



ISA

COMIC STRIP COMPETITION

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Open to KS1 - KS5

Year 1-4: Animal Picnic

Year 5-6: Finding Courage

Year 7-9: Smart Social Media Use

Year 10-13: Modern Famous Figures

DEADLINE

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Competition open to ISA Members' schools only
Visit the ISA website for more information

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ISA ARTS

The ISA Comic Strip Competition encourages pupils to create their own storyboard or cartoon as a means of exploring a topical subject. This competition is open to Year 1 to 13.

Eligibility

Only schools whose Head is a Member with ISA are eligible to enter ISA competitions. Any pupils competing must be on the main school's admissions register, on the date of the event.

Open to Year 1 to year 13. One entry only per pupil. We encourage schools to run their own competition in house and submit their successful entries in the competition.

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities. If your pupil(s), those with an EHCP or on the school's SEND register, are working at a level that differs from their age group's key stage, or if your school or student focuses on development and skills rather than year groups, please contact us.

Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please notify us at the earliest opportunity so we can provide the document accordingly, if required.

Year Groups

Schools can submit a maximum of four entries per year group. One entry only per pupil. (Please note that some year groups might be combined for the judging process).

- Year 1: Animal picnic (pick two animals that might not usually get on, but they learn to embrace difference)
- Year 2: Animal picnic (pick two animals that might not usually get on, but they learn to embrace difference)
- Year 3: Animal picnic (pick two animals that might not usually get on, but they learn to embrace difference)
- Year 4: Animal picnic (pick two animals that might not usually get on, but they learn to embrace difference)
- Year 5: Finding Courage
- Year 6: Finding Courage
- Year 7: Smart Social Media Use
- Year 8: Smart Social Media Use
- Year 9: Smart Social Media Use
- Year 10: Modern Famous Figures
- Year 11: Modern Famous Figures
- Year 12: Modern Famous Figures
- Year 13: Modern Famous Figures

Judging criteria

- Drawing skills
- Interpretation of the theme
- Originality of ideas

How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the online entry form on the ISA website [here](#) by **Wednesday 28 January 2026**. Please name your files with the school's name followed by the pupil name e.g. SchoolName_JohnSmith

Rules

- Students must use the templates available on our website [here](#). Teachers may print these for use.
- Each participant must use one template only per entry, they can't combine two.
- Drawing can be either manuscripts or digital, black and white or in colour.
- There is no limitation for wording.
- Entries must be made by one pupil only (no group entries).
- All entries must be the participants' original work, which have never been published.
- Use of Clip Art or existing graphics is not allowed on digital drawings.
- Comic strips can be written in any language, provided an English translation is given.
- Images must be submitted in **JPEG or PNG format only** and must be named in the correct format.
- All the copyrights belong to the participant. However, ISA reserves the right to showcase the artworks on the ISA website and social media and to use them for marketing purposes. Please note that the name of the student might also be displayed.
- While we recognise the potential benefit of AI, we kindly request that participants are using it for inspiration and support and in line with their schools policies on its use, rather than using it to generate their artwork. Please include details about the process of using AI under "any special circumstances" box if applicable, so judges are aware.

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk