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Arts Award**

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What's Bronze Arts Award?

Bronze Arts Award opens young people's eyes to the arts, helping them to shine in art forms of their choice. It's all about active participation, building confidence and rewarding personal challenges and achievements. For many young people Bronze Award is a life-changing programme.

From animation to beatboxing, circus skills to fashion design, photography to poetry, Arts Award is a flexible and inclusive programme. It embraces all interests and backgrounds, helping everyone to unlock their potential and develop as artists and arts leaders.



Bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 qualification meaning that young people work at GCSE level (grades D to G)



This four-part award is open to anyone aged 11 or over



It's built around enjoying the arts and takes an average of 40 hours to complete



There are no entry requirements and there is no set time limit for completing the award



Arts Award can help ensure schools are meeting their Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural requirements as defined by Ofsted, as well as helping to demonstrate they are offering a broad and balanced curriculum



Why do Bronze Award?

Bronze Arts Award provides opportunities for developing art form knowledge, communication and leadership. It enriches the lives of young people and helps them to:

- manage time, work independently and meet deadlines
- reflect on their own learning and achievements and develop metacognition
- help others develop their skills and work in a team
- broaden their understanding about what arts and creativity is all about
- learn what talents they have and skills they can develop further
- see professionals at work and be inspired by them
- explore artistic options they might never have considered
- express themselves in creative ways and have fun
- discover the sheer enjoyment of creating and participating in an art form

Doing Bronze Arts Award can help prepare young people for future life by enabling them to develop as artists and arts leaders. It supports the development of transferable skills through independent learning and motivation, builds confidence and helps young people gain a sense of accomplishment.

Dance United
photo Pari Naderi



Making Bronze work for you

Bronze Arts Award is thriving in schools and colleges, arts centre, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatre and youth services. You can make the award work in your setting too as its delivery is completely flexible, including for:

- class or whole-year projects
- clubs or groups
- extra-curricular projects and enrichment options
- targeted interventions
- partnership projects
- short courses and holiday projects
- work experience and volunteering projects
- transition projects

About Arts Award

Managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England, Arts Award's unique qualifications offer young people a valuable and exciting arts journey.

Launched in 2005, this highly respected programme has helped inspire and celebrate thousands of young people's artistic achievements. It is available across the UK.

Open to anyone up to 25, Arts Award can be achieved at five levels – Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

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Bronze in motion

Arts Award has been a huge success in many settings.

Chingford Foundation School is a large co-educational comprehensive school and sixth form in East London. They offer Arts Award in a range of art forms, including performing and visual arts, creative writing and technical production. 400 young people have achieved awards to date, including through Arts Award Shakespeare Challenge and the First World War Special Edition Arts Award certificate.

“Arts Award is an enriching opportunity for students who are looking to acquire a broad and balanced curriculum that extends beyond the Ebacc. This says nothing about the other impacts that Arts Award provides including resilience, self-confidence, creativity and risk taking.”

Mark Morrall,
Executive Principal, Chingford Academies Trust

Dance United Yorkshire is a Community Interest Group working with marginalised young people. Bronze Arts Award has helped nurture talents that would otherwise have not been recognised. A cohort of young people from across Keighley in West Yorkshire worked towards their awards by taking part in a six-week project dancing for six hours a day, five days a week, learning a 20-minute piece of choreography that was performed in front of a sell-out audience.

“Having been an Arts Award adviser for over eight years, I have witnessed hundreds of young people gain a variety of skills from taking part in this qualification; not only in the art form but in essential life skills such as self-reflection, confidence and teamwork.”

Helen Linsell,
Artistic Director, Dance United

Other case studies and films of centres delivering Bronze can be found on the Arts Award website: artsaward.org.uk/bronze





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Complete Bronze in five easy steps

- 1 Book your place on a Bronze & Silver adviser training course or see in-house options at artsaward.org/training
- 2 Plan your delivery using one of our free online planning tools available at artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub
- 3 Recruit young people – this can be a whole year group, class, club or targeted group of young people
- 4 Kick-start your project with a launch and planning session with young people
5. Book your moderation when portfolios are approaching completion

Contact our helpdesk with any questions:
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Find out what young people themselves say about doing Bronze Arts Award by visiting Arts Award Voice, our online magazine for young people.

artsawardvoice.com

What will young people do?

- 1 take part in an arts activity and learn new skills
– could be fashion, radio broadcasting or breakdancing
- 2 arts review – attend an arts event, record their response and tell others what they think
- 3 arts inspiration – research the work and life of an artist or craftsman
- 4 arts skills share – pass on arts skills to others by leading a workshop or giving a presentation and demonstrating the skills involved

Young people create a portfolio to keep a record of their creative journey. This can be a video diary, an audio recording, a blog, a website, a cartoon book or anything else they want so long as it records evidence of their work.

Bronze Arts Award is a great way of exposing young people to arts they may never have experienced or seen before. It not only helps them experience something new but it inspires them to aim high, enjoy success, build resilience and gain a qualification.

“Arts Award has been an inspiration to me. Completing my Bronze has taught me that I am capable of more than I can imagine, I feel as if I have the freedom and inspiration to do anything. Opportunities I didn’t think I would have are just around the corner. Arts Award means a door has opened to a new and improved future.”

Lauren,

Bronze achiever (currently working towards Gold)



How do I get involved?

To get started, train as an Arts Award adviser. As an adviser you will provide support for young people working towards their award, acting as assessor, facilitator and mentor.

You don't have to be an arts specialist to deliver Arts Award. Training to be an adviser involves a one-day course available at various locations across the UK. Alternatively, you can book an in-house training session in your setting for groups of six or more.

Once trained, access a range of support, from our online community through to one-to-one support visits. Our online resource library contains everything you need to help with planning, delivery and assessment, as well as case studies, ideas and advice.

An Arts Award could change a young person's life. Set the wheels in motion and book your training today.

artsaward.org.uk/training

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Lots of young people working towards Bronze Award choose to record their progress using Artsbox. This is a fun, free and safe online portfolio space. A linked app means they can collate evidence wherever they are. artsbox.co.uk