

Arts Award Initiative Ltd – Monthly E-Newsletter September 2025

A big hello to all our new students!

We're delighted to welcome the scores of young people who have recently joined us. We can't wait to follow your learning journey and see the amazing art you create.

Celebrating Creativity in Workshops

This month, we're shining a spotlight on how *great works of art are born* when students discover something new in a workshop. Here's what some of our learners had to say about their experiences:

A discovered the magic of clay.

Working with clay for the first time was challenging, but with support, they began to shape clay into something unique. Looking around the studio, they saw walls and ceilings bursting with inspiration. The discovery? Clay can be transformed into almost *anything your imagination allows*.

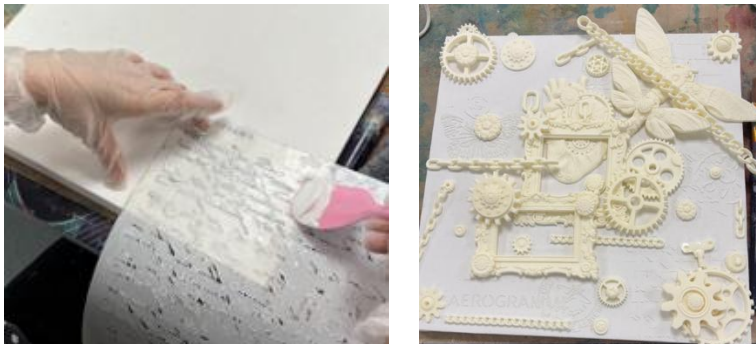
"I learned to do pottery on the wheel. It was hard to do but I had help. You can do many things with clay. The walls and ceilings were filled with clay art – birds, octopuses, plates and mugs and jugs, even Easter eggs made out of clay!"



G discovered how materials can surprise us.

Experimenting with different media, they found that modelling paste could take on a whole new dimension when paired with a stencil. What began as a background turned into a textured, eye-catching surface that sparked fresh ideas for her final piece of artwork.

“I learned how different mediums work and that modelling paste looks great if you use a stencil.”



M discovered the power of close observation.

By zooming in on different parts of an object, they noticed shapes and textures that often go unseen. This shift in perspective revealed *intricate details of animal anatomy* and inspired artworks that felt rooted in nature, yet transformed into something entirely new.

“I learned about how zooming in on different parts of an object can produce some interesting shapes and textures. It’s like looking at

the animal in a totally new way and being able to see the intricate detail of parts of their anatomy, and then being able to create a piece of art that is based in nature but doesn't necessarily look anything like the original subject."



Each of these experiences reminds us that art is not just about making something beautiful — it's about the discoveries we make along the way. New techniques, new perspectives, and new possibilities are waiting every time we sit down to create.

Every workshop brings fresh discoveries, and every student brings a unique perspective.

We're so proud of the creativity, experimentation, and confidence that shines through these reflections.

Don't Miss Out – Final Day of Our Sale!

It's the **last day** of our sale today – so don't miss the chance to pick up some lovely bargains before it ends.

Until next time,

The Arts Award Initiative Team