

MEMORANDUM

Education & Children's
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Music Service

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To: All Staff

Date: 04/01/2010

cc: TL/CN

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From: Rich J

Our Ref:

Dear colleague

The Arts Award – what is it?

The Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders and is available throughout England. The arts award is a nationally recognised qualification at three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. We are looking to enter students this half term to take part.

The arts award also links to the new national curriculum launched in September 2008, opportunities for music:

- *Developing individual performance skills- vocally, instrumentally and with technology.*
- *Listening and aural perception skills*
- *Songwriting, arranging and improvising*
- *Work with a range of musicians*
- *Watching live performance*
- *Different roles and responsibilities – leadership skills*
- *Links between music and other subjects/areas of the curriculum*

Solihull Music Service:

Teachers from the Solihull Music Service in partnership with Langley Secondary School have been trained to deliver the arts award. The award allows students to get a qualification for their involvement in the arts.

Any pupil that already has lessons or rehearses with the Solihull Music Service would be eligible to take part in either the bronze or silver award and gain a formal accreditation. If you wish to put any of your students through the Arts Award please speak to any of the advisers, who will help you to do this through in house training. The knock on effect to schools is that it will give them a higher profile in the arts and give them value added.

Please find attached information about the Arts Award and the list of staff and centres that we offer to students.

Many Thanks



The Arts Award Centres

Administered By Solihull Music Service

Solihull Music Service **Centre ID 35474**

Head Of Arts Award Centre: Richard Jones
Trainers Leo Turner
 Annette Korman
 Richard Bull
 Claire Noakes

Solihull Music Service **Centre ID 35478** **Ensembles**

Head Of Arts Award Centre: Richard Jones
Trainers Ruth Openshaw
 Briony Walster
 Alison Hawthorne

Saturday Music Centre **Centre ID 35467**

Head Of Arts Award Centre: Richard Jones
Trainers Jacqui Knight
 Richard Salt

The National Rock and Pop: **Centre ID 35477**

Head Of Arts Award Centre: Richard Jones
Trainers Phillip Beatty
 Anthony Jones

For more information on the Arts Award please visit www.solihull.gov.uk/musicservice
or www.artsaward.org.uk

Many Thanks

Richard Jones