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## HARPUR TRUST ART COMPETITION 2017/18

### Schools Pack

We would like to invite your school to take part in our next Art Competition which will take place over the 2017/2018 academic year. This competition follows last year's highly successful 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary art competition, which attracted 1400 entries from 46 schools across the Borough.

The competition will run from September 2017 over the autumn and spring terms during which time we will be offering free workshops for up to 30 state schools (first come first served). The competition will culminate in a professional exhibition of the children's work at The Higgins Bedford and there will be a special preview evening during which we will present the prizes.



### COMPETITION THEME

This year, the underlying theme of the competition is **'wellbeing'**. We would like entrants to create a piece of artwork that answers the following question **"where is your happy place?"** This should be an imaginative piece of work which depicts the happiest place in their mind. This could be a real place or a completely imaginary world (imagine a world made of chocolate or even another universe altogether!). It could be a happy memory which he or she likes to return to again and again, or he or she could portray him/herself in an activity which makes them happy – perhaps on the sports field, on a fairground ride, on a boat or a bike, in a forest or field. A happy place might depict other people (friends, family), the animal world, or a scene from a book or film they like to return to again and again.

The theme reflects the idea of mindfulness, which many schools are currently exploring, but if you are unfamiliar with this concept, you may find the links overleaf of interest:

## MINDFULNESS LINKS

<http://www.themindfulnessinitiative.org.uk>

<https://mindfulnessinschools.org>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/oct/23/mindfulness-school-lessons-pupil-stress>

[https://www.ted.com/talks/andy\\_puddicombe\\_all\\_it\\_takes\\_is\\_10\\_mindful\\_minutes](https://www.ted.com/talks/andy_puddicombe_all_it_takes_is_10_mindful_minutes)

## AGE CATEGORIES

The competition is open to all 4-18 year olds at school within Bedford Borough, who can enter individually or through their school. Schools can enter in **one or more of the following categories, but no more than 8 entries per age category should be submitted:**

<b>Category 1</b>	Ages 4-7	Reception, Years 1 and 2
<b>Category 2</b>	Ages 7-11	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
<b>Category 3</b>	Ages 11-14	Years 7, 8 and 9
<b>Category 4</b>	Ages 14-16	Years 10 and 11
<b>Category 5</b>	Age 16-18	Years 12 and 13

## CRITERIA FOR ARTWORK

**It is important that you read this section carefully and that you ensure all work adheres to the requirements.**

- Artwork submitted must be **2D** (by this we mean it should be relatively flat and suitable for framing).
- Size should be **either A4, A3 or A2** (this is to enable us to frame selected entries in a cost effective way).
- Entries can be produced on paper, fabric or even on a ceramic tile but **they must adhere to the size guidelines above.**
- Work should **arrive unmounted and unframed.**
- Entrants can use a range of materials and techniques from the following list: drawing (e.g. pencil, pen, crayon, pastel, etc.), painting, printmaking, collage and montage (photography can be integrated into the piece but we will not accept a standalone photographic entry).
- Each school can submit a **maximum of 8** entries per age category.

## FREE ARTIST WORKSHOP GIVEAWAY

To help you prepare your pupils for the competition, we are also offering all **state schools** the opportunity to apply for one of 30 free workshops focussed around the theme of the competition, exploring a variety of art mediums and techniques.

Workshops will be allocated on a first come first served basis (a maximum of one workshop per school).

In addition, The Trust and The Higgins Bedford are offering **2 further workshops specifically for staff** which will be hosted at The Higgins Bedford. This is open to all state schools in Bedford Borough. One workshop is aimed at non specialist art teachers, and the other is for specialist art teachers who might wish to explore a new medium.

The dates of the staff inset workshops are as follows:

**Non specialist Art Teachers:**            **Wednesday 13 September 4-6pm**

**Specialist Art Teachers:**                **Wednesday 20 September at 4-6pm**

To apply for a Visiting Artist Workshop and/or a staff inset workshop, please complete and return **Form 1**.

## **JUDGING**

Judging will take place in **April 2018** and winning schools will be notified on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Around 120 - 140 entries will be selected for display at a public exhibition at The Higgins Bedford from **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. Entries will be judged on both originality and creativity and judges will be looking for an imaginative response to the themes. Judges will also look at:

- Content – what story does the picture tell or what message does it give?
- Composition – where and how is everything placed?
- The atmosphere and mood created by the piece.
- Whether the entrant has fulfilled the requirements set out in the criteria section.

