

## **Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy receives prestigious Artsmark Gold Award**

Pupils and staff at Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy 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 Gold Award, Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy 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.

Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy was supported by Festival Bridge in planning and developing their objectives. Festival Bridge worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement.

The Artsmark assessor commended Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy: 'Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy has used this Artsmark journey to develop your art and music curriculum, map the range of arts experiences you want every pupil to experience while they are with you and develop your practice in using arts across the curriculum.'

On receiving the award, Adrian Crossland, Headteacher, said: 'We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education and we look forward to continuing to grow with Artsmark.'

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said: 'I would like to congratulate Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy 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.'

