

# 6 Arts Award is so beneficial and allows you to develop your skills in many ways. It's a brilliant qualification to have and really stands out on your CV. 9 Jayden, Gold Arts Award achiever

# Delivering 21st century skills

Arts Award is a unique set of qualifications that support children and young people aged 25 and under to enjoy the arts and develop as artists and arts leaders. Young people completing Arts Award acquire creativity, leadership, reflective thinking and communication skills that are essential for success in 21st century life.

Over half a million awards have been achieved across five levels – Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold – since Arts Award launched in 2005.

In England, Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England working with 10 regional Bridge organisations.

## Creativity for life

There are five key areas where Arts Award has been found to have a positive impact on young people, as shown through the results of our three-year impact study\* led by London South Bank University.

Life skills

Of the many positive impacts that Arts Award can have on young people, a key area is the development of skills transferable to the world of work, such as confidence, leadership and organisational skills.

Accreditation

Arts Award is a highly respected and universal qualification, based on sound approaches to teaching and learning.

Arts choices

Arts Award influences young people's choice of subjects and supports successful applications for further study.

Entrepreneurial skills

Completing an Arts Award encourages independent learning, creativity and communication skills; all vital for a career as a freelancer or arts entrepreneur, or for careers beyond the arts.

Creativity for life

Arts Award develops young people from all backgrounds as creative artists and arts leaders, nurturing their understanding of routes to education and employment in the creative and cultural sector.

6 My Arts Award qualification helped me to realise that if I have a passion for something, it really does show in the art that I produce.

James, Silver Arts Award achiever

\*Researchers tracked 68 young people during and for two years after their Arts Award, surveyed nearly 400 Arts Award participants, and interviewed Arts Award alumni. Research focused on Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy

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## **How Arts Award works**



Arts Award takes young people on a journey to arts achievement, through developing transferable 21st century skills and art form knowledge. It works with all types of creative activities, including technical, backstage and

administrative roles.

#### Recovery

Taking part in creative activities has many emotional, physical and cognitive benefits. This is especially useful in improving young people's wellbeing after a difficult and disruptive period. Arts Award can contribute towards a recovery or catch-up curriculum plan by providing structure for arts programmes and measurable impacts.



#### **Advisers**

Arts Award advisers support children and young people by providing guidance and assessing their work. Anyone with experience of working with young people and access to arts opportunities can train to be an adviser. Young people collect evidence of their progress via an arts log or portfolio. It is then the task of the adviser to assess their work.

#### Support for young people

Young people have access to support through Arts Award Voice, which is hosted on Voice magazine and links them to a wider community of young people involved in the arts. Voice offers step-by-step guidance for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards including online resources and examples. Voice also keeps in touch with young people who have registered to offer advice and highlight career opportunities after their Arts Award. To find out more, visit **artsawardvoice.com** 

#### Support for centres and advisers

Support is on offer to help run Arts Award successfully, including resources, webinars and regular blog posts. All support offered to centres and advisers is entirely free. For more information on support, visit artsaward.org.uk/advisersupport

#### Centres

Young people work towards Arts Award through a centre. A wide range of organisations can register as centres, which then serve to support the delivery of Arts Award and oversee the work of advisers. Arts Award is flexible - it can happen during lesson time, through regular extra-curricular clubs, or even one-off projects and activities.



#### Funding

There are various sources of funding available
- Arts Council England's Children, Young People
and Learning Grants and National Lottery Project
Grants to name a couple. Trinity College London
also offers their own grant in the form of the Arts
Award Access Fund. For more funding options visit
artsaward.org.uk/funding

#### **Partnerships**

Arts Award works collaboratively with a variety of organisations and national bodies to increase young people's access to Arts Award. To find out more, visit artsaward.org.uk/partnerships



#### Moderators

A moderator checks the adviser's marking and confirms that the assessment is right. Following this, successful young people are awarded a qualification and certificate!

# The Arts Award journey



## 1. Choose your level

Take a look at pages 10-12 to find out more about the levels of Arts Award and value of the qualifications.

#### 4. Plan

Plan your project and consider how young people will record their progress. You can order arts logs from artsaward.org.uk/shop



#### 2. Train advisers

Train team members at the levels of Arts Award you'd like to deliver. Book onto one of our distance learning courses at artsaward.org.uk/training



Register your organisation as an Arts Award centre. Registration is a quick and free process.



