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RATIONALE

A comprehensive school, The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School aims to cater for pupils of all abilities and to maintain high academic standards. We therefore recognise that our educational provision must meet the educational needs of all our pupils; ongoing assessment of pupil performance and attainment enables the School to monitor pupils' progress in terms of national standards and to identify those pupils who might benefit from further extension and enrichment.

DEFINITIONS

The School recognises that there is a continuum of educational need which needs to be met by a continuum of educational provision. The School defines 'gifted and talented' pupils as those:

- who exhibit a markedly superior developmental level of performance and achievement which has been consistent from earlier years;
- of whom confident predictions can be made as to continual rapid progress towards outstanding achievement in curricular or co-curricular areas.

These pupils may require additional differentiated learning opportunities fully to realise their abilities.

IDENTIFICATION

The School aims to identify the most able and talented pupils in each year group. These will include the academically able and also a percentage of those pupils who are outstandingly talented in co-curricular areas. The School makes use of a variety of evidence to identify these pupils:

- Key Stage 2 information
- Information from primary schools
- The recommendations of teachers based on subject-specific criteria
- Scrutiny of pupils' work and performance
- Information from public examinations and from twice-yearly internal examinations.

EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

Educational provision takes place within the framework of an academically rigorous curriculum (such as the study of Latin from the First and Second Forms and later, of the separate scientific disciplines) supported by an extensive Homework & Marking Policy. Extensive co-curricular provision is also offered in the musical, sporting and academic fields.