

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.



“REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF DOT-ART SCHOOLS. OUR KIDS REALLY THRIVE ON IT, THEY LOVE IT.”

**MS BARRETT, CHILDWALL
ABBAY SCHOOL**





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 11,500 children and young people have taken part.

WHY?

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 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 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 pupils' 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 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.
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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.

“EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE! WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN ORGANISING THIS PRIZE GIVING EVENT AND CELEBRATION IS MASSIVE FOR OUR PUPILS, THEIR FAMILIES, US AS A SCHOOL AND THEIR WIDER APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF ART AND DESIGN.”

**MR DANIEL INGRAM, HEAD OF ART,
WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS**



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For the entry fee of £195+VAT 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
- 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.

Sign up here before Christmas:

schools.dot-art.com/registration



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