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Dear Parent/Guardian

ARTS AWARD – Bronze Award Launch

I am incredibly excited to be able to offer your son the opportunity to enrol in Bronze Arts Award at RGS. The Award is a nationally recognised qualification, supporting anyone aged up to 25 to grow as artists and creative leaders. Bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and is open to young people aged 11 - 25. Arts Award inspires 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.

The qualification aims to 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 pupils.

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

<https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=65>

Completing the Award

To achieve a Bronze Arts Award, young people collect evidence in an individual arts log or portfolio of their experiences of:

- developing their interests, knowledge and skills through actively participating in any art form
- at least one arts event/experience as an audience member and their review of that event/experience
- researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson that inspires them
- passing on an arts skill

It is a minimum of **3 months** to complete the award at Bronze level, 40 guided learning hours + 20 independent learning hours = 60 hours total qualification time (TQT)

NB. The length of time taken for all the Awards is stated in months, but please note your son must show **regular** activity and commitment during this time of **at least an hour a week**. He cannot achieve an Award in a short burst of enthusiasm over one weekend!

Places available for 2023/24 enrolment & cost

50 places for Bronze

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

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

Explanation of costs:

- After school Trip to Harry Potter Studios, including coach fare. The booking includes a behind the scenes workshop led by experts at Warner Brothers Studios.
- 10 afterschool workshops from 15.30 to 17.00, including refreshments (biscuits and drinks) led by our Artist in Residence/Arts Award Coordinator. Workshops include portraiture/ clay head construction, special effects, stage make up and prosthetics.
- 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 equipment such as clay, paint, glazes, latex and a life-size polystyrene head.
- 20 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. It is also worth noting that the completion of Arts Award will cover the skills section of DofE.

Silver Award

Once the Bronze Award has been completed the boys will be given an opportunity to enrol on the Silver Award programme. Silver Arts Award is open to anyone aged 11 - 25 years (designed for ages 14 - 16). This qualification is working at the same standard as GCSE grades 9–4. Silver Arts Award is a Level 2 qualification on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and is designed for ages 14 and above but is open to young people aged 11 - 25. To qualify you need evidence of 60 guided learning hours + 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours total qualification time (TQT)

Gold Award

Gold Arts Award 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)

How to apply

1. Log into Parent Pay, look up “**Arts Award Bronze 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, including the date of the after-school trip to Harry Potter Studios.
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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