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# Introduction to Arts Award



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St Georges Great  
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# What is Arts Award?



- ▶ A set of unique qualifications that support young people to grow as artists and arts leaders in any art form
- ▶ Five levels are available: Discover, an introductory level; Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold are nationally recognised qualifications
- ▶ Open to all young people from 5 up to the age of 25



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# What OMA students do



- ▶ Take part in structured arts activities such as lessons, workshops and performances
- ▶ Find out about artists and arts organisations
- ▶ Attend and review arts events
- ▶ Develop their communication skills
- ▶ Plan and lead their own arts projects
- ▶ Reflect on their progress as they go along, recording and evidencing their learning
- ▶ Research careers and opportunities



Eastside Educational Trust, photo Kevin Ricks



# Why is Arts Award valuable?



- ▶ **It's a national qualification** that can [accredit young people's work](#) and will look good on their CVs
- ▶ **It helps develop employability skills** such as communication, organisation, planning and team working; as well as building art form knowledge and creativity
- ▶ **It's accessible:** Arts Award measures individual personal progress, and can be adapted to a range of art forms, activities and timeframes. Evidence can be collected in any format and doesn't have to be written
- ▶ **It supports progression** by acting as a bridge to support young people into further engagement with the arts, study or training
- ▶ **It builds confidence:** Young people explore their own interests and reflect on their own personal progress, building confidence along the way



Rawlins College  
photo Paul Maven



# What does this mean for the Learner



► For each Award Level, there are recommended guided learning hours plus independent learning hours which needs to be completed to qualify for an Award

Qualification Title	Guided Learning Hours	Independent Learning Hours	Total Qualification Time (TQT)
Discover			20
Explore	25	10	35
Bronze	40	20	60
Silver	60	35	95
Gold	90	60	150



# What does this mean for Parents



- ▶ Parents are encouraged to use the Parents/Student Portal to capture evidence of Practice Time
- ▶ Supporting and encouraging your children
- ▶ Logging in practice hours
- ▶ Investment
- ▶ Monitoring



# What other people say about Arts Award



*Young people have developed skills in leadership, organisation, confidence and self esteem. These positive changes are not short lived, but have been transferred to pupils' work across the curriculum. Pupils' self belief is reinforced every time they look back at their Arts Award portfolios and certificates.*

**Claire Everett, Head of Art and Arts Award adviser, Cranborne Middle School**

*'I love delivering Arts Award to young people in a variety of settings. Watching young artists take control of their own projects and slowly develop the confidence to take creative risks and step out of their comfort zone is wonderful to experience.'*

**Claire Platt, Education and Participation Manager, Peshkar Productions**

*'Libraries are changing; we need to appeal to a more diverse audience and to show our worth to external funding bodies. We feel that the best way to do this is to embed Arts Award in as much of our delivery for children and young people as we can as it provides excellent evidence to demonstrate the value of the projects we run and something concrete that children and young people can achieve and take forward.'*

**Liz Gardner, Library Development Officer, Staffordshire Libraries**

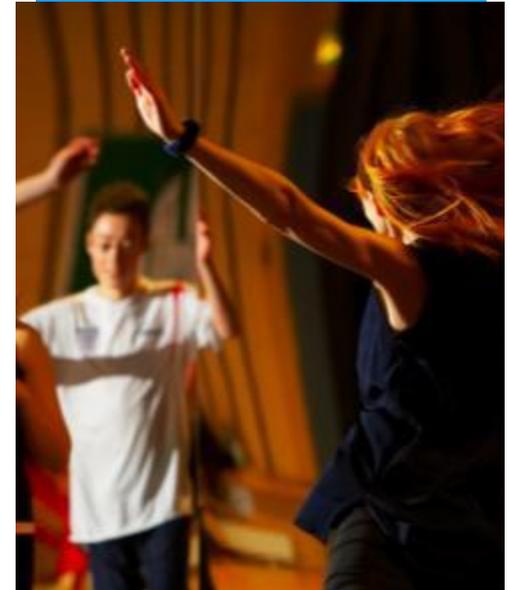
*'Arts Award has been an inspiration to me. Completing my Bronze and being part way through my Gold has taught me that I am capable of more than I can imagine, I feel as if I have the freedom and inspiration to do anything I never thought I would be able to do, the opportunities I didn't think I would have are just around the corner.'*

**Lauren, 14, Bronze Arts Award achiever, The Lowry Arts Centre**

## Arts Award in arts and cultural organisations



'Many of our young people gained enormous amounts of confidence from taking part, to some it was a real life changer and the confidence derived from creating the music enabled them to gain employment, find housing and just be creative.'  
*Charles Taylor, Arts Award adviser (Alabare E Zone)*



Lantern Dance Theatre Company, photo Paul Colwell





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