

## *Bronze with BSO*

### **Work experience at the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for 14 – 18 year olds**

In order for young people to explore the arts and develop an understanding of the different artistic and creative career paths available, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) has designed a special one-week work experience placement *Bronze with BSO*. This opportunity enables students to achieve their Bronze Arts Award (a Level 1 award on the Regulated Qualifications Framework) whilst spending a full working week with different departments in the Orchestra, including Communications, Library, Development, Marketing and Participate.

**\*Please note this is not a performance-based work placement. \***

<b>Work placement date</b>	<b>Applications open</b>	<b>Application deadline date</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 at 23:59

#### **Individual requirements and how to apply**

*Bronze with BSO* is open to:

- Students aged 14-18 with an interest in working in the arts and creative industries. Please note, although the BSO is a symphony orchestra, we welcome all applicants wishing to gain experience within an arts organisation, whether or not they are studying music. Applicants would need to demonstrate a strong interest in the arts or creative industries.

**To apply for *Bronze with BSO*, applicants must complete an application form [here](#).**

After the deadline shortlisted applicants will be invited to a **phone interview on the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**. Unsuccessful candidates will be given feedback on request. The successful candidates will be chosen after all interviews have been completed.

*Please note that the application process provides students with an opportunity to experience the work involved in making a job application, and the placement itself is designed for students who are motivated to seek opportunities that develop their knowledge and understanding of a professional arts organisation. Applicants will need to complete their application in their own words. If you have any questions about how to complete your application or the placement itself, please get in touch with Tom Kay at BSO via [tkay@bsorchestra.co.uk](mailto:tkay@bsorchestra.co.uk).*

#### **Important information**

The successful candidate will be expected to be at the BSO offices in Poole from **10am – 4.30pm** every day of their placement. The nature of the activities may require them to arrive earlier or leave later and may involve travelling to projects with a member of BSO staff; however, these will

be discussed with students in advance of the placement. The students will be given an hour's lunch break every day, and they can either bring a packed lunch to have in the office's kitchen or go out locally in Poole. Unfortunately, the Orchestra cannot contribute to the cost of lunch or travel from the students home to the BSO offices.

Please be aware that *Bronze with BSO* is **not a performance-based work placement**. The majority of the student's time will be spent at the BSO offices, carrying out administrative tasks in different BSO departments to gain experience of arts planning and management. There will be opportunities to connect with the musicians and to watch rehearsals and concerts during the placement, but we are not able to offer the opportunity to play with the Orchestra.

### **What is Arts Award?**

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that support young people to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world through taking challenges in an art form. To achieve an Arts Award qualification, the participant must take part in several different activities such as attending arts events, researching artists and planning their own projects, which are then recorded in their own Arts Award portfolio. An Arts Award advisor helps the individual to plan their work and to keep track of their progress, in addition to being responsible for assessing and moderating the final portfolio. Please visit the Arts Award website for further information, found via this link: <http://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=1346>.

### **Bronze with BSO**

Arts Award offers an ideal structure for young people to explore the working world of a professional arts organisation, so the BSO's work experience programme has been designed to incorporate the Bronze Arts Award. Successful applicants will spend a working week with the BSO to gain knowledge and experience of how the Orchestra functions, and an in-house Arts Award advisor will guide each student to plan and record their activities in order to achieve the Bronze qualification. At the end of the placement the student will have completed their Bronze Arts Award portfolio. This will be assessed by the advisor to ensure the student has met the assessment criteria to achieve a pass for their Bronze Arts Award. The portfolio will then be sent off by the advisor for moderation.

There are four parts to this qualification, and each part aims to increase the young person's experience and understanding of the arts, arts practitioners and cultural organisations. These parts are:

- 1) Explore the arts as a participant
- 2) Explore the arts as an audience member
- 3) Arts inspiration
- 4) Arts skills share

The work experience placement has been designed to give participants tasks and activities which will lead to the completion of the Arts Award. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with and support various departments including BSO Participate, Digital, Development (fundraising), Marketing and Communications, and we aim to provide the opportunity to talk with

the musicians in the Orchestra. Furthermore, within the placement week, the BSO will be performing 'Explore the Orchestra' KS2 symphonic concerts at the Lighthouse in Poole. A number of tasks will be related to these concerts.

**Get in touch!**

If applicants have any questions or queries about *Bronze with BSO*, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Kay (BSO Participate Coordinator) via email at [tkay@bsorchestra.co.uk](mailto:tkay@bsorchestra.co.uk) or telephone on 01202 644726.

As well as providing assistance with the application process, Tom can also provide further information about each part of the *Bronze with BSO Arts Award*, and examples of the various work experience activities that will take place in each department.