

RE-ENGAGE YOUR LEARNERS CREATIVELY!

Join dot-art Schools to celebrate children and young people's creativity, build their confidence and improve wellbeing.



**“SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS
DON'T FOCUS ON OUTPUT,
THEY FOCUS ON CULTURE.”**

SIR KEN ROBINSON



ABOUT

dot-art Schools is an interactive, online, inter-school, art competition, taking place annually and culminating in a public exhibition of the winning artworks and prize giving celebration for teachers, students and their families.

The competition is open to all Primary (Year 5) and Secondary (Year 9) and SEND schools in the six boroughs of Liverpool City Region and

beyond. It is designed to nurture talent, raise aspiration and take art out of the classroom into the real world.

Set up in 2012 in response to demand from local schools and the side-lining of the arts in the curriculum, to date over 8000 children from 481 schools have taken part.

WHY?

Art is the perfect way for students to process their thoughts and feelings when trying to make sense of the pandemic. Participating in dot-art Schools provides a key part of that recovery process.

The positive impact of our programme on students' mental health and well-being has been proven. Research carried out by Liverpool Hope University and Curious Minds last year showed that taking part in dot-art Schools

nurtures children and young peoples' creativity and boosts their confidence. We learnt that the students gain a measurable sense of self-respect from the process. Participating in the competition can also raise students' aspirations and engage student's families. We know that the pandemic has increased the disadvantage gap markedly; engaging with dot-art Schools helps build valuable cultural capital in students.

TEN REASONS TO TAKE PART

1. Contributes to a broad and balanced curriculum which build students cultural capital (included in the new Education Inspection Framework)
2. Increase pupil's self-esteem, particularly important with the growing mental health crisis facing young people, which has been magnified during lockdown.
3. Help close the disadvantage gap, which has been significantly widened by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Raise your school's profile regionally and demonstrate the school's commitment to arts and creativity.
5. Fantastic opportunity to showcase your student's artwork outside school.
6. Compare standards of artwork with other schools across the region, online and in a gallery setting.
7. Improve students' confidence in their own ability and give a real sense of pride.
8. Great way to engage student's families through the public vote, exhibition and prize giving ceremony.
9. Demonstrate the quality of artwork produced to students' families and the wider community.
10. Support your Artsmark journey and help meet Gatsby benchmarks, OFSTED and National Curriculum attainment targets.

WHEN?

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| Sept to Dec | Schools sign up to participate in dot-art Schools. |
| February | Schools submit photographs of students' artworks by half term. Competition entries are added to the school's portfolio page on the dot-art Schools website. |
| March | Judging panel of respected arts professionals shortlist the top 3 entries from each school |
| April | The public vote online for their favourite shortlisted entry. The entry with most votes from each school wins a place in the exhibition. |
| May / June | Schools frame and deliver their winning entry ready for exhibition. Guest judge selects overall winners and runners up at the exhibition and announces them at the prize giving ceremony. Students, families and teachers celebrate at Exhibition preview. dot-art Schools Exhibition opens to the public. |



“ARTS SUBJECTS PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A CRUCIAL OUTLET TO RELEASE PRESSURE AND PROVIDE A WAY OF PROCESSING AND ARTICULATING DIFFICULT EMOTIONS.”

TIMES EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For a sign up fee of £150 your school receives:

- A dedicated portfolio page on the dot-art Schools website, featuring students artwork entries, brief info and a link to your schools website
- Promotion via printed publicity & social media
- Your school's winner exhibited in a high quality public exhibition
- Invitations for shortlisted students, their families and staff to attend prize giving ceremony
- A certificate for each shortlisted student and the school

dot -art Services is the not for profit organisation that manages dot-art Schools. Your entry fee, alongside support from generous funders enables us to sustain the programme.

Budgets tight? We may be able to help through our dot-art Schools Champion scheme, get in touch for details.

To sign up simply complete the online Sign Up Form by Christmas.

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