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## HARPUR TRUST ART COMPETITION 2021/22

### 'FUTURE BEDFORD'

#### Schools Pack

We would like to invite your school to take part in our fourth Harpur Trust Art Competition, open to all schools across Bedford Borough.

The competition will run from September 2021 over the autumn and spring terms during which time we will be offering free workshops for up to 35 state schools (on a first come first served basis). The competition will culminate in the summer of 2022 with a professional exhibition, of selected children's work at The Higgins Bedford and there will be a special preview evening during which we will present the prizes.



#### COMPETITION THEME

We are excited to announce that our theme this year is '**Future Bedford**'.

The Harpur Trust has been in Bedford for a very long time (over 450 years) and the town has changed a lot over those years. Thinking ahead to the next 20, 50, 100, 200 or even 450 years, what do you hope Bedford will look like? What sort of place would you like it to be? What might our community look like? How might we live?

We want you to really use your imagination and come up with your vision for our town. Pick ANY year in the future and make sure you incorporate your chosen date into your picture. What sort of community will we have? What will our buildings look like? How will we travel? What will we wear? What will our environment look like? What would be your **Perfect Future Bedford**?

We would like you to get really creative and we would love you to describe your future Bedford by including some text on the back of your piece. If selected for our exhibition, we will use this alongside the picture.

You can use any medium, but it must be able to fit within an A4, A3 or A2 sized frame.



## JUDGING

Judging will take place in **April 2022** and winning schools will be notified on **15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. Around 120 - 140 entries will be selected for display at a public exhibition at The Higgins Bedford from **Saturday 09 July 2022 to Sunday 04 September 2022**. 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 & 16-18years

<b>1st Prize:</b>	£300 of vouchers for the school	£60 of vouchers for the child.
<b>2nd Prize:</b>	£200 of vouchers for the school	£30 of vouchers for the child.
<b>3rd Prize:</b>	£100 of vouchers for the school	£15 of vouchers for the child.
<b>Harpur Trust Choice Award</b>	Art Therapy workshop for pupils	£60 vouchers for the child

Entrants whose work is selected for the exhibition will have their work professionally framed (pupils can keep the framed work 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 2022.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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