







## What is Artsmark?



- Artsmark is a sign of commitment to high quality arts and cultural education
- As Arts Council England's flagship programme it is THE national tool that enables schools and organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision
- Endorsed by Ofsted, Department for Education and Department for Culture, Media and Sport

# Key facts

ARTSMARK AWARD

- Been running since 2000
- Over 7600 schools have engaged so far
- Currently 13% of schools\* in England have Artsmark status
- Can apply for Artsmark or Artsmark Gold
- Is now available for further education and youth justice settings



<sup>\*</sup>Figures correct for Artmark achievement in 2012

## Why Artsmark?





- Artsmark is nationally recognised as demonstrating excellence in arts and cultural provision
- Artsmark demonstrates that you value the arts and culture through a broad and balanced curriculum
- Artsmark provides a comprehensive audit tool, setting benchmarks for evaluating arts provision and enabling you to identity areas for development
- Artsmark is a way of celebrating and promoting the quality of your arts and cultural offer to parents, the community and beyond
- Artsmark contributes to the cultural aspect of Ofsted's requirement that a school promotes students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (schools only)

## Artsmark criteria



#### Part 1: quantitative data

Settings demonstrate that they at least meet the national benchmark in these areas:

- curricular provision (including enrichment)
- working with artists and arts organisations
- other areas specific to the type of setting



## Artsmark criteria

# A ARTSMARK AWARD

#### Part 2: qualitative examples

- commitment to, and vision for the arts
- planning, evaluating and developing quality of provision
- professional development for staff
- working with the wider community
- partnerships with artists & arts organisations
- strategic development for the arts



## Arts Award



- Artsmark and Arts Award are complementary programmes which demonstrate commitment to arts education and young people's achievement in the arts.
- Arts Award is available at five levels and is open to children and young people aged up to 25.
- Arts Award recognises any art form.



## Artsmark process





### Achieve and celebrate Artsmark

Status lasts three years, yearly check in, chances to profile yourself to others

#### Join the Artsmark network

Access to online forums, support tools, training



## Submit an online application

Up to July 2014, followed by validation visit



## Costs and timescale



#### Costs

- Join the network £40
- Submit your application £60
- Purchase a celebratory plaque £50 (optional)

#### **Timescale**

- Submit your application any time between 7
  October 2013 and 25 July 2014
- Receive your validation visit within 2 4 weeks of submission
- Receive your result within 8 weeks of submission



## Artsmark network



As well as allowing you to start and submit your form, benefits of Artsmark network membership include:

- Access to face-to-face training (at no extra cost)
- Online guidance, support and resources to useful arts resources from other organisations
- Creative Pages, the termly magazine for the Artsmark community



## What's next for you?



- Attend Artsmark training
- Join the network and access online resources
- Talk to your leadership team about the benefits of applying
- Download the criteria at www.artsmark.org.uk



