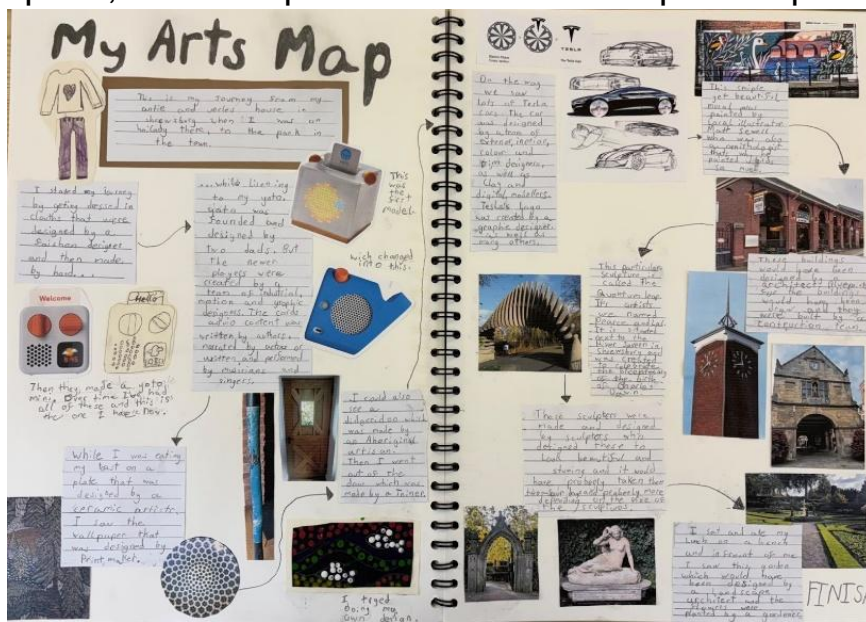




E created this detailed ArtsMap

N is taking Explore, their interpretation of the ArtsMap concept was detailed



and brilliant

At Bronze level, young people begin engaging directly with artists and creative professionals by attending events, workshops, exhibitions, and performances. These experiences help them see the arts as a living, thriving industry filled with passionate people and real career opportunities. Through meeting artists and taking part in creative activities, students gain confidence, inspiration, and a deeper understanding of what working in the arts can look like.

A visited Wildlife Photographer of the Year at the Natural History Museum, London, they came away with a new appreciation of how difficult photography is:

‘Studying other photographers taught me how different styles and techniques can influence my own work. It also showed me that there’s no single right way to create great photographs’.

At Silver and Gold level, students begin researching future opportunities in greater depth. They investigate further education pathways, training options, and careers connected to the creative industries that interest them most. This helps young people recognise the wide variety of roles available within the arts sector, from performers and illustrators to designers, technicians, curators, animators, educators, and many more.

K found several courses they would like to take, in which they could hone their skillset

‘The Jane Porter course interests me as having a professional illustrator teach me about things like creating from prompts, atmosphere, and compositions would help make my comics better ... and Jane Porter courses would be important in developing my career. They go into the intricacies of making comics, from an artist’s perspective and a writer’s perspective’.

N is a young photographer; they learnt that hard work and practice is important.

‘I learned that when starting out in the world of photography, it can be hard to feel confident or know how you fit in with the more advanced photographers. However I have also seen that to progress through photography you have to keep going, even through the struggles’.

L proved to be very insightful, they recognised that they needed to learn more:

‘It is very hard to develop a career as an artist, especially because I have not heard of or seen many female artists who are famous before. A career you could have is creating art to sell at things like craft fairs and do it alongside another career.

Another way to have a career in Art is to become an Art Teacher.

You could become a tutor like Carol from the Arts Award Initiative.

I know that it is extremely difficult to get a career in Art but one way to get into Art as a career and become a full time artist is to go to art school.'

As technology continues to develop, the creative world is changing too. Artificial intelligence is becoming increasingly advanced, but creativity, imagination, and human expression remain at the heart of the arts. While AI can generate impressive images in seconds, many artists are still finding themselves checking the number of fingers and toes on the pics! Hopefully this stage doesn't last...

Technology may continue to evolve, but original ideas, creative thinking, and human experiences are things that real artists will always bring to the world. There will always be a place for artists, creators, and imaginative thinkers, and our students are just beginning to find their place in this new world.

Announcements:

If you want to finish your Arts Award, and get the results, in time for college in September, you need to complete your study pack before 27th June. We will ensure that you are moderated in time, but we can't promise your certificate will arrive before September – but don't worry we can provide a letter confirming you have passed.

Our latest books are doing well, they are History of Art: The First Civilisations, and History of Art: The First Artists. First and foremost they are simple colouring books, but we've also included lots of info and, some colour pics of original art. Sorry parents, but we've also included worksheets, mostly using basic art materials, but be prepared to get messy. Lots more details on our website: www.artsawardinitiative.co.uk.

The office will close from 23rd July until 8th August, although we will still help with emergencies.

All the best, and enjoy the sunshine, from The Arts Award Initiative Team