ISA LONDON NORTH AREA ART COMPETITION INFORMATION

Please note, this is not an online competition, schools must bring each artwork to the event.
It is the schools' responsibility to organise delivery as well as collection of their artwork for the regionals events as well as the finals therefore, it's important to consider the size and weight of the artwork submitted in the competition.

Open for entries: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Deadline for entries: Friday 18 September 2026

Date of event: Thursday 1 October 2026

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey, EN9 3LX

Artwork Instructions:

- Artwork submitted online will need to be brought to **The Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey, EN9 3LX** on **Thursday 1 October** between **8:30am and 9:30am either in-person or via courier**.
- Work delivered via courier to The Marriott Hotel must arrive the day before the event **Wednesday 30 September.**
- Schools must give details of all the pieces sent via courier.
- You need to complete a paper entry form for each piece you have entered online. These can be found in the handbook on the ISA website and attached to the back of artworks. This is so we know which category to put it in, and so we know which winner to announce.
- Details of how to complete this form are in the handbook. Alongside the categories.
- Each piece of work that can be hung needs to have Velcro on the back. A piece in each corner is good.
- Please do not hang your own work when you arrive. Just put in the pile for the correct category. All work will be checked it is in the correct place and then hung for you.
- No artwork made up of multiple canvas' to be submitted as they are difficult to be displayed and pieced together at the National final.
- Once you have dropped off the work, please leave the gallery and help yourself to coffee etc, read the programme of events and sign up to the Instagram account to see the winners.

Event times:

9:30am: Judging to commence – winners to be announced via the Instagram account and then later via email.

9:30am – 11:30am: Art discussion for all Art Teachers (break halfway)
9:30am – 12:00pm: Head's meeting

Details: To be announced

11:30am – 12:00pm: Art teachers can visit the exhibition (unless the workshop overruns)

12:00pm – 13:00pm: Lunch

13:00pm: Talk from Judges to Art Teachers and Heads. Results will have been announced via WhatsApp group as they happen. Results will be typed up and sent out to schools via email by the end of the following week.

- Work needs to be collected from 14:30pm on Thursday 1 October 2026.
- Collection of pieces sent via courier will need to be organised by schools.
- Any work left after 15:30pm will need collecting from Avon House School at a later date, this applies to courier and in-person collections.

Any questions regarding the Art Competition, please contact Sally Fairbairn at sfairbairn@sthildasharpenden.co.uk

National Art Finals: First placed entries only

1st placed entries will need to submit a high-quality photograph of their artwork to ISA Arts isaarts@isaschools.org.uk, which will be used in the online gallery and printed brochure.

1st placed entries artwork will need to be sent to the final on Wednesday 18 November, please refer to the competition handbook for delivery and collection instructions.