

# Arts Award

## What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that supports anyone aged up to 25 to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world. Offered at different levels, young people get to:

- Discover the enjoyment of creating and participating in any art form including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia
- Develop their creativity and leadership skills learn new skills and share them with others
- Get to work with or experience working with creative arts professionals
- Gain experience and knowledge to progress into further education and employment

To achieve their Arts Award, pupils take on challenges in an art form, participate in arts activities, experience arts events, get inspired by artists and share their arts skills with others. They create a portfolio to keep a record of their creative journey. Along the way they are supported by an Arts Award Adviser, acting as assessor, facilitator and mentor. In the Senior School at King's, Arts Award is offered at the top three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. There is a team of staff members, from a range of subject areas, trained as Arts Award Advisers, who take responsibility for the different groupings throughout the school.

## Bronze

Bronze Arts Award is offered as an extra-curricular activity to pupils in the Lower Fourth (Year 7). Pupils are encouraged to work independently and focus on their own personal choice of art form from poetry to pottery! They attend weekly meetings with their Adviser who helps them record evidence of their participation in the arts in their Arts Award portfolio. This evidence might be diary entries, sketches, videos, photographs - it is a unique journey. To pass this award, pupils demonstrate, through their portfolio, how they meet the following requirements:

- their development of interests, knowledge and skills through active participation in any art form
- their experience as an audience member of at least one arts event
- their research into the work of an artist/craftsperson who inspires them
- their experience of passing on an arts skill

**Bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 award on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).**

## Silver

Silver Arts Award is a Level 2 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (equivalent to a good pass at GCSE level). Pupils in Lower Remove (Year 9) can sign up to Silver Arts Award as an extra-curricular activity. They do not need to have taken Bronze Arts Award, although many find it helpful. They attend weekly meetings with their Adviser who helps them to plan their work and oversees their Arts Award portfolio which must document their experiences across the two assessed units.

### Unit 1 – arts practice and pathways

- identify and plan an arts challenge
- implement and review the arts challenge
- review arts events
- undertake arts research

### Unit 2 – arts leadership Planning

- identify leadership role and plan the project's aims
- plan the practical issues

### Delivery

- effective arts leadership
- working effectively with others

### Review

review the project and leadership role





Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England working with 10 regional Bridge organisations. Since its launch in 2005, the award has grown quickly and is now flourishing in art centres, colleges and schools, community projects, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatres, youth clubs and youth justice centres.

King's is now a Trinity College Champion Centre for Arts Award



Further information is available at

**[www.artsaward.org.uk](http://www.artsaward.org.uk)**

To find out more about the Arts Award at King's, please contact Miss Kym Lane, the Arts Award Coordinator (klane@ksw.org.uk)

## **KSW Electives<sup>★</sup>**

### **Gold**

Lower Sixth students can opt to take Gold Arts Award as part of their Electives curriculum. They have timetabled lessons with their Advisers who support planning and oversee the completion of the Arts Award portfolio. Students do not need to have taken Bronze or Silver Arts Award in the past, but those that have will find the challenges familiar. Gold Arts Award is a Level 3 qualification and is recognised on the UCAS Tariff, attracting 16 UCAS points (equivalent to a Grade B in an AS examination). As with Silver, the requirements for Gold are broken down over two units.

#### **Unit 1 – personal arts development**

- extend own arts practice
- development opportunities within the wider arts sector
- research advanced practitioners and review arts events
- form and communicate a view on an arts issue

#### **Unit 2 – leadership of an arts project**

Plan the project

- identify the project aims and outcomes
- organise the people and resources

Deliver the project

- manage the effectiveness of the project
- manage a public showing of the work

Review their leadership of the project

- review their leadership development and find effective ways to collect and evaluate feedback from participants, audience and other stakeholders.

