

## Information for parents and carers

Through Arts Award, children and young people can take an inspiring arts journey that earns them a qualification for something they enjoy doing, lets them experience the professional arts world and share their passion with friends.

Each path can take a different direction - from fashion to film-making, from dance to design, from photography to poetry; young people take on challenges in an art form they enjoy.

### Why Arts Award?

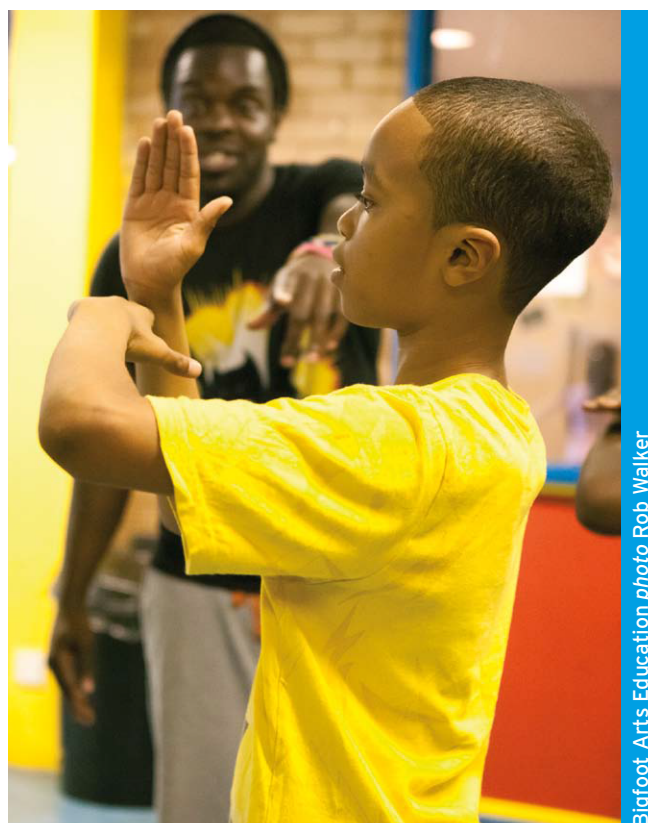
Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. Four qualifications are on offer along with an introductory level. The five levels are Arts Award Discover and Arts Award Explore, which are designed for ages 5 plus, and Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award for ages 11 to 25.

At all levels, Arts Award:

- develops creativity, leadership and communication skills and builds self-confidence
- takes a flexible portfolio-based approach and assesses personal creative development
- helps young people prepare for further education and employment by teaching them to work independently

### How does it work?

- Anyone aged 25 and under can work towards an award in any area of the arts. Young people can start at any Arts Award level, or working through all five
- Young people can create or perform their own work, or develop their skills in essential roles like marketing or stage management



Bigfoot Arts Education photo Rob Walker

- As they work towards Arts Award, young people create an arts log or portfolio by collecting evidence of what they have done and reflecting on their experiences
- Young people work towards their award at an Arts Award centre. This could be an art gallery, theatre, museum, library, school, college, young club or an arts and cultural organisation
- Trained Arts Award advisers support young people to achieve their goals and assess their progress via their portfolio. A trained moderator then validates this assessment.
- Young people who achieve the award receive a certificate from Trinity College London. There are also 16 UCAS points attached to the highest level

## What young people and their parents say

*Arts Award has given me the confidence to lead a project and the chance to reach for my dreams. It's brilliant to be part of such an inspiring scheme.'*

and Specialist Arts College

*I liked that we chose what we wanted to do for Arts Award instead of being told what to do. I especially enjoyed improvising and adding to our ideas to make something that we all felt really proud of.'*

Molly, age 9, Arts Award achiever

*My daughter has really enjoyed completing Arts Award Explore. She has learnt an enormous amount and gained immeasurable confidence in her creativity and ability. I really hope that she will complete Bronze Arts Award as I believe it will enrich her experience of the arts, encourage her to learn new skills, continue to improve her confidence and supplement her school art lessons.'*

Stephanie Bird, parent

## How you can help

- Help to find a centre or adviser - begin your search at [artsaward.org.uk/map](https://artsaward.org.uk/map)
- Go with your child to arts events and get involved with their arts learning
- Find local offers on [artsaward.org.uk/supporter](https://artsaward.org.uk/supporter)
- Encourage teenagers to check out Arts Award's online magazine: [artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)
- Celebrate their achievements

## Costs

Each Arts Award centre takes their own approach to covering costs associated with running Arts Award. Some centres access free arts events, or take advantage of discounted offers, others fundraise or subsidise activities from their core funding. Some centres will charge a fee for participation and activities whereas others may cover the costs.

We suggest parents and carers discuss costs with the centre. Small grants are sometimes available to centres working with young people for whom access and inclusion is an issue - contact your centre if you think your family may be eligible.

Costs associated with running the programme are as follows:

### Arts Award young people's materials\*

Discover log and stickers	£4.20
Explore log and stickers	£5.25
Bronze booklet and badge	£6.00
Silver booklet and badge	£online
Gold booklet and badge	£7.40

### Certification and moderation costs per person

Discover	£4.00
Explore	£13.75
Bronze	£24.50
Silver	£30.00
Gold	£45.00

\*plus postage

Prices are accurate  
September 2019 - August 2020

as part of a group, a discount may apply



Burnley Youth Theatre photo Andy Bulmer

## More information

Arts Award qualifications are recognised on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). Gold Arts Award carries 16 UCAS tariff points. Certificates are issued by Trinity College London. For more information on the qualification value of Arts Award, visit [www.artsaward.org.uk/qualification](http://www.artsaward.org.uk/qualification)

For information on how young people with Individual Learning Requirements including Special Educational Needs can access Arts Award see [www.artsaward.org.uk/SEN](http://www.artsaward.org.uk/SEN)

If you have any questions or need this information in another format please contact the Arts Award helpdesk on **020 7820 6178** or [artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk](mailto:artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk)

## Connect with Arts Award

Young people can connect with Arts Award at [www.artsawardvoice.com](http://www.artsawardvoice.com) or on social media:



[www.facebook.com/artsawardvoice](http://www.facebook.com/artsawardvoice)



[@ArtsAwardVoice](https://twitter.com/ArtsAwardVoice)



[www.instagram.com/artsawardvoice](http://www.instagram.com/artsawardvoice)



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