

What is dot-art Schools?



 schools.dot-art.com

dot-art Schools is an interactive, online, inter-school, art competition, taking place on an annual basis and culminating in an exhibition of the winning artworks.

The competition is open to all **Primary** (Year 5) and **Secondary** (Year 9) schools in the Liverpool City Region and (new for 2016-17) Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East. It is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition and take art out of the classroom into the real world.

Set up in 2012 in response to demand from local schools; to date almost 3000 children from over 160 Primary and Secondary schools in the Liverpool City Region have participated.



Why sign up?



"I've looked for originality in the chosen winners, for skills in both thinking and creating and for getting that WOW factor when you stand in front of them!"

Susan M Coles

Guest Judge dot-art Schools 2015-16
2014 President of NSEAD

- Raise the profile of your school
- Improve awareness of the schools commitment to the arts and creativity
- Compare standards of artwork with other schools
- Fantastic opportunity to showcase your students work outside school
- Improve students confidence in their own ability and give a real sense of pride
- Engage students families through public voting, the exhibition and prize giving ceremony.



dot-art Schools 2015-16 Overall Winners

Primary: Aidan Owen, St Bede's Catholic Junior School



Secondary: Nyah Booman, St Hilda's CE High School

When?



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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Schools sign up to dot-art Schools 2016-17 by Christmas

FEBRUARY

Schools submit photographs of up to 25 students artworks by half term, for dot-art Schools to add to website

MARCH

Judging Panel shortlists top 3 entries from each school

APRIL

Public voting online. Shortlisted entries with the most votes per school win a place in the exhibition

MAY

Schools frame their winning entry ready for exhibition

Guest judge selects overall winners and runners up at exhibition

Overall winners announced at prize giving ceremony

Guests celebrate at exhibition preview

JUNE

dot-art Schools 2016-17 Exhibitions open to the public



Last year over 3500 public votes were cast online, 53 primary and secondary schools exhibited their students winning entries at the iconic St George's Hall, attracting over 1000 visitors in a fortnight.

Over 20,000 commuters also saw the print version of the exhibition at Merseyrail's Lime Street Lower Level station.

How do we get involved?

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

- A dedicated page for your school on the dot-art Schools website, featuring students artwork and a link to your school's website
- Promotion via printed publicity & social media
- Your school's winner exhibited in a gallery venue
- Invitations for student, family and staff to attend prize giving ceremony
- A certificate for each school and shortlisted student

For an entry form
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