

Criteria for identifying Able, Gifted and Talented Students at Hethersett Academy

Department: **Modern Foreign Languages**

Whole Academy Criteria:

- Enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject and for learning
- Ability to quickly grasp new concepts, content and vocabulary
- Keen to develop their work and extend their ideas
- Willingness to work independently and outside of lesson time
- Ability to put/use a new idea in context
- Clear communication, justification and reasoning

Department Specific Criteria:

- Ability to perceive patterns quickly and demonstrate assimilation of new grammatical structures
- Ability to transfer skills when adapting language to new situations
- Ability to cross-reference and transfer language and skills
- Ability to recognise familiar language in an unfamiliar context
- Capacity to use verbal and non-verbal clues to understand challenging reading and listening material
- Ability to ask questions about exceptions to the rule or more complex grammatical queries which have not been addressed in class
- Willingness to use study skills to investigate areas of linguistic and cultural interest
- Capacity to notice new features and structures and to develop constructions on their own
- Aural ability to grasp the gist of spoken language without having to know every word
- Ability to pick up accents quickly, recognising and inquiring about differences (eg Spanish and Latin American Spanish, French and French spoken in Switzerland, Belgium, Quebec, Africa and French overseas territories)
- Capacity to use appropriate language in different contexts and make wider links
- Capacity to be accurate and precise in their use of language and to enjoy the new expressive possibilities a different language provides