



ARTS AWARDS @ S.G.H.S.

Dear parents,

We are happy to announce that we will be embarking on the Arts Awards scheme in school and will be taking a small group of interested students from Years 8, 9 and 10 through their Bronze Award this term and during the first half of the Spring Term. The Arts Awards are run by the Arts Council and are accredited by Trinity College London. They are staged as Bronze, Silver and Gold. www.artsaward.org.uk

The Arts Award's mission is to support any young person to enjoy the arts, to support young people to connect with and take part in the wider arts world, and develop creativity, communication and leadership skills. Arts Award reflects many different interests and ambitions, encourages individual development and help young people to define their creative futures.

The Arts Awards are designed to support young people in taking on challenges in any art form, participate in arts activities, experience arts events, get inspired by artists and share their arts skills with others.

Arts Award recognises a wide range of arts and cultural activities:

- Performing arts (such as music, dance, drama, storytelling, circus, mime, carnival and musical theatre plus the more technical backstage design aspects of theatre)
- Visual arts, craft and design (such as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, printmaking, fashion, design and architecture, even cake design!)
- Literature (such as poetry, fiction, journalism, scriptwriting and storytelling)
- Media and multimedia (such as photography, film, video, broadcasting, web design, multimedia games design and animation)
- New art/design forms and emerging cultural activities such as robotics.
- Heritage activities, including visits, workshops and projects with museums and heritage venues, provided the focus is on arts knowledge, appreciation and skills.
- Combination of any of these art forms. Any creative pursuit, (even technical ones) can fall under the umbrella of the Arts and can be used to gain these awards.

Our students never cease to amaze us with the range of creative pursuits they follow as enrichment in their own time. We would like to support these activities and encourage the growth of participation in the Arts by offering these awards to help structure and develop talent, skills and student leadership across the school.

There is a cost of £30-00 for students to participate and achieve the Bronze Award, payable on ParentPay. This cost includes a guidance booklet and covers the cost of external moderation and certification.

There will be a weekly meeting after school for students who need guidance and support. As the focus is very much on building independence, this meeting is for students to check that they are on the right track, moving towards their goals and to enable them to ask questions, share what they have learned and evidence their progress.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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