

## Chingford Foundation School's Exciting Arts Award Supporter Offer

### Who we are.

Chingford Foundation School is an 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school in Chingford, in East London. We offer Arts Award as part of our extra-curricular learning programme in the evenings and through our Saturday College and therefore are able to accept young people who want to develop Arts Award portfolios to work with us through our Supporter offer.

### Our Arts Award history.

We have been offering Arts Award since September 2008. During this time we have held 26 Arts Award moderations with a 100% Pass rate at all levels. We have been a Supporter Centre since the very beginning of the scheme and during this time have had hundreds of young people study with us and achieve Arts Awards through the mediums of Combined Arts, Visual Arts, Spoken Word, Creative Writing and Literature, Performing Arts etc. We also enter young people for Special Edition Arts Awards as they have come on board such as Shakespeare Challenge, WW1 etc. We offer all levels of the award from Discover to Gold. We became an Arts Award Good Practice Centre in 2015 and have had many Case Studies produced about our innovative way of delivering our Arts Award programme.

### What we offer.

We have an Arts Award Theatre Company, which meets on Saturday mornings from 9.30am until 12.30pm. We produce 2 full-length musicals each academic year. This environment is very suitable for young people who wish to develop skills in Dance, Drama & Singing and also those who are interested in prop-making, costumes etc. Students will develop skills in musical theatre, such as line-learning, characterisation, choreographic movement memory and lyric learning. Most importantly we develop a group ethos with each team member playing an equal part in the success of every production. There is a charge of £5 for each session, payable at the start of each term. Cast CD's, DVD's of performances, programmes etc., provide excellent evidence for portfolios. Performers are encouraged to enter national competitions and showcases for which an additional entry fee may be charged.

We have an Arts Award Dance Company which meets on Mondays at The British Legion Hall in Hall Lane, Chingford. We work between 6.30pm and 7.45pm. These sessions develop dance pieces which may be used in our productions and also entered into dance competitions and showcases. We work across the genres of ballet, tap, lyrical, modern jazz and ballroom and Latin American. Sessions cost £3 per week and are payable at the start of each term. Again, all work developed will have a public sharing and DVD 's, programmes, certificates will provide portfolio evidence.

We have an Arts and Crafts programme with sessions which run fortnightly. All work developed is exhibited at public venues and feedback sheets, exhibition guides etc., assist the evidence process. A small charge for materials is made depending on the kind of project being undertaken.

Spoken Word, Creative Writing and Literature Groups play an important part in our Arts Award Supporter offer. We hold Spoken Word and Poetry events at our local Community Library and invite parents to participate alongside their children in helping to develop their creative writing. We have also published a number of anthologies of student work and also encourage the young people to

enter their work in public speaking and dramatic art competitions. Entry for these competitions will incur a small fee generated by the competition organisers.

Arts Award 1-1 Adviser Support Sessions are an important aspect of helping young people to put together a successful portfolio. We therefore arrange individual consultations of 15 minutes at the beginning of each Arts Award course, at the mid-way point and when the portfolio is nearing completion and moderation entry is being considered. We welcome parents attending these consultations alongside their son/daughter.

We offer a Monthly Arts Award Evening for our students and their families. These events allow our young people to exhibit their work, share their reviews and gain feedback and comments for their portfolios. Students participating at these events also are awarded Certificates of Participation which can be included as portfolio evidence for sharing reviews etc. We deliver Arts Award as a Family Learning Project and therefore expect parent/s to attend these events with their child. Arts Award Evenings are informal, inclusive, family friendly, free of charge and refreshments are provided.

We also offer a variety of bespoke projects across other arts forms such as photography, jewellery making, design and fashion. We give information about forthcoming projects at our Arts Award Evenings and ask the young people to sign up for these opportunities.

All of our projects have bespoke Arts Award folders to accompany them. We encourage young people and their parents to engage with our Arts Award “family”, develop new skills, and progress through the different levels.

If you require any further information about our Arts Award Supporter Offer please contact me on [y.guns@chingford.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:y.guns@chingford.waltham.sch.uk). You can also complete a Supporter Application Form and this will invite you to a face-to-face meeting along with your child to discuss their unique Arts Award journey.

We look forward to working with you!

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