

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY

dot-art Schools annual inter-school art competition celebrates and showcases visual arts from schools across Liverpool City Region. Join dot-art Schools to nurture talent, raise ambition and develop pupils' confidence.



“WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE PROCESS. THE COMPETITION IS ALWAYS VERY WELL ORGANISED, AND STAFF ARE ALWAYS WITHIN REACH IF NEEDED.”

**TEACHER & ART LEAD,
DOVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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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 sidelining of the arts in the curriculum, to date over 14,500 children and young people have taken part.

“AS OUR PUPILS ARE ALL SEN, I AM VERY PROTECTIVE OF THEM AND WAS WARY OF SUBMITTING THEIR WORK AND HAVING IT JUDGED AGAINST MAINSTREAM PUPILS, HOW WRONG WAS I! I WAS BEYOND PROUD TO SEE THEM ABLE TO COMPETE AND STAND THEIR OWN IN THIS FORUM AND WILL DEFINITELY ENSURE THEY PARTICIPATE EVERY YEAR.”

ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER. CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL

TEN REASONS TO TAKE PART

1. Contributes to a broad and balanced curriculum which build students' cultural capital (included in the Education Inspection Framework)
2. Increase pupils' self-esteem, particularly important with the growing mental health crisis facing young people.
3. Help close the disadvantage gap, which was 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 students' 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 students' 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?

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	Schools frame their winning entry ready for dot-art to transport it to and from the exhibition.
June	Guest judge selects the overall winners and runners up at the exhibition and announces them at the prize giving ceremony.

“PARTICIPATING IN DOT-ART SCHOOLS REALLY ALLOWED STUDENTS TO GET AN INSIGHT INTO WHAT ART BEYOND SCHOOL WOULD BE LIKE. IT BOTH INSPIRED THEM AND GAVE THEM CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ARTISTIC ABILITIES, MOTIVATING MANY TO TAKE ART GCSE. WITHOUT A DOUBT, BEING INVOLVED GAVE STUDENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY AND FOSTERED A PASSION FOR THE SUBJECT.”

ART TEACHER, WEATHERHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For an entry fee of £195 +VAT for primary or £295+VAT for secondary, 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 winning entry collected from and returned to school
- Your school's winner exhibited in a high quality public Exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery.
- Invitations for shortlisted students, their families and staff to attend prize-giving ceremony at St George's Hall.
- 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.

Sign up here before Christmas:

schools.dot-art.com/registration

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