

Dear Parent/Carer

### Bronze and Silver Arts Award, 2019-20

I am writing to you about the Arts Award at LVC. I will start with a quote from Richard Attenborough: *The arts are not a luxury. They are as crucial to our well-being, to our very existence, as eating and breathing. Access to them should not be restricted to a privileged few. Nor are they the playground of the intelligentsia. The arts are for everyone – and failure to include everyone diminishes us all.*

If we want to encourage entrepreneurial thinkers, we need to nurture creativity from a young age. Not all of us will become sculptors, musicians or designers, but with the opportunity to be creative we can become more connected, rounded and resourceful people. Arts Award at LVC gives students the time, space, guidance and resources to make this happen. Students will learn transferrable life skills like researching independently and presenting and teaching skills to others.

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification (in partnership with Arts Council of England) designed to promote independent study and creativity in young people. It can incorporate any or all aspects of the arts; including visual arts, literature, drama, dance and music.

We start with the Bronze award, followed by Silver, at LVC. There are monthly Arts Award clubs for guidance and support. It is a great opportunity to make friends with like-minded students, build confidence and have fun. The award has four parts: taking part in an arts event, attending an arts event, sharing an arts skill and researching an arts hero. This is all presented in a folder for moderation.

I recommend the Arts Award website [www.Artsaward.org.uk](http://www.Artsaward.org.uk) where you will find lots of useful information and case studies.

Please note that there is a cost involved if students wish to go forward to moderation (charged by Arts Award). This currently stands at £32.00. This includes the moderation, certification, lapel badge, and a workbook (Bronze only). A commitment form with Squid payment details will be sent after you child has registered an interest with Mrs Craig.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the scheme and your child's participation in it.

Yours faithfully

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