

Study for an Arts Award at Linton Village College

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ARTS AWARD



About the Arts Award

The Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders and is available throughout England. The Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification at three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Achieving an Arts Award says a lot about a person. It shows your commitment to your art form/s, your interest in developing your skills and understanding, your communication, planning and evaluation skills. It demonstrates skills in leadership as well as your own arts practice.

These skills are what colleges, universities and employers are looking for and many recognise the Arts Award as an additional qualification. (The Arts Award team is currently preparing an application to UCAS to attach points to the Gold Award.)

The Arts Award is run by Arts Council England and Trinity Guildhall – two organisations with a high profile and considerable reputation in the arts sector. This means that arts organisations take the Arts Award seriously, and many of England's best-known arts organisations are getting involved with the award.

The Arts Award is flexible

One of the unique aspects of the Arts Award is its flexibility

Whatever art form you're interested in, wherever you are, whatever your individual circumstances or ability, the Arts Award can fit your needs. There are no entry requirements, no time-limit on completing the award and no hard rules on how you present your work

The Arts Award focuses on the individual young person and your development. It is flexible so can fit around your other commitments, like school and college, or a busy social life

So far, young people have achieved Arts Awards in acting, architecture, circus arts, composing, dance, dj-ing, exhibition curating, fashion, film, graffiti art, hip hop, journalism, multi-media design, painting, poetry, radio, sculpture, technical theatre...and more. You just need to show how you can develop your creativity in your chosen area

The Bronze Arts Award

The Bronze Arts Award is a level one qualification, and has one unit – Enjoying the Arts. The award involves taking part in the arts, going to arts events, researching an arts hero or heroine and sharing your skills with others.

You record your achievements in a portfolio, including records of arts work you have seen and been part of, your personal reflections on the process and your own research material. You can choose how you present your portfolio – you might make a folder or sketchbook, or a video diary or website.

There are four parts to a Bronze Arts Award:

Part A: Taking part in an arts activity

This can be any arts or media activity which you enjoy and want to improve your skill and extend your interest in.

Part B: Going to arts events

You must attend at least one arts event. Record your views, collect programmes and other information and share these with others.

Part C: Arts heroes and heroines

Which artist or arts practitioner do you admire? Research the story of his or her artistic career.

Part D: Arts apprenticeship

Share your skills by helping to run a workshop, or performing/presenting to a group.

You need to collect and record evidence of everything you do along the way.

The Bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 qualification that is on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Trinity Guildhall is the awarding body, and the qualification is approved by QCA (Qualifications & Curriculum Authority).

The Silver Arts Award

Develop your arts skills and lead arts activities

The Silver Arts Award has two units - **Arts Practice and Arts Leadership**. The award involves completing an arts challenge, reviewing arts events, researching arts careers and pathways, and leading arts activities.

You record your achievements in a portfolio, including records of work you have seen and produced, your personal reflections on the process and your own research material. This can be presented in a way that suits you, from a book or folder to a video diary or website.

Unit 1 Arts practice

There are three parts to the Arts Practice part of the Silver Arts Award:

Arts challenge

Set yourself a challenge in your favourite arts activity through discussion with your adviser. Plan how to achieve your goal.

Arts events

Review a show, exhibition or event and share your opinions with others.

Arts research

Find out about arts activities in your area and beyond, research arts training and jobs.

Unit 2 Arts leadership

For the arts leadership section of the Silver Award you plan and deliver an arts project as an individual leader for a specific area of activity, working under professional supervision. You might decide to organise an arts event as part of a team (eg exhibition, concert, gig, performance, screening, website launch). Or you might decide to run a club, workshop or rehearsal (a one-off or a series). Or you might decide to work one-to-one to develop the skills of another person.

Silver accreditation

The Silver Arts Award is a Level 2 qualification on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Trinity Guildhall is the awarding body, and the qualification is approved by QCA (Qualifications Curriculum Authority).

Arts Award Costs

Arts Award advises that each young person doing the award should have an Arts Award booklet for the level they are taking. A badge is included with the booklet. (T-shirts, bags and pens are also available for sale. You can find details of this on the Arts Award website.)

Young people's booklets

- Bronze: £3.00 (Book and badge)
- Silver: £4.00 (Book and badge)

Moderation

A moderator will come to the school to assess your work when you have completed the award. The moderation fee currently is as follows:

- Bronze: £15.00
- Silver: £18.00