

#### HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Invitation to join the Arts Award programme

I am excited to inform you that as a trained Arts Award adviser I am able to offer the Arts Award Bronze programme to Year 6 pupils this year. I have spoken with the class and your child has expressed an interest in completing the award.

# Why Arts Award?

Arts Award supports children and young people to develop as artists and arts leaders, it:

- fosters creative, communication and leadership skills and builds self-confidence
- helps to prepare young people for further education and employment
- allows young people to gain a qualification in something they enjoy doing
- is portfolio-based and assesses personal creative development

### How will it work?

This year, we will be offering two options for the Bronze Arts Award. Please note that due to the restrictions of the moderation, we are limited to offering a maximum of ten places on the award.

Option 1: for those wishing to develop an art form outside of school time for part A (e.g. playing an instrument, learning a style of dance)

The award has four parts:

- Part A: Actively participating in an art form. For example, attending weekly dance classes/ music lessons or completing a self-study of an art form at home.
- Part B: Attending and reviewing an arts event. You will need to organise for your child to attend an arts event. For example, a show at a theatre, a music event or an exhibition.
- Part C: Researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson. This will involve completing a study (at home) entitled 'My Arts Inspiration'. For example, studying a famous musician/dancer/ artist/ photographer.
- Part D: Passing on an arts skill. This could be completed in school or at home and will involve your child organising and delivering a way of sharing their developed arts skills with peers or family members.







## Option 2 - for those wishing to develop an art form within school time for part A

We are offering Bronze Arts Award to those children interested in developing sculpturemaking skills.

The award has four parts:

- Part A: Actively participating in an art form. This will involve attending a short series
  of lunch time clubs run by myself to develop and challenge sculpture-making skills.
- Part B: Attending and reviewing an arts event. You will need to organise for your child to attend an exhibition to view sculptures outside of school. For example, visiting a studio for free during Bucks Art Weeks 11-26 June 2022.
- Part C: Researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson. This will involve completing a study (at home) entitled 'My Arts Inspiration'. For example, studying a famous sculptor.
- Part D: Passing on an arts skill. This could be completed in school or at home and will involve your child organising and delivering a way of sharing their sculpturemaking skills with peers or family members.

Your child will record all their Bronze Arts Award work in an arts log book/ portfolio. The majority of this will need to be completed independently at home. The logs/ portfolios are then assessed by myself as an Arts Award Adviser and sent off for moderation at the end of this school year/ early in the autumn term. I will meet with the child to monitor their progress with their logs/ portfolios as they work through the award.

Bronze Arts Award is a level 1 qualification on the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework), with a credit value of 6. It is assessed as a pass or a fail, with Trinity College London awarding a certificate to those achieving a pass. A good level of enthusiasm for developing sculpture-making skills or another art form along with a commitment to completing the work for the award, both at home and in school, is essential in order to have the best possible chance of achieving a pass. Those children who do not have the log books/portfolios completed by the moderation deadline will fail the award.

The cost to undertake Bronze Arts Award is £27.00 per child. If your child would like to use an official Trinity College Arts Log book then there is an additional cost of £6 per child.

I hope this letter have given you a flavour of what Arts Award offers children but please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to ask further questions or visit the website <a href="https://www.artsaward.org.uk">www.artsaward.org.uk</a>.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office to register your interest in putting your child forward for one of the ten places available on the Arts Award programme.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Davey
Arts Award Coordinator



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# Arts Award Programme

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS DAVEY VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE. DEADLINE: Mon 31st January 2022.					
<u>(child's name)</u> would really like to be considered for					
Bronze Arts Award.					
I understand that they will need to commit time at home to complete the log book/ portfolio.					
I understand there is a cost to the award and I am willing to pay this should my child be able to take part.					
My child would like to take part in option 1 and their chosen art form is					
My child would like to take part in option 2 and develop their sculpture-making skills.					
Signature:					





