Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that your child is now ready to complete their RSL Star Award. Most elements have been assessed during lesson time but to qualify for this externally-moderated award and receive the RSL certificate your child will need to submit a video via Seesaw, respond to the heritage task (see attached prompts) and complete a student evaluation form (also attached). The evaluation questions can be answered in writing or recorded as a video. Either response should be uploaded to Seesaw.

The cost of submitting an award to RSL for moderation is £9.00 (or free if your child is eligible for pupil premium). If you would like to proceed please complete the online application form at <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/rsl-star-award>. The application form also requests consent for me to record an assessment video directly to Seesaw and to share that video with an external moderator. Please let me know if you have any queries.

RSL Star Award FAQs

**What is RSL Star Award?**

Croydon Music and Arts has worked with the RSL exam board to create a series of qualifications in performing arts, which track and reward progress, and are accessible to all. RSL Star Awards are low-cost, teacher-assessed and externally moderated by a recognised exam board. Star 1 is entry level (equivalent to pre-Grade 1). Those achieving Star 5 demonstrate sufficient skill and knowledge in that subject to embark on a Key Stage 4 course (GCSE level).

**Why is the video recorded directly to Seesaw?**

By recording directly to Seesaw the video is not stored locally on a device. All CMA Seesaw accounts are monitored by at least two teachers for safeguarding purposes. The second teacher also internally moderates the exam material before it is submitted to RSL.

**Why do I have to pay for this award?**

CMA teachers track student progress during lessons. The £9 fee covers the cost of RSL examiners moderating the exam material, and the cost of producing certificates. CMA uses Music Education Hub funding to cover the cost of entry for Star Classes at CMA centres, and for any pupil eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

**What about grade exams?**

RSL Star Awards are more accessible and achievable in the early stages of learning, especially if pupils receive group or paired lessons. Once a pupil has completed RSL Star 2 Award they will be ready to prepare for grade exams. Grade exams are more expensive (£50+) and generally require individual tuition. Please speak to your CMA teacher for more information.