



The award for schools making an outstanding commitment to the arts




Artsmark celebrates its 10th anniversary!

We are thrilled to see Artsmark entering round 10 and proud to have seen so many schools put arts at the heart of the curriculum.

Artsmark is a national award scheme managed by Arts Council England which celebrates schools' commitment to the arts. It provides a benchmark for arts provision in schools and encourages them to assess the opportunities available to children and young people in dance, drama, music, art and design.

As Artsmark enters its 10th year, we are proud to celebrate the following achievements:

- The number of awarded schools increased from 376 awards in round 1 to 1648 awards in round 9
 - Almost 10,000 schools have received an award since round 1
 - There are currently 4474 Artsmark schools - that is more than 18.5% of the schools in England
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Apply for Artsmark

Submit your application for Artsmark as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. Apply now and receive the recognition your school deserves!

What it is and why you should apply

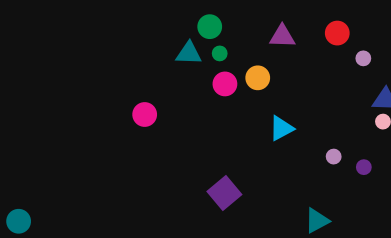
An Artsmark raises the profile of a school and highlights its dedication to arts in education. It also rewards teachers and pupils for their achievements and proves to parents that arts are important to the school. The application process helps schools to assess and evaluate its arts provision.

Who can apply?

Any school can apply - primary schools, secondary schools, special schools and pupil referral units.

What are the criteria for success?

A range of criteria is taken into account, from provision of arts in the curriculum and the professional development of teachers, to involvement with local artists and arts groups. The award has three levels: Artsmark, Artsmark Silver and Artsmark Gold. All three provide a positive endorsement, a genuine incentive and a great source of pride.



“Schools frequently tell us that Artsmark celebrates their achievements and embeds the full range of the arts into school life. After a decade of Artsmark, the scheme is more successful than ever and The Forge is proud to have been associated with Artsmark during the last 10 years.”

Fiona Henderson, The Forge

Show your commitment to the arts, apply for Artsmark!

If like us you believe in the benefits of arts in education and want your school to be acknowledged for its commitment to the arts, apply for an Artsmark in round 10 by 18 November 2009.

To find out more please visit www.artsmark.org.uk
Or email: artsmark@artscouncil.org.uk
Or call: 0800 056 0196 from September 2009

Key dates for round 10

July 2009 – Application materials available from our website
1 September 2009 – Artsmark helpline opens
18 November 2009 – Deadline for completed applications
May 2010 – Awards announced

Artsmark is endorsed by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport; Department for Children, Schools and Families; the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and OfSTED.

