

The St Michael Steiner School

Statement regarding 'Able, Gifted, and Talented' pupils

The school acknowledges that all children have their strengths and weaknesses and we value artistic, musical, social, mathematical, literary, practical, academic, and other abilities wherever they are seen.

Academic ability is not valued more than other special gifts.

Teachers are well placed to recognise the special gifts of the children in their classes and, when we see these, steps are taken to provide for, or encourage parents to provide for, the development of these talents. For example, we have advised parents that their children should learn to play certain musical instruments; with older children, personal projects are set and the High School students work with specialist teachers to develop a particular interest; in all classes, children who need to be 'stretched' in certain areas are given extra or more challenging work to do in the class and/or for homework.