## **PRIZES**

3 Prizes will be awarded in each of the following age-groups: 4-7, 7-11, 11-14, 14-16 and 16-18 years.

<b>1st Prize:</b>	£200 of arts materials for the school.	£60 of vouchers for the child.
<b>2nd Prize:</b>	£150 of arts materials for the school.	£30 of vouchers for the child.
<b>3rd Prize:</b>	£100 of arts materials for the school.	£15 of vouchers for the child.

Entrants whose work is selected for the exhibition will have their work professionally framed (pupils can keep the frame at the end of the exhibition). We will also provide them with a certificate.

## **ABOUT THE HARPUR TRUST**

Throughout our history, we have been inspiring and supporting people within the Borough of Bedford, using the legacy of our founder Sir William Harpur to provide and promote education, to provide relief and help to those who are sick, in hardship or distress, and to provide recreational facilities with a social welfare purpose. Above all, we want everyone to have pride in their community and to be given opportunities to realise their own potential. As such, we are delighted to offer this competition which we hope will inspire local children to explore their artistic talent, and to encourage them to engage in a project which could result in their work being displayed to the general public in an exhibition at The Higgins Bedford in the summer of 2018.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact: Sarah Elam at The Harpur Trust:  
Princeton Court, Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PZ  
Tel 01234 369519 [selam@harpurtrust.org.uk](mailto:selam@harpurtrust.org.uk)

**Web link:** [www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2](http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2)

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By entering the competition, schools and entrants confirm that they have read and understood, and agree to be bound by, the following competition rules:

1. The competition is open to all pupils and schools in Bedford Borough.
2. Entries must be delivered via post or by hand to The Harpur Trust, Princeton Court, Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive, Bedford MK41 7PZ. Entries cannot be delivered electronically and they must be the original artwork.
3. Only one entry to the competition per pupil shall be accepted. A pupil can enter as an individual or through their school.
4. Entry to the competition is free, however, all materials for the creation and submission of artwork must be provided by the school.
5. All artwork must be the original idea of the entrant and not infringe on anyone else's copyright.
6. Entries must be received no later than **4.00pm on Thursday 29th March 2018 (last day of term)**.
- 7.a School entries - Each individual artwork must have the pupil's name and school marked clearly on the back and Forms 2 and 3 must be submitted with the artwork.
- 7.b Individual entries – please ensure your name, age, address and contact telephone number are marked **clearly** and **legibly** on the back of your artwork.
- 7.c The information provided on entrants will only be used by The Harpur Trust and The Higgins Bedford for the purposes of the competition.
8. Artwork cannot be returned by post and schools and individual entrants are required to collect artwork between **Monday 3rd September 2018 and Friday 14th September from The Higgins Bedford. After this date, we regret that uncollected artwork may be disposed of.**
- 9.a Winning schools will be informed of the results by **4.00pm on Friday 18th May 2018** and results will be posted on The Harpur Trust website [www.harpurtrust.org.uk](http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk) from this date. **We will provide the school with letters for prizewinners and those entries selected for the exhibition which the school is required to pass on to the pupil/parents.**
- 9.b Where an individual entry has been made, the winner will be contacted directly.
10. The winners of the competition shall be decided by a panel of judges, and the panel members will be published at a later date. The panel will be looking for creativity, originality and an imaginative response to the theme.
11. By entering the competition, pupils give their consent to The Harpur Trust and The Higgins Bedford using their work, free of charge, in any publicity and/or promotional activities. In particular, if an entrant is a winner of the competition, the entrant consents to their name and their winning work being posted on the premises or on the websites of the Harpur Trust and The Higgins Bedford.
12. Schools who enter the competition will receive a specially designed certificate in acknowledgement and recognition of their participation.
- 13.a The competition prizes for all four categories shall consist of vouchers for the pupils. Schools will be able to purchase equipment and send us an invoice (with an accompanying receipt). Where purchases exceed the value of the prize money, we will only reimburse up to the value of the prize.
- 13.b Winning artworks and the work of selected entrants will be framed and displayed at The Higgins Bedford between **Sat 16th June and Sunday 26th August 2018**.
- 13.d Where an entrant has applied individually rather than through their school, their school will not be eligible to receive the school element of the prize.
14. No cash alternative to any prize is available and the prizes shall be non-transferable. The Harpur Trust and The Higgins Bedford accept no liability if for any reason any workshop does not go ahead and no alternative prizes will be awarded.
15. The Harpur Trust and The Higgins Bedford are not responsible for late, lost or delayed entries.
16. The decision of the judging panel is final and binding on all entrants and no correspondence will be entered into by The Harpur Trust or by The Higgins Bedford.



