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The Hamble School receives prestigious Artsmark Award

We are delighted to inform you that students and staff at The Hamble School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Gold Award. This is 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 we had to develop our 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.

We were supported by Artsworld in planning and developing our objectives. Artsworld then worked alongside the school at various stages to support the Artsmark Award achievement. The Artsmark assessor commended The Hamble School by saying 'Despite the challenges of Covid and some changes to senior staff, you have maintained your focus throughout Artsmark and have taken your prior dedication and strong offer to a new level by working with venues, partners, and in-school collaborations to bring both improvements to your own practice, and stronger outcomes to young people's learning

On receiving the award Miss Cambridge – Headteacher commented: 'We are extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark **Gold** Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education, in line with our school vision to have a high-quality provision both inside and outside of the classroom. We will continue to develop and celebrate arts across the school'.

Chair of Governors Mrs Craggs stated: 'The governing body are extremely proud of The Hamble School achieving the Artsmark Gold Award. We believe in providing all students with the opportunity to access a high-quality arts and cultural education and have been extremely impressed with both the opportunities provided by the school and the work that students have produced and performed as a result. We look forward to seeing what our fantastic staff and students create and develop as the school continues to grow with Artsmark'

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:
'I would like to congratulate The Hamble School 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.'

We are extremely proud of the whole school community. For more information on this prestigious award, please contact our Communications Lead Mrs Valleley via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Kind regards

The Hamble School