



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
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Council England

We have been awarded the Silver Artsmark!

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Longwill School for Deaf Children receives prestigious Artsmark Award

Pupils and staff at Longwill School for Deaf Children are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, Longwill School for Deaf Children had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

The Artsmark assessor commended Longwill School for Deaf Children on “making good use of the Artsmark process to increase the number of arts and cultural opportunities available to deaf learners, which has boosted their confidence and fostered a broader sense of what is possible in the future. The school has also focused on building teacher confidence with the Arts, and is seeing some impacts on that front, particularly around dance. The community choir project, which linked the school to Uganda was an important way of taking our arts activities out to the wider community and to shape perceptions around deaf culture. Being more coordinated about the Arts has also led the school to link up more across the trust and to share ideas with others, this is something to continue with in the future. It was good to hear that teachers felt more confident and that their planning, progress data,

arts books and work on display now show a greater variety of art. Also fascinating to read that staff are more confident in supporting the development of analytical processes and subject specific terminology. You point to the quality of feedback pupils gave in their Arts Award as well as during festivals and art gallery visits as evidence of their impact of this”.

On receiving the award, Alison Carter (Headteacher) said: “We are extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Silver Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education and we look forward to continue to grow with Artsmark.”

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:
“I would like to congratulate Longwill School for Deaf Children on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious, and creative curriculum, every pupil can develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life.”

About Artsmark Award

This year, the Artsmark Award celebrates its 20th anniversary as the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings. It can help unlock young people’s potential, building their confidence, character, and resilience.

Artsmark’s clear and flexible framework can be used to embed creativity across the whole curriculum, address school improvement priorities and ensure every young person can access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

Artsmark is open to primary, secondary, and special schools, pupil referral units, secure settings, youth offending teams, hospital schools and sixth form colleges. Artsmark is awarded at three levels; Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Visit artsmark.org.uk for more information.

About Arts Council England

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let’s Create](#) that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision.