



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

King's Academy Binfield

Thank you for your recent submission, and congratulations on completing your Artsmark journey.

You've achieved an Artsmark Gold Award!

We are delighted to inform you that your setting has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award. Congratulations!

Your Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we're pleased to share this feedback from our assessors with you:

'What a delightful opportunity to be able to open a new all through school for 3 – 18-year-olds and to read you have been able to place the arts as a key foundation to your school's values and ethos of 'Dare To Be Remarkable'. The school is continuing to expand, and you will open your Sixth Form in September 2023. Curriculum maps showing progression of skills and knowledge are in place and units of work are designed to draw on prior knowledge and skills. For example, Year 9 study film music before devising their own drama and dance for film. To ensure continuity, a music and an art specialist have been appointed for the primary phase providing a 'silver thread' for these subjects across the school. In the secondary phase, students have been actively involved in shaping the arts curriculum by giving feedback on each of the arts subjects to inform planning. Could you give some examples of this and say a bit more about the impact students have made in shaping the curriculum? Students also take an active role in school productions. A student led tech team took responsibility for making creative decisions including set design, lighting, and sound whilst older students created the choreography for the show. Where possible, links are made with other areas of learning and across arts subjects such as capoeira with dance and music and in dance students draw on their drama stage skills when preparing for a performance on combat. Your collaborations with creative practitioners and cultural organisations such as Berkshire Maestros, Dance Woking, Young Voices, One Dance UK, Quirky Bird Theatre Bird Company, The RA, theatre

trips and visits to museums are supporting you in your offer of new and exciting learning arts experiences for the students. Students clearly enjoy these rich and varied experiences as the number taking up an arts-based subject at KS 4 has increased from 58% to 77%. To embed your Gold Artsmark Award, you might find it helpful to collect examples of how the arts have been developed in the primary phase. For instance, do the students in the primary phase have the same opportunities to contribute to curriculum design and have access to working with creative practitioners and arts and cultural organisations? How do you develop pupil voice in the primary phase? You might also find it helpful to collect examples of collaborations with other settings and organisations and practitioners to develop staff's knowledge, skills and understanding across a range of the arts. Do staff from the secondary phase deliver CPD to staff in the primary phase? We look forward to hearing more about the impact of your planned introductions of Arts Ambassadors, Music Scholarships, Arts Award, LAMBDA and Rock School and wish you well for your future work.'

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!