

19 October 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome to the Arts Award

Your child has been taking part in a number of activities today that will make up part of their Arts Award Bronze. This is a nationally recognised qualification awarded by Trinity Guildhall. There are 4 parts to the award and during today's Bright Day they have completed Part A.

If your child would like to complete the remaining 3 parts of the award they will be doing this independently to gather a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates how they have developed as a young artist. They will be guided and supported by the members of Rushcliffe staff who are trained Arts Award advisors. There will not be any official timetabled sessions for the Arts Award but students will be expected to meet regularly with their advisor at break, lunch or after school to complete the award. The advisor will help to organise these meetings. Failure to meet regularly with their advisor will mean the award may not be completed and therefore not entered for assessment by Trinity Guildhall. We will also provide opportunities for your child to meet and interview professionals and attend workshops to help with their award. These will be held during school hours.

One of the great advantages to the award is that there is no deadline for completion; students work at their own pace and when their advisor feels they are ready they will be entered. As a guide we usually expect students working at Bronze to take one academic year.

Last year approximately 25 students successfully completed the award in their own time and are now in a position to develop this into the Silver award which is a level 2 qualification.

As this is an external course there is a fee to be registered with Trinity Guildhall which is £20.00

If you would like your child to be entered please complete the form below and return to the school office, please mark the envelope with Arts Award Enrolment 2015/16.

The deadline for new entries is December 19 2015.

Please make payments via the Secure Online Payment System at [www.scopay.com/rushcliffe](http://www.scopay.com/rushcliffe). This is also accessible by following links from the School Website under Parent Zone/Online Payments. If you have not previously set up an online account you will need a unique access code which has been issued to each child, please contact the finance team if you require this. Further information and

guidance is available on the school website at <http://www.rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk/index.php/parent-zone/online-payments>. Please ensure you select the correct item in order for us to track the payments. Please do not send cash or cheques. If you have any further questions or are unable to pay online then please contact the Finance team via [admin.office@rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin.office@rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

B Pitts  
Head of Arts

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**Arts Award 2015/16 Application Form: Please return to School Office – Mr Pitts**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select an Advisor/Art Form:

Mrs Harrington/Art

Mr Barraclough/Music

Mrs Wilson/Drama

Mr Pitts/Drama/Other

Mr Holding/Other

I give permission for the above named student to take part in the Arts Award.

I have made payment via the secured online payment system.

Signed Parent/ Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_