



your arts award space



Dear Parent/Carer,

The aim of this letter is to give you some information about using Artsbox to keep a digital record of arts activities and experiences. If your child is under 13, their Arts Award adviser or teacher will need your consent in order to set up a user profile for your child on the site.

What is Artsbox?

Artsbox is a safe, exciting and brand-new social media platform that gives children and young people (aged up to 25) the opportunity to record their arts experiences and creative activities in one place, and to share what they have achieved and learnt with other young people engaged in similar activity. They can use Artsbox to build a digital portfolio of work that, if they are working with a trained Arts Award adviser, can be submitted for assessment in order to achieve an Arts Award qualification (see below).

Artsbox is available free of charge and all users must be registered in order to use the platform (those aged under 13 must additionally have permission from their parents or carers). Each user of Artsbox can, using a computer or mobile device, create their own personal digital library and portfolio of material encompassing video, audio, images, documents or text. In addition to the Artsbox site a **free Artsbox app** is available to download from the iTunes or Google Play stores – it's fun, easy to use and means that users can record and upload whilst on the move!

Advisers/teachers decide with the young people in their group who can share content with others, and no profiles or content will be made visible to the public for users under 13 years old without parental permission.

What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a suite of national qualifications supporting young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England.

Through Arts Award, children and young people aged up to 25 can:

- engage in arts activities
- get a qualification for something they enjoy doing

- develop creative skills
 - build self-confidence
 - share their passion for the arts with others.
- Arts Award recognises any art form... ballet to beat-boxing, portraits to photography, fashion to film-making... including creative, technical and support roles
 - Children and young people gather evidence of their creative development in a portfolio
 - Trained Arts Award advisers support children and young people to achieve their goals
 - Children and young people who achieve the award receive a certificate from Trinity College London

If you would like further information about the terms of use for Artsbox and our privacy policy please visit www.artsbox.co.uk where there is information and guidance for parents and carers in the Help section.

If you would like further information about Arts Award please go to www.artsaward.org.uk or email enquiries@artsaward.org.uk.

Best wishes,

The Arts Award team

If your child is under 13 years old

If, after reading the above information, you are happy to give your consent for your child to set up a user profile on Artsbox and to begin to use the website and app please sign here:

Child's name:

Parent /carer's name:

Relationship to child:

Signature:

Date:

Please return to your Arts Award adviser or teacher