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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce the school has signed up to take part in the Royal Academy's Young Artists Summer Show.

If your child would like to take part, all you will need to do is create an artwork and then send a photo of the artwork to the school. The work, if it wins, will go on display in the gallery and on their website.

- For each submission you'll need one image of the artwork plus details including a title, medium and a short description.
- There is no theme and artists aged 4-19 can submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, or something else!
- Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, artworks that closely or identically reproduce another artist's work or ideas won't be selected. Please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters.
- The competition doesn't accept AI-generated works.
- Each submission can include a short artist statement or description, preferably written by the artist themselves where possible. Rather than solely focussing on the artmaking process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if your work is selected, will be subject to editing by the RA for spelling, grammar, comprehensibility and length.
- A good image of the artwork is very important and could influence the way that the artwork is viewed by the judges. Read through the 'How to photograph your artwork' document for some helpful tips and tricks. The RA only accept one artwork per applicant and will not accept late submissions under any circumstances.

The deadline for the competition is officially 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5:00pm. However, to ensure that we have time to upload your work to the Royal Academy competition portal, please ensure you send your photo by email to the school no later than the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Beckett  
Arts Lead

# How to photograph your artwork

**When you submit artwork to the Young Artists' Summer Show, we ask you to share an image of your work. It will be seen by the judges and be shown online if the artwork is selected for the exhibition, so it's essential that you take a good photo that represents how the artwork looks in real life.**

Here are some tips to help you capture a good image:

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Use a neutral background so the attention is on the artwork.

Aim for a soft and even light, daylight is best to avoid shadows on the artwork.

Photograph your artwork unframed if you can as the glass or plastic can cause glare and reflections.

Flash can add glare, try not to use it if you have enough light.

Keep your camera steady, a flat surface or tripod can help.

A scanner works really well for smaller artworks, pencil drawings and artwork that is on crumpled or creased paper.

Make sure the whole artwork is in the photograph including all edges and any plinths or stands for sculpture. Crop any background out afterwards.

Take a few shots and use the best one for your submission.

Images must be either JPG or PNG format and no larger than 5MB.

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Here are some good examples –



**Drawing**

Dog 11, Isobel, Year 4



**Painting**

Cultural Appreciation, Josephine, Year 13



**A sculpture against a neutral background**

Wood 'n' Rocks, Ben, Year 11



**A sculpture in situ**

Alien, Clara, Year 13

# Young Artists' Summer Show