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Dear Parent/Carer

ARTS AWARD – Bronze Award Launch

I am incredibly excited to be able to offer your son the opportunity to enroll in the Bronze Arts Award at the RGS. The Award is a nationally recognised qualification, equivalent to a low GCSE pass. 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 program of music and art based activities, whilst learning new skills and helping to increase confidence. The School fully supports the Award, recognizing its unique value for developing skills and attributes in RGS pupils as well as covering the Skills section of DofE.

If you would like to know more about the 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
- experience of at least one arts event/performance as an audience member and their review of that event/experience
- researching the career and work of an artist, musician or designer that inspires them
- experience of passing on their chosen skill

You can find information here on how long it takes to complete the program. It is a minimum of **3 months** to complete the award at bronze level, 40 guided learning hours (including curriculum time) + 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 he 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 2024/25 enrollment & cost

50 places for Bronze – Enrollment cost £39 (Due October 18th)

Second installment- £60 (Due November 30th)

Third installment- £60 (Due January 25th)

Total cost- £159

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

Explanation of costs:

- School Trip to Harry Potter Studios (From 13.00 to 19.00), including minibus fare and a behind the scenes workshop led by experts at Warner Brothers Studios.
- 10 after school workshops every Wednesday from 15.30 to 17.00, including refreshments (biscuits and drinks) led by our Artist in Residence and Music Arts Award Coordinators. Art 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 program 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 program
- School insurance
- Wednesday 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 complete the boys will be given an opportunity to enrol on the Silver Award programme. Silver Arts Award is open to anyone aged 11 to 25 years (designed for ages 14 to 16). This qualification is working at the same standard as GCSE grades 4–9. 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 to 25. To qualify you need evidence of 60 guided learning hours (including GCSE curriculum time)+ 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours total qualification time (TQT)

Gold Award

Gold Arts Award 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 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 to 25. The award has **16 points on the UCAS tariff**. To qualify you need evidence of 90 guided learning hours (including A L level curriculum time) + 60 independent learning hours = 150 hours total qualification time (TQT)

How to apply

1. Log into Parent Pay, look up “Arts Award Bronze 2024” and pay the enrollment 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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