



South Wirral High School
Merseyside, North West
Artsmark Gold

South Wirral High School has nearly 1,200 students aged 11-18. The school is a Specialist College in the Arts with a second specialism in Maths and Computing



Arts Award success

57 Bronze and 3 Silver Arts Awards achieved to date

'The Arts Award helps develop our student's social, cultural and creative skills and the social, cultural and creative development of our students is at the heart of our school specialist college status.'

Rebecca Dutton, Arts Award adviser

Linking Arts Award and Artsmark

Arts Award provides personalised learning to respond to the varied needs and experiences of all students. It extends access and entitlement to the arts for all students and supports schools to deliver the Every Child Matter's 'Enjoy and Achieve' outcome as required by the Artsmark application. It encourages students to take part in local, regional and national arts events, supports provision for talented students and offers the opportunity for students' achievements to be accredited

Arts Award delivery model

Arts Award is offered as part of a Year 9 option block at Bronze level. Arts Award is delivered for one hour a week for 15 weeks with students completing work in their own time. Silver is offered to very keen actively engaged students who complete the project in their own time

Arts Award activities

A broad range of activities and art forms are offered including music, dance, drama, technical theatre, visual and combined arts

Young arts leaders

Young people have worked as apprentices with South Wirral staff at Bronze level. At Silver level they run a series of technical theatre workshops for the school's junior group and put on a band night

Young people's development

Young people have the opportunity to work with students of all ages and work with practitioners in the industry; they develop their skills and talents and often continue their art form following the completion of their Arts Award

Cultural links

South Wirral has worked with Frantic Assembly, Scriptwriters, Philharmonic Liverpool, Tate Liverpool World Museum, Chinese and Capoeira dancers

Funding

Arts Award delivery is funded by the schools specialist college budget