

Young Artist  
**OPEN**  
EXHIBITION

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Submission of work:	Monday 1 June to Sunday 28 June 2026
Notification:	Friday 2 October 2026 onwards
Exhibition:	Friday 16 October 2026 – Sunday 10 January 2027
Collection of unselected work:	Friday 16 – Sunday 18 October 2026
Collection of selected work:	Monday 25 January – Sunday 31 January 2027

Entry forms are available from Ferens Art Gallery  
or online at [ferensartgallery.co.uk](https://ferensartgallery.co.uk)

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Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull, HU1 3RA  
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## HOW TO ENTER

Each entry must be accompanied by a completed **entry form**, telling us your name, age, artwork title, contact email, phone number and school name (only if submitting as part of a school).

Entry forms are available from Ferens Art Gallery and to download online at [ferensartgallery.co.uk](http://ferensartgallery.co.uk).

Entries for the exhibition must be delivered to Ferens Art Gallery between **Monday 1 June – Sunday 28 June 2026**.

Schools can request for entry forms to be sent to them direct, by e-mailing [youngartistopen@hcandl.co.uk](mailto:youngartistopen@hcandl.co.uk) stating their school name and address.

Please note that there are some additional guidelines for school entries this year, including a form that must be submitted alongside entries. You can find full details on our website, or by speaking to a member of staff.

It is **free** to submit a work to the Young Artist Open.

## WHO CAN ENTER

Any child aged 15 and under can enter. Entry can be as an individual, or as part of a school or youth group.

Entrants must be aged 15 and under on Wednesday 20 May to enter.

## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the best entries in each of the following age categories:

- 6 and under
- 7 to 11
- 12 to 15

Winners will be contacted prior to the opening to inform them of their success and to be invited to an awards celebration on **17 October 2026** at Ferens Art Gallery.

Prizes are kindly donated by the Friends of the Ferens and The Hull and East Riding branch of The Arts Society.

## DETAILS AND REGULATIONS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### How many works can I enter?

Each child can enter a single 2D artwork. Schools may submit **30** x artworks maximum. Schools are welcome to submit artwork(s) created by more than one pupil, i.e. a class entry. Please do not submit artworks as both part of a school entry and as an individual.

### What type of work is accepted?

Works should be on paper or card, and can be in a variety of media, e.g. paint, pastel, ink, collage. No framed or box canvas works will be accepted. All works will be attached to the wall using Velcro, so please ensure that they are not too heavy. Works must be no smaller than A4 size (210 x 297mm) and no larger than A2 size (420 x 594mm). Only submit original artwork as photographs or photocopies of artworks are not accepted. The only exception to this rule is if your artwork is required to remain at school during the hand in period for examination marking. In this instance, you may be allowed to submit an image of your artwork during the normal hand in period, before submitting the original artwork to the Ferens no later than **Monday 14 September 2026**. Please get in touch by email if this is something you might be interested in.

### How do I submit an artwork?

Deliver your work to Ferens Art Gallery in person or by post between **Monday 1 June – Sunday 28 June 2026** inclusive (opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-4.30pm; Sunday 11am-4pm). We cannot accept entries before or after these dates. Please remember to complete your entry form and attach it to the back of your artwork.

### How will I know if my work has been selected?

You will receive notification by e-mail from **Friday 2 October 2026**. We aim to show as many entries as possible, however, if we have too many, we will have to make a final selection. Submissions from schools will be ensured a minimum of one artwork.

### When can I collect my work?

Unselected works must be collected on **Friday 16 – Sunday 18 October 2026** from Ferens Art Gallery. Entries sent by post can be returned to you by post providing you included a self-addressed stamped envelope with your submission.

Accepted works cannot be removed before the close of the exhibition and must be collected between **Monday 25 January – Sunday 31 January 2027** from Ferens Art Gallery. Postal entries must include a self-addressed stamped envelope for returns.

Please bring your notification of selection e-mail with you as proof of your identity. Schools must collect their own submissions. If your work has been submitted by your school, please contact your school directly to confirm collection arrangements from them. Ferens Art Gallery reserves the right to dispose of any works not collected by **Sunday 31 January 2027**.