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“ 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.”

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.

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.

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Inside cover: National Youth Dance Company *photo* Kirsten Holst

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.

*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



“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

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's flexible framework means young people can work across a wide range of arts, cultural and heritage activities and projects, including creative and technical roles.

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 your exploration

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/explore

*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

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 and 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 and above 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

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



Museum of Zoology – University of Cambridge
photo Caroline Bray



Abbey Catholic Primary School *photo Kirsten Holst*

*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

How to prepare, plan and deliver Arts Award

Young people work towards Arts Award through a centre. Centres can be theatres, art galleries, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, youth clubs, or arts and cultural organisations. They support the delivery of Arts Award and oversee the work of advisers.

Arts Award advisers support children and young people by providing guidance and assessing their work. Advisers can be teachers, arts practitioners, youth workers, volunteers or members of learning teams. They need to have experience of working with young people and access to arts opportunities, but don't have to be arts specialists.

To become an adviser, book onto one of our distance learning courses, delivered throughout the year. After training, your organisation can register to become an Arts Award centre. Registration is a quick and free process. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/gettingstarted

Support for centres and advisers

Following training, support is on hand to help run Arts Award successfully including:

- ▶ a range of resources such as delivery ideas, planning tools, moderation and assessment tips, along with all relevant criteria and paperwork: artsaward.org.uk/resources
- ▶ free webinars and support sessions that can be booked online: artsaward.org.uk/support
- ▶ regular blog posts on how Arts Award can work in practice: artsaward.org.uk/blog
- ▶ insights and learning from Trinity Champion Centres, selected for their outstanding approach to delivering Arts Award

Full details of the support options on offer are available at artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub

Support for young people

Young people can get inspiration from Arts Award Voice, which shares experiences and ideas for Arts Award. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Hubs offer step-by-step guidance, case studies of achievers, interviews with artists, portfolio examples and downloadable planners to help young people to complete their awards. They can post blogs and reviews for Arts Award and collect their posts for assessment into a simple portfolio attached to their profile. Young people also get benefits and opportunities by joining the Arts Award Voice community. Find out more at artsawardvoice.com

Arts Award Voice is part of Voice magazine, run by Upstart Projects: upstartprojects.uk

Delivering Arts Award

Arts Award can be delivered in many ways and in a wide range of settings. You can map it to your existing activity or use it to kick-start something new. Arts Award delivery happens in curriculum time, or through extra-curricular and enrichment programmes, museum or heritage projects, weekly clubs or groups, and partnership projects.

Evidence and assessment

Young people create an arts log or portfolio by collecting evidence of their arts journey and skills development. These can take any format, from drawing and blogging to photography and video. See examples at artsawardvoice.com/portfolios

Once young people have completed their arts log or portfolio, it is assessed internally by the adviser. An external moderator then validates this assessment through a moderation (except at Discover level which is adviser assessment only). There is a range of moderation options available. Find one to suit you and book online at artsaward.org.uk/moderation

Partnerships

We work closely with many organisations and national bodies to increase young people's access to Arts Award, including but not limited to Historic Royal Palaces, Kids in Museums, Youth Music, and Into Film. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/partnerships

Funding

There are many ways of funding Arts Award. Schools, colleges, local authorities and training bodies may be able to use accreditation funds. Many funders welcome Arts Award as a way of monitoring your project's impact, as well as providing a measurable outcome and a national qualification for young people. Check out Arts Council England's Children, Young People and Learning Project Grants, which can fund some of the costs associated with delivering Arts Award. More information is available at artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants

The Arts Award Access Fund is also available for organisations working with young people who face barriers to taking part in the awards. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/accessfundinfo

Cost

Adviser training (per person)

Course	Cost (until August 2021)
Discover & Explore	£150
Bronze & Silver	£200
Gold	£150

You can complete the courses in any order, for instance you can attend Gold adviser training without first completing the Bronze & Silver course.

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	£13.75	£12.85	£11.85	£11.25
Bronze	£24.50	£23.50	£22.50	£20.50
Silver	£30.00	£29.00	£28.00	£27.00
Gold	£45.00	£44.00	£43.00	£42.00

The Arts Award journey

Take a look at pages 6-8 to find out more about the levels and values of Arts Award qualifications.

1.
Choose
your
level

2.
Train
and
register

Train team members at the levels of Arts Award you'd like to deliver, then register your organisation as an Arts Award centre.

3.
Plan

Plan your Arts Award delivery. Visit the adviser hub for resources to support your planning, or access our range of one-to-one support options like webinars and remote support sessions. You can order arts logs from artsaward.org.uk/shop

4.
Recruit

Recruit young people and generate a buzz around Arts Award! Encourage young people over 11 to register on Arts Award Voice for inspiration and online guidance.

Make use of online resources, including top tips for moderation, and evidence checklists.

Complete an adviser assessment report form for each arts log or portfolio.

6. Prepare your assessment

5. Review

We recommend you regularly review the progress of young people's arts logs or portfolios. Book one of our support sessions to get some advice.

7. Book your moderation

Order certificates (Discover) or find out which moderation option is best for you and book (Explore/Bronze/Silver/Gold).

Depending on the type of moderation you choose, you may need to allow at least eight weeks to arrange your moderation.

8. Moderation

Have your moderation. The moderator will sample the work to validate your marking and provide feedback. Results will be confirmed with the issue of a certificate for successful candidates.

Congratulations!

Now plan your next delivery!

Get in touch

The Arts Award team is here to help at every stage, whether you're looking to get started, deliver the award, arrange a moderation or promote your programme.

Arts Award website	artsaward.org.uk
Arts Award Voice	artsawardvoice.com
Arts Award blog	artsaward.org.uk/blog
Help centre	artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre
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Email	artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk

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Life after Arts Award

When young people finish their awards, they become Arts Award alumni. Then if they have signed up on Arts Award Voice (see page 9) we'll keep in touch with them to offer help and opportunities for their next step and to profile their pathway. Voice magazine also provides a lively careers section with insights and advice from professionals for young creatives. Find out more at artsawardvoice.com/alumni



15 years of supporting creativity to flourish

Arts Award has been supporting the development of creativity and leadership skills for 15 years! Here's how we are marking this important milestone.

On Arts Award Voice:

- ▶ Young people can be inspired by the progress of early Arts Award achievers
- ▶ Voice is showcasing the diversity of artistic work embraced by Arts Award

[More on artsawardvoice.com](http://artsawardvoice.com)

On Arts Award's blog:

- ▶ Centres can learn from organisations who have made Arts Award an important part of their offer
- ▶ Advisers can access support as part of our goal of widening the availability of Gold Arts Award

[More on artsaward.org.uk/blog](http://artsaward.org.uk/blog)

Greenfields Specialist School for Communication
has been delivering Arts Award since the start
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