

2015 John Downton Award

26 October – 27 November

Submission Deadline: noon Friday 25 September

Online submission at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/arts/john-downton-awards>

I am pleased to invite you to take part in the John Downton Award for Young Artists. This year's exhibition will take place in County Hall, Maidstone, from 26 October to 27 November, with an awards ceremony on a date TBC in November. A selection of the works will be taken from Maidstone to be shown in the Clore Studios at Turner Contemporary from 08 December – 24 January, then onto the Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery.

Background information

The John Downton Awards were first organised in 2000 at the request of Miss Hilda Downton – sister of the celebrated Kentish artist, poet and philosopher, to recognise the achievements of the young artists of Kent in the fields of painting and drawing.

Accepted media

We are able to accept most 2D work including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and collage. Unfortunately we are unable to accept sculpture, installation, performance or film work.

Prizes and awards

There will be prizes for the top three individuals in each of the age groups, 11–16 and 17–18 and the John Downton trophy for the best overall submission by a school. In addition there are media specific prizes in painting, drawing, photography and mixed media. Finally there is a People's Choice Prize which is voted for by visitors to the exhibition.

Submissions

Submissions are made online (see below for details). Students may submit **ONE** piece each, with no limit on the number of submissions per school. **The deadline for submission is noon on 25 September.** Late applications will not be considered.

Successful entrants will be notified by 02 October. Work selected for the exhibition will be collected by courier week commencing 19 October.

Full terms and conditions can be found below. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Kind regards

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Terms and Conditions:

Exhibition

- The exhibition is open from 26 October – 27 November, 8 am – 6 pm
- Awards will be presented at an event in November

Eligibility

- Open to children and young people living in Kent aged 11 – 18 on 31 August 2015
- Work should have been produced between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015
- Painting, print-making, drawing, photography and collage can be accepted. We cannot accept sculpture, installation, performance or film work

Submissions

- Submissions can be made by completing the online application form
- All fields on the application form must be completed
- Application forms should be accompanied by a clearly named jpeg image of the work that does not exceed 300 dpi and has a file size below 3Mb
- Jpeg images should be titled following the convention: firstnamelastname.jpg
- A maximum of one entry per student is allowed
- **All applications must be received by noon on 25 September 2015.** Late submissions will not be accepted
- Once work is submitted we reserve the right to publish any images in Kent County Council/Arts and Culture Service publicity/information material and online media, along with the name of the artist. If you do not wish for your name to be included please email: [johndowntonawards@kent.gov.uk](mailto: johndowntonawards@kent.gov.uk)
- If you experience any issues with the online application form, please email [johndowntonawards@kent.gov.uk](mailto: johndowntonawards@kent.gov.uk)

Fixing requirements for selected work

- Work should be supplied so that it can be securely wall mounted with mirror plates fitted as appropriate. Please note that work supplied without appropriate fittings may be secured using pins, nails or staples and that this is at the exhibitor's own risk. Submission of work by an exhibitor in this way is taken as acceptance of that risk.

Judging panel

- The work will be judged by a panel comprising teaching staff at UCA, Canterbury Christ Church and the University of Kent
- Initial long list for the exhibition will be carried out by the Arts and Culture Service



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Prizes to be awarded:

▪ Highly Commended 11-16 year olds	Certificate
▪ Bronze Award 11-16 year olds	£25
▪ Silver Award 11-16 year olds	£50
▪ Gold Award 11-16 year olds	£75
▪ Highly Commended 17-18 year olds	Certificate
▪ Bronze Award 17-18 year olds	£50
▪ Silver Award 17-18 year olds	£75
▪ Gold Award 17-18 year olds	£100
▪ Prize for Drawing	£50
▪ Prize for Painting	£50
▪ Prize for Photography	£50
▪ Prize for Mixed Media	£50
▪ People's Choice Award	£100
▪ John Downton Award for Best School	Trophy

Sales

- Whilst this is not a selling exhibition, we will forward sales enquiries to students

Collection and return of work

- Successful entries will be collected from the school week commencing 19 October
- Work will be returned following the exhibition unless it is required for exhibition in Margate and Sevenoaks, in which case it will be returned following these additional shows

Insurance

- All work will be insured against damage during the exhibition
- All work is insured for public liability
- In order to comply with insurance requirements, work should be supplied with mirror plates attached for securely fixing the work to the wall

The gallery can accommodate approximately 90 pieces, so regrettably we will be unable to show all work that is submitted.

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