



Saint George's School Gravesend, South East Artsmark Gold

Saint George's School is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive with approximately 1,200 students. In 2005 Saint George's became a Specialist Humanities College

Arts Award success

111 Bronze and 12 Silver Arts Awards achieved to date

'The Arts Award creates an exciting learning environment in which all children can share and develop their passion for the arts.'

Melanie Ward, Teacher of Dance and Arts Award adviser

Linking Arts Award and Artsmark

Arts Award has raised the profile of the arts within the school and wider community, and is now embedded within the KS3 curriculum

Arts Award delivery model

Saint George's School has six trained Arts Award advisers with additional staff members offering support. All year 8 students take part in the Bronze Award and it is fully embedded into the school's curriculum. Students have four lessons supporting Arts Award a fortnight. They have workshops in dance, drama and music for half of the year and then work on their Arts Award challenge in the second half in an arts discipline of their choice. Saint George's offers Silver and Gold Arts Award as part of their elective programme

Young arts leaders

Students plan and deliver lessons to their peers in their chosen arts activity. At Silver and Gold level students have the opportunity to work alongside professional practitioners

Young people's development

Arts Award has encouraged more students to continue with the arts at key stage 4 as it has increased participation in extra-curricular activities. Students have become more confident as well as independent learners with strong organisational skills

Cultural links

Saint George's has worked with Cultural Beats, Loop Dance Company, Wasted Grace Dance Theatre, The Grand and Gifted Young Gravesham (GYG)

Funding

Arts Award delivery is funded through the school's departmental budget

