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Dear Parent/Carer

ARTSAWARD – Silver Award Launch

I am delighted to inform you that after our incredibly successful launch of Bronze ArtsAward in 2021 and the second step in the ArtsAward journey, Silver ArtsAward in 2022 we are opening the programme again for 2026/27. If your child participated in the Bronze award last year they would be familiar with the structure of the programme, however, it is not compulsory. It is worth noting that the Silver ArtsAward is a Level 2 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), and is rated equal to a GCSE grade 9–4. Both the Silver and the Bronze ArtsAward, programmes inspire young people to grow their arts and leadership talents: it's creative, valuable, and accessible. Trinity College London manages Arts Award, in association with Arts Council England.

Throughout the programme we will encourage young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership, and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of art-based activities, whilst learning new skills and helping to increase their confidence. The School fully supports the Award, recognizing its unique value for developing skills and attributes in RGS pupils.

If you would like to know more about ArtsAward, please follow the link in this letter.

<https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=66>

Completing the Award

Once enrolled, your child will be invited to attend a series of dynamic and practical workshops. The knowledge gained and the outcomes produced will be recorded in an arts portfolio, providing the evidence for the adviser to assess and for the external moderator to validate. To complete the award young people must undertake 60 guided learning hours + 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours total qualification time (TQT)

To pass, this individual arts portfolio must demonstrate how they meet all of the following requirements:

Unit 1: Arts practice and pathways

Arts challenge

- Identify and plan an arts challenge (part A)
- Implement and review the arts challenge (part B)

Arts pathways

- Review arts events/experiences (part C)
- Undertake arts research (part D)

Unit 2: Arts leadership

Plan the project

- Identify leadership role and plan the project's aims (part A)
- Plan the practical issues (part B)

Deliver the project

- Effective arts leadership (part C)
- Working effectively with others (part D)

Review the project

- Review the project and development of leadership skills (part E)

Places available for 2025/26 enrolment & cost

40 places for Silver – Enrolment cost £39 (Due Jan 30)

Second instalment- £60 (Due Feb 27th)

Third instalment- £60 (Due April 30th)

Total cost- £159

Payments are non-refundable due to the structure of the course.

Explanation of costs:

- We will be attending Pinewood 'Features Festival' The largest screen industries career fair for the next generation of talent.
- Upcoming trip to NTFS Beaconsfield
- 8 Tuesday, after school workshops from 15.30 to 17.00, including refreshments (biscuits and drinks) led by our Artist in Residence/ Director of ArtsAward. (The workshops aim to extend and challenge young people whilst building on prior knowledge gained during the Bronze course)
- Visits to Buckinghamshire New University Props/SFX/Set Design depts and Wycombe Swan Theatre.
- ArtsAward evidence sketchbook, certificate and badge (on successful completion)
- Cost of the staff running and administering the Arts Award programme at RGS
- Access to Art 2D and 3D equipment such as clay, paint, glazes, latex, mod-roc etc.
- 30 hours of dedicated in school support for the duration of the programme
- School insurance
- Wednesday lunchtime guidance for completion of the evidence bundle
- Internal standardisation prior to external moderation (Trinity College London)
- Promotion and exhibition of work at RGS ArtsFest at the end of summer term.

NB: We would not want any RGS parent or carer to not consider this opportunity due to cost. If you would find this financially difficult, please contact me in strictest confidence, as there may be funding available to assist you.

DofE

ArtsAward and DofE work closely together. It is also worth noting that the completion of ArtsAward will cover the skills section of DofE.

Gold Award

Once Silver is complete, the final stage in the ArtsAward journey is Gold ArtsAward.

Gold ArtsAward is open to anyone aged 11 to 25 years (designed for ages 16+). This qualification is working at the same standard as an A level. Gold ArtsAward is a Level 3 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and is designed for ages 16 and above, but is open to young people aged 11 to 25. The award has **16 points on the UCAS tariff**. To qualify you need evidence of 90 guided learning hours + 60 independent learning hours = 150 hours total qualification time (TQT)

How to apply

1. Log into Parent Pay, look up "**ArtsAward Silver 2026-27**" and pay the enrolment fee. **NB: If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.**
2. Once we know the numbers your son will be given a timetable of all the activities and trips.
3. The ArtsAward sketchbook and guidance will be given to your son during the first after-school workshop on Tuesday 7th Jan and every other Tuesday thereafter.

I wish your child every success with the Award, but in the meantime if you or your budding artist require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Artist in residence and Director of ArtsAward