



Challenge Development Programme

Develop your school's provision for more able learners, in the context of challenge for all

"The school has felt united, staff have been fully engaged, and all learners have benefitted from the setting of high expectations and more challenging approaches."

Bernie Mizzie, Director, Chiswick House School and St Martin's College

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Introducing the NACE Challenge Development Programme...

The NACE Challenge Development Programme is designed to support school leaders who are uncompromising in their ambition to ensure more able learners achieve their potential, in the context of challenge for all. The programme is founded on the NACE Challenge Framework, a well-established tool for whole-school review and improvement, with accompanying Handbook, resources, consultancy, CPD and opportunities for school-to-school working.

Comprehensive and robust in its criteria, the programme can be used by schools and groups of schools at all phases, sectors and contexts – including those already demonstrating good or outstanding provision for more able learners, as well as those for whom this is a key area for improvement. It is regularly reviewed to ensure it supports current areas of emphasis in school improvement and accountability, including expectations set out in the Ofsted, Estyn, ISI and other evaluation schedules.

The NACE Challenge Development Programme is exclusively available to NACE members.

NACE Challenge Framework

The Challenge Framework is based on six interconnected elements, all key in ensuring high-quality provision for more able learners:

1. Leadership and governance
2. Identification and transition
3. Curriculum, teaching and support
4. Professional development
5. Communication and partnership
6. Monitoring and evaluation

It sets out detailed criteria for each element, providing a comprehensive framework for school self-evaluation and action-planning.

Handbook and resource library

Alongside the Challenge Framework, schools following the NACE Challenge Development Programme have access to a comprehensive Handbook and supporting resources including webinars, presentations, practical templates and exemplars, and case studies from Challenge Award-accredited schools.

Plus: our termly Challenge Clinics offer free 1-2-1 support for schools working towards the Challenge Award.



NACE Challenge Award

Schools whose self-evaluation shows they meet the Challenge Framework criteria can apply for accreditation through the prestigious NACE Challenge Award, renewable every three years.

Gaining the Award provides your school with:

- External validation of school-wide high-quality provision for more able learners;
- Evidence of impact aligned to other school improvement and accountability measures;
- A clear action plan and ongoing support for continuous improvement – including a free Challenge Check-in between accreditations;
- Opportunities to work with and learn from other Challenge Award schools through publications, CPD, research and other initiatives.

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Additional support

SLT consultancy

Tailored to meet the needs of your school or cluster, consultancy can be booked as a single half-day session for school leaders, or as a longer-term programme. The focus is on reviewing practice against the Challenge Framework and identifying strategies to help the school move on to the next stage.

Continuing professional development

CPD sessions can be designed to focus on an identified area for development, and can be delivered for senior leadership, heads of department and/or teaching staff and assistants as appropriate.

Coaching and mentoring

For ongoing 1-2-1 support, our coaches and mentors can be engaged to support your school self-evaluation and review of progress through each of the Challenge Framework Elements, providing ongoing guidance on whole-school implementation of your Challenge action plan.

All consultancy, CPD and mentoring sessions can be delivered on-site or remotely.

For more information, including costs and online orders, visit
www.nace.co.uk/challenge
or email challenge@nace.co.uk

About NACE

NACE is a leading independent charity dedicated to supporting schools and teachers across every aspect of provision for more able learners. Drawing on almost 40 years' experience in the field, NACE is at the forefront of thought leadership and evidence-based policy for the more able, with NACE member schools leading the way in implementing best practice.

When you join NACE, you join an international community of schools, with opportunities to network and collaborate both online and in person, as well as gaining exclusive access to the NACE Challenge Development Programme.

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