

PRESS RELEASE

THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL is the 198th school nationally to achieve the prestigious Challenge Award for Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils. This Award is given for high quality work by the whole school, teachers and governors, in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best.

The Award is given by NACE: the National Association for Able Children in Education, a leading national education organisation and registered charity established for 28 years. The Association exists to help the daily work of teachers providing for pupils with high abilities whilst enabling all pupils to flourish. It provides advice, training and resources for teachers, including The Challenge Award Self-Evaluation Framework which **THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL** has used to audit and plan what it provides for able, gifted and talented pupils. Many thousands of primary and secondary schools are using The Challenge Award Framework to develop their work.

Assessors, who spent a day in the school, were impressed by strong leadership and management of provision which keeps the needs of more able learners at the forefront of the school's work and the good support and challenge provided by the Governors.

Assessors judged the quality of the school's work by observing lessons, interviewing the pupils, teachers, parents and governors and by looking at the pupils' work. The Award is given when schools demonstrate that they meet the criteria of the Award and will remain are committed to continuing to ensure high-quality provision for able, gifted and talented pupils.

December 2010 Rowena Gaston Chief Executive

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