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Dear Parent/Guardian

ARTS AWARD – Silver Award Launch

I am delighted to be able to offer your son a place on this year's Silver Arts Award programme. This co-curricular programme was praised by the Arts Council and contributed to our recent Platinum Artsmark Award. If your son participated in the Bronze accreditation last year he will be familiar with the structure of the programme. However, it is not compulsory to have completed the Bronze Award before taking part in the Silver. The Silver Arts Award is a Level 2 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). In other words, students are working at the same standard as GCSE Grades 9–4. Both the Silver and Bronze Arts Awards are programmes which inspire young people to grow their arts and leadership talents; they are creative, valuable, and accessible. Trinity College London manages Arts Award, in association with Arts Council England.

Throughout the programme we will encourage your son 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 his confidence. The School fully supports the Award, recognizing its unique value for developing skills and attributes in RGS students. If you would like to know more about Arts Award, please go to:

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

Completing the Award

Once enrolled, your son 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 your son 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 students meet all 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 2023/24 enrolment & cost

40 places for Silver

- Enrolment cost £39 (Due October 19th)
- Second instalment £60 (Due November 22th)
- Third instalment £60 (Due January 17th)
- Total cost £159

Please note that payments are non-refundable due to the structure of the course.

Explanation of costs:

- On Saturday 30th November we will be attending Pinewood 'Features Festival' - the largest screen industries career fair for the next generation of talent: <https://pinewoodgroup.com/pinewood-today/news/pinewood-studios-announces-futures-festival-for-november-2022>
- Trip to NFTS Beaconsfield
- 10 afterschool workshops from 15.30 to 17.00, including refreshments (biscuits and drinks) led by our Artist in Residence/Arts Award Coordinator. The workshops aim to extend and challenge your son whilst building on prior knowledge gained during the Bronze course
- Arts Award evidence booklet, 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
- Friday lunchtime guidance for completion of the evidence bundle
- Internal standardisation prior to external moderation (Trinity College London)

NB: We would not want any RGS parent 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

Arts Award and DofE work closely together. The completion of Arts Award will cover the skills section of DofE.

Gold Award

Once Silver is complete, the final stage in the Arts Award journey is Gold Arts Award. This is open to anyone aged 11 - 25 years (designed for ages 16+). This qualification is working at the same standard as an A level. Gold Arts Award 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 - 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).

Silver Award: How to apply

1. Log into Parent Pay, look up "Arts Award Silver 2023" 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 Arts Award booklet will be given to your son during the first after-school workshop.

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

Yours sincerely

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