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## CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS

- **Please read the rules of the competition, and all the instructions** very carefully. In particular pay attention to the **CRITERIA** section.
- If you are entering groups of children in more than one of the age categories, please complete a **separate entry form (Form 2) for each category** entered.
- Write the name of each pupil and the name of your school clearly on the back of each piece of art.
- **Download Form 3** from our website and type the details of each entrant (maximum of 8 per category). (If you hand write this form, please ensure it is **clear and legible**). The information on this form will be used to create vinyl labels for the exhibition. We cannot be held responsible for any mistakes in labelling artwork if the information we receive is difficult to read.
- We advise that pupils also include a **description of between 50 and 100 words to explain the thought process behind their picture**. Make sure this also has the pupil's name and school at the top so we can match it up with the correct piece of art.
- Where possible, we advise that you hand deliver your entries to The Harpur Trust Office, Princeton Court, Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive, Bedford MK41 7PZ. We are open between 8.30am and 5pm daily. If however, you decide to post your entries, please do so in plenty of time.
- At the end of the exhibition, art work can be collected between **Monday 3rd September 2018 and Friday 14th September 2018 from The Higgins Bedford**. Please call The Higgins Bedford in advance (01234 718618) to arrange collection.
- For state schools only, don't forget to complete your **Form 1 - application for a visiting artist workshop and/or staff inset workshop**.
- **Key dates and deadlines** are overleaf.

**Good luck! We hope you and your pupils enjoy participating in the 2018 Art Competition.**





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## ART COMPETITION KEY DATES

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Deadline for booking workshops with our Visiting Artists

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
4pm-6pm

Staff inset: free workshop for non-specialist art teachers at the Higgins Bedford

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
4pm-6pm

Staff inset: free workshop for specialist art teachers at the Higgins Bedford

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Deadline for submitting artwork (clearly labelled with completed entry sheet for each category entered)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Announcement of winners. Schools to be notified by email. Winning entries published on website, along with list of works chosen for the exhibition.

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
6pm

Exhibition preview evening for prize winners and invited guests

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June –**  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Art Exhibition at The Higgins Bedford - open to the general public

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**  
**and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Work available for collection from The Higgins Bedford  
Please call the museum (01234 718618) ahead of your visit.





**FORM 1**

**Complete and return ASAP. Workshops allocated on a first come first served.**

## APPLICATION FOR A WORKSHOP WITH A VISITING ARTIST / STAFF INSET WORKSHOP

**Available for State Schools only**

We are offering 30 free workshops to support the competition. If accepted, the workshop will be delivered in your school, to no more than 30 pupils. We are also offering teacher workshops at the Higgins on 2 separate dates.

<b>Please tick as appropriate</b>	
I confirm that my school will be taking part in the Harpur Trust 2018 Art Competition	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to apply for an artist workshop at my school	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I would like to book a place on the staff training workshop at the Higgins Bedford</b>	
Workshop for Non Specialist Art Teachers on 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workshop for Specialist Art Teachers on 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of staff member to attend .....	
<b><u>Either</u>, I would like to target a specific year group(s) for the workshop</b>	
Please specify .....	
<b><u>Or</u>, I would like to target specific children (i.e. intervention groups, pupil premium etc)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	
We advise smaller groups for the workshop, and no more than 30 children per workshop.	
Teacher's name	
School name	
School Address	
Contact tel number	
Contact email Email	

**Please return ASAP and no later than Friday 14th July 2017.**



## FORM 2

Send in with artwork and  
with Form 3 on or before  
29 Mar 2018.

Complete one form per  
age category entered.

# ART COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Download this form here: [www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2](http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2)

Name and full address of school	
Telephone number	
Contact teacher name	
Contact email address	
Category entered	
Number of entries submitted in this category (MAXIMUM OF 8)	

I confirm that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions	
After the competition I agree to collect the artwork from the Higgins during the period of time specified	



# ENTRANTS' DETAILS FORM

## FORM 3

1. Download this form from our website and type directly onto the form
2. Complete one box for each pupil entered (max 8 entries per category)
3. CLEARLY and LEGIBLY write the name of the pupil and school name on the back of each piece of work
4. Submit one copy of this completed form with your school entry form (Form 2) and hand in with the artwork

Download this form here: [www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2](http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk/about-us/community-events/art-competition-2)

1 PUPIL NAME: YEAR GROUP:	SCHOOL NAME: CATEGORY ENTERED:
2 PUPIL NAME: YEAR GROUP:	SCHOOL NAME: CATEGORY ENTERED:
3 PUPIL NAME: YEAR GROUP:	SCHOOL NAME: CATEGORY ENTERED:
4 PUPIL NAME: YEAR GROUP:	SCHOOL NAME: CATEGORY ENTERED:
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8 PUPIL NAME: YEAR GROUP:	SCHOOL NAME: CATEGORY ENTERED: