

Information for parents and carers 2015/6

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?

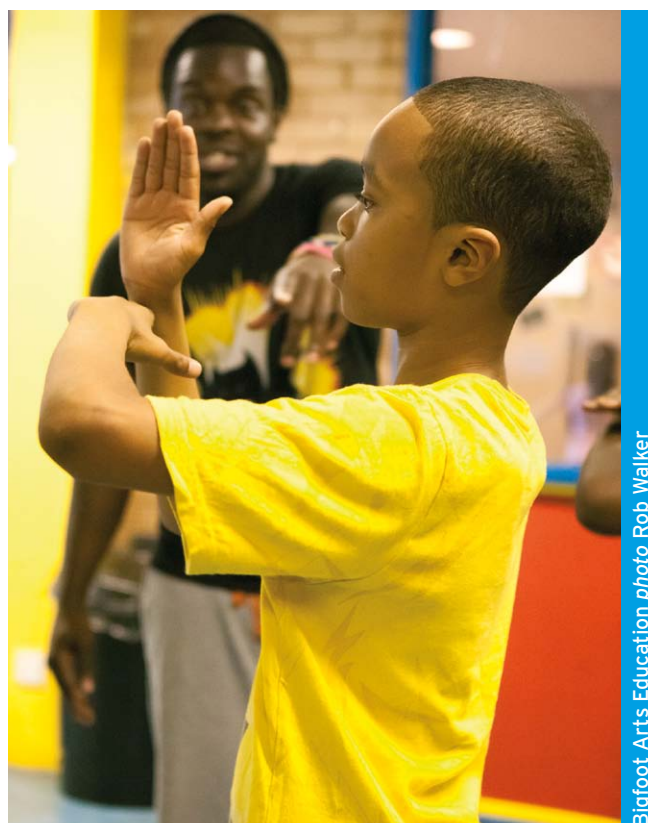
Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. Four qualifications are on offer along with an introductory level. The five levels are Arts Award Discover and Arts Award Explore, which are designed for ages 5 plus, and Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award for ages 11 to 25.

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 up to 25 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 35 UCAS points attached to the highest level

Bronze Arts Award

Level 1 Award in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

Take part in the arts and share new skills!

Through Bronze Arts Award, young people gain a Level 1 qualification. They create an arts portfolio to record their progress, collecting evidence of what they do along the way – use our specially designed Bronze arts logs available from artsaward.org.uk/shop or create a digital portfolio at artsbox.co.uk

Bronze Arts Award is for ages 11 and above. It has four parts.

enjoying the arts

take part in an arts activity

choose anything from sculpture to storytelling

arts review

record response as an audience member

arts inspiration

research the work and life of an inspiring artist or craftsperson

arts skills share

pass on arts skills to others by leading a workshop or by giving a presentation with an explanation of the skills involved

Silver Arts Award

Level 2 Award in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

Take on a challenge and lead others!

For Silver Arts Award, young people develop their arts skills and knowledge and lead an arts project to achieve a Level 2 qualification. Young people build an arts portfolio to track their experiences and show their development, creating and collecting evidence along the way.

Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 and above, but is open to anyone aged over 11. It has two units.

arts practice & pathways

arts challenge

set a challenge in a chosen arts activity,
make a plan and review progress

arts review

record views on shows, exhibitions or events
and share these with others

arts research

find out about arts activities in the local area
and beyond, meet artists and learn about
training and career opportunities in the arts

arts leadership

Young people develop their leadership skills
with others by leading workshops or delivering
an arts project. They need to plan, deliver and
review a project and can work individually or
as part of a team. Leadership roles can involve
passing on arts or media skills or taking charge
of a particular creative aspect.

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ARTS AWARD FORM



Youth Theatre / Young Company Member Information

Full Name			
Date of Birth			
Email Address			
Postal Address			
Post Code		School name	
Ethnicity		Gender	

Current Youth Theatre / Young Company Group

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Arts Award Level – please tick which level you would like to be entered for

BRONZE (11-21 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
SILVER (12-21 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to be considered for the Virginia Isham Scholarship Award that will pay for Arts Award fees	<input type="checkbox"/>

Parent / Guardian's Information

Full Name	
Mobile Number	
Landline Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Postal Address	
Post Code	

By signing this form, I agree to:

- * Support my child in completing the Arts Award Portfolio sections & attend moderation (date tbc)
- * Enable my child to attend at least one live performance or visit to an art exhibition
- * Allow my child to be photographed and/or video recorded for the purposes of portfolio evidence and historical and marketing purposes
- * Pay the Arts Award fee (Bronze £30 & Silver £35) if not awarded a scholarship and understand that this is non-refundable if the portfolio is not completed in time for moderation

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form and payment by cash or cheque payable to Royal & Derngate to trudy.bell@royalandderngate.co.uk or via post to Trudy A Bell, Creative Learning Director, Royal & Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 2DP by **FRIDAY 20th JANUARY 2017**
 You can also hand the forms and payment into Ashley or Trudy at Youth Theatre/Young Company sessions – please make sure they are in a marked envelope addressed to Trudy.