

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:

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.

Here are some good examples –



Drawing

Dog 11, Isobel, Year 4



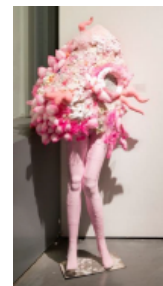
Painting

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

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