  
**Looking beyond the data**  
Learn how to build a cohesive culture of identification which comprises of more than just assessment data, hearing practical ways to ensure all aspects of more able learners are considered and supported across all subjects  
Ian Warwick, Senior Director, London G&T

10:30 – 11:00 **Aspirations**  
**Inspiring and motivating the more able**  
Ensure your more able pupils are motivated, inspired and supported to work towards greater depth across the curriculum and understand the importance of high-level learning  
Bob Cox, Independent Consultant

11:00 – 11:10 Questions and answers

11:10 – 11:40 Morning refreshments

## 11:40 – 12:30 Streamed Sessions 1

**1A: Disadvantaged Pupils**  
Know how to build aspirations for pupils from a disadvantaged background, maximise potential and work with unmotivated families  
Andy Brumby, Director of Achievement, The Learning Academy Trust

**1B: Greater Depth**  
Explore the mastery learning approach, understand how greater depth can be planned for and how stronger questioning skills can support teachers in all subjects  
Dr. Verity Jones, Education Consultant

**1C: Staff Training - Secondary**  
Gain proven techniques to share with teachers to differentiate their teaching to the more able and ensure all students reach their full potential  
Ian Warwick, Senior Director, London G&T

**1D: Leading Provision - Primary**  
Hear from an experienced more able coordinator about how to encourage whole-school engagement and develop cohesive provision across all levels

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 **Curriculum**  
**Balancing the curriculum**  
Learn practical new ways of providing a balanced curriculum which stretches all pupils and allows more able pupils to flourish in both academic and foundation subjects

14:00 – 14:30 **Monitoring**  
**Demonstrating and monitoring progress of the more able**  
Hear from NACE-accredited schools about successful cross-curricular assessment models, and how to effectively display progress crucial to Ofsted requirements.  
*This will be followed by a panel discussion where questions will be welcome*

## 14:30 – 15:20 Streamed Sessions 2

**2A : Resilience**  
Practical ideas for building independent and self-motivated learners, and how to encourage a positive outlook on extended work in the classroom  
Andy Brumby, Director of Achievement, The Learning Academy Trust

**2B: Parental Support**  
Understand the best way to engage parents in their child's learning to ensure crucial buy-in and that extra support is provided at home  
Rob Jones, MD, Specialist Engagement Solutions

**2C: GCSE grades**  
Learn how to differentiate between grades 8/9 and how to ensure more able pupils are being pitched to the top with clear feedback

**2D: Leading Provision - secondary**  
Hear from an experienced more able coordinator about how to encourage whole school engagement and develop cohesive provision across all levels

15:20 – 15:40 Afternoon refreshments

## 15:40 – 16:30 Streamed Sessions 3

**3A: SEND Pupils**  
Practical classroom strategies for working with SEND pupils, and ensure there is support for those with communication difficulties

**3B: Universities - Secondary**  
Understand how to work effectively with universities to encourage clear aspirations and ensure pupils are motivated to achieve their future potential  
Hetty Brown, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, St Brendan's Sixth Form College

**3C: Extra-curricular**  
Ensure stretch and challenge for more able pupils beyond the classroom, and learn how to identify more able skills in other areas and provide further enrichment  
Dr. Verity Jones, Education Consultant

**3D: Staff Training - Primary**  
Gain proven techniques to share with teachers to differentiate their teaching to the more able and ensure depth of learning in the curriculum  
Bob Cox, Independent Consultant

16:30 Conference close

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26 September 2018, Manchester  
2 October 2018, London

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Secondary	£349 + VAT	£379 + VAT
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the day

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PLUS

- Read a compilation of answers from questions raised in our 2017 more able event
- Learn about how growth mindset can be championed for teachers as well as pupils in your school

2

During  
the day

Have your burning questions answered by our experts and outstanding practitioners

PLUS

- Discuss challenges with peers and build up a network of support
- Select targeted workshops to suit your specific need

3

After  
the day

Log in at [oego.co/MoreAbleResources](http://oego.co/MoreAbleResources) to access key resources from the day

PLUS

- Download the speaker presentations and share these with colleagues
- Take away guidance on how to master the skill of questioning
- Read how to fully engage underachieving boys

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across your school

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PLUS

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