



NACE Challenge Award school experience: in discussion with Copthorne Primary School

Live online event, 10 November 2020

Virtually go behind the scenes and gain insights into high-quality teaching, learning and leadership

The National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE) is running live online twilight sessions offering the chance to gain insights into effective policy and practice at NACE Challenge Award-accredited schools. In discussion with school leaders and going virtually “behind the scenes”, each session will explore the school’s use of the NACE Challenge Framework to support the development of high-quality provision for more able learners within a whole-school ethos of challenge for all.

Each live online event will include:

- **Introductory talk** – overview of school context and NACE Challenge journey; cornerstones of more able policy and practice; transformative initiatives and their impact; approach to CPD, ongoing school improvement and maintaining consistently high-quality teaching and learning
- **Virtual learning walk** – highlighting specific classroom and whole-school examples of best practice in challenge
- **Q&A** – opportunity to ask questions about the school, as well as questions about the NACE Challenge Framework and/or Challenge Award accreditation and reaccreditation
- **Guidance and next steps** – recommendations for schools working towards Challenge Award (re)accreditation

Questions can be submitted in advance and will be used to tailor the focus of the session. Alongside key staff members from the host school, a NACE Associate will be available to provide additional guidance.

Who should attend?

This opportunity is aimed at school leaders, more able coordinators and others leading on provision for more able learners and high attainment in a school or group of schools. It is open to leaders and practitioners from all phases, sectors and stages of development in provision for more able learners – including schools with no previous experience of the NACE Challenge Framework, as well as those already using the Framework and/or holding the NACE Challenge Award.

About the school

Bradford’s Copthorne Primary School has held the NACE Challenge Award since 2016. It is rated outstanding, is part of the Exceed Academies Trust, and earlier this year was named one of the first new Teaching School Hubs in England. Despite its socio-economic challenges, Copthorne is consistently one of Bradford’s highest performing schools. It has developed a culture of high expectations and a commitment to the provision of challenge for all learners in every area of school life. Copthorne’s mantra “no limits on learning” and the school’s “teach to the top” approach is evident not only in the classroom, but in all aspects of the school environment. School leaders are clear that their work with NACE and the Challenge Award have been central to Copthorne’s continuing success. During this live online session, leading staff members at Copthorne will share some of their key approaches to ensuring effective challenge in the classroom, including high-quality questioning and the application of evidence-based cognitive theory such as metacognition and retrieval practice.

Event details

Date: 10 November 2020 (4.00-5.30pm)

Cost: £70 + VAT

Reserve your place: www.nace.co.uk/event/copthorne

Find out more about the NACE Challenge Framework: www.nace.co.uk/challenge