#### 5. Review

We recommend you regularly review young people's arts logs or portfolios. For advice, book a support session at artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub

## 8. Have your moderation

The moderator will sample the work to validate your marking and provide feedback. Results will be confirmed and certificates issued for successful young people.



congratulations!

### 6. Prepare your assessment

Make use of online resources, including moderation tips and evidence checklists. Complete an adviser assessment report form for each arts log or portfolio.

## 7. Book your moderation

Order certificates (Discover level) or choose one of our three moderation types.

Depending on the type of moderation you choose, you may need to book eight weeks in advance.





## Which level is right for young people?

Arts Award is designed to support children and young people to develop their skills and interests in the arts, building their knowledge as they progress through the levels. Young people can start at any level and advisers determine the best starting point by considering the needs and abilities of their group.

#### **Arts Award Discover**

20 guided learning hours (recommended)

Arts Award Discover is designed for ages 5 and above but is open to anyone aged 25 and under

Start the arts adventure! To achieve Arts Award Discover, young people:

- take part in arts activities
- experience artists' or craftpeople's work
- share their arts discoveries

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/discover

#### **Arts Award Explore**

(Qualification no. 600/3894/9) Entry Level (Entry 3) on the RQF\*

25 guided learning hours + 10 independent learning hours = 35 hours' total qualification time Arts Award Explore is designed for ages 7 and above but is open to anyone aged 25 and under

Explore the arts and be inspired! To achieve Arts Award Explore, young people:

- take part in a range of arts activities
- explore the work of artists or craftspeople and arts organisations
- create an art work
- share their exploration

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/explore

#### Bronze Arts Award

(Qualification no. 501/0081/6) Level 1 on the RQF\*

40 guided learning hours + 20 independent learning hours = 60 hours' total qualification time Bronze Arts Award is designed for ages 11 to 14 but open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take part in the arts and share new skills! To achieve Bronze Arts Award, young people:

- take part in the arts
- review an arts event or experience
- research an artist or craftsperson
- pass on arts skills to others

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/bronze

#### Silver Arts Award

(Qualification no. 500/9914/0) Level 2 on the RQF\*

60 guided learning hours + 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours' total qualification time Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 to 16 but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take on a challenge and lead others! Silver Arts Award has two units: arts practice and pathways, and arts leadership.

To achieve Silver Arts Award, young people:

- plan, complete and review an arts challenge
- review arts events and share their views
- research careers in the arts
- develop leadership skills through planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/silver

\*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

#### Gold Arts Award

(Qualification no. 500/9666/7) Level 3 on the RQF\* | 16 UCAS points 90 guided learning hours + 60 independent learning hours = 150 hours' total qualification time Gold Arts Award is designed for ages 16 and above but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Develop arts skills and lead the way! Gold Arts Award has two units: personal arts development and leadership of an arts project.

To achieve Gold Arts Award, young people:

- extend their arts practice, experience another art form and create new work
- get involved in the world of the arts through placements, volunteering, training and research
- review arts events and find out about artists or craftspeople and their career paths
- research and make the case for an arts issue
- develop leadership skills through taking individual responsibility for planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project and sharing it publicly

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/gold

€ Arts Award definitely helped me think outside the box when it comes to creating and developing ideas about how to direct, write or act. ■

Erin, Bronze Arts Award achiever



\*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework photo end2endTV.co.uk 12/13

## Cost

#### Adviser training (per person)

Course	Cost (until August 2022)
Discover & Explore	£150
Bronze & Silver	£200
Gold	£150

You can complete the courses in any order – choose the levels of Arts Award that are right for your group. A 10% discount on course fees is available for group bookings of 7-12 people.

#### Moderation/certification (per young person)

Level	Cost	Groups of 25+	Groups of 50+	Groups of 100+
Discover	£4.00 (certificate only)	£3.85	£3.40	£3.05
Explore	£14.00	£13.00	£12.00	£11.50
Bronze	£25.00	£24.00	£23.00	£21.00
Silver	£31.00	£29.50	£28.50	£27.50
Gold	£46.50	£45.50	£44.50	£43.25

## Get in touch

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