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SHREWSBURY DRAPERS COMPANY

KS3 & KS4 TEXTILE DESIGN COMPETITION 2026



VENUE: The Darwin Room, Shrewsbury Library, Shrewsbury, SY1 2AS

ESSENTIAL DATES

Friday 23rd October: Return registration forms

Friday 6th November, OR Saturday 7th November between 10:00 am and 3.30 am - Take entries to The Darwin Room, Shrewsbury Library. *It is on the first floor but there is a lift. You can park briefly outside the library, there is a car turntable at the bottom of the hill.*

Tuesday 10th November: Judging

Wednesday 11th – Saturday 21st November: Free Public Exhibition at the Shrewsbury Library - Open 9:30 am – 5:00 pm (*NOTE - Tuesday open until 7:00 pm, Saturday open until 4:00 pm & Sunday Closed)

Tuesday 17th November: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm – KS3 & KS4 Awards Evening in the Darwin Room at The Library.

Saturday 21st November: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Collection of exhibits OR **Monday 23rd November: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

TEXTILE COMPETION PRIZES

KS3: Years 7 - 9 Aged 11 - 14

Gold £40 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

Silver £30 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

Bronze £20 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

KS4: Years 10 & 11

Aged 14 – 16 (before 1st September)

Gold £50 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

Silver £40 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

Bronze £30 voucher for Paperwrite, SY1 4EU

Highly Commended Certificates and Certificates for participation may also be given, the Judges might give more than one of these certificates.



THE WOOLMEN COMPETITION

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AGED 11 -16 TO
ENCOURAGE THE USE OF WOOL IN A TEXTILE
PIECE.**

Awarded for the most innovative use of the
wool in a creation.
One entry per student and they will be marked
by red **W**



THE WOOLMAN PRIZES

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 4

1st Prize - £50 Gift Voucher

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2nd Prize - £30 Gift Voucher

2nd Prize - £30 Gift Voucher

3rd Prize - £20 Gift Voucher

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THE GRAPHIC TEXTILE AWARD
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AGED 11 -22

1. The award will be presented to any entry in the Textile Design Competition, who in the opinion of the Judges, demonstrates an outstanding graphic textile design ability.
2. Your name added to a *special trophy and a £50 prize.*

TEXTILE COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The competition is open to **Key Stage 3** and **Key Stage 4** – **THERE IS NO THEME**

- One entry per student.
- Entrants are asked to submit a textile piece that should preferably use wool somewhere in the design if possible. The use of wool will be recognized in the judging process with a chance of winning a Woolman Prize.
- The textile submission can be produced during lessons/coursework or produced in their own time.
- Providing the entry form is used, the project can be entered through the school or independently.
- We appreciate it is sometimes difficult to finish a piece between September and November so pieces produced during the year of 2026 can be entered, not just ones completed within the Autumn term of 2026.

Key Stage 3 -

Schools can decide the theme, with each entry accompanied by a written explanation of the key concepts, processes, skills, and links to the curriculum using up to 25 words.

Key Stage 4 -

The focus/theme can be taken from any of the GCSE specifications [Art and D&T]. Schools can decide the theme, accompanied by a written explanation of the key concepts, design processes, skills, and links to the curriculum for each entry using up to 25 words.

JUDGES: The Judges are selected from a pool of qualified external adjudicators, marking against an agreed set of criteria. These external adjudicators are established professionals in textiles. Judging panel will vary depending on availability. Please check the Shrewsbury Drapers website for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact our Schools Coordinator Diana Bailey at diana@shrewsburydrapers.org.uk She will be very happy to help.

CRITERIA FOR MARKING: - Work will be judged on age-appropriate skills.

Marks will be given for:

1. Skill and care shown in making the piece.
2. Originality of design.
3. Neatness and quality of finish.
4. A written description of no more than 25 words will also be considered.

DISPLAY:

- Entries must be accessible for judging i.e., **not in glass frames**, etc.
- Mannequins/stands may be used for displaying an entry, ***please note** you will need to supply these.
- No larger than A3 if on boards for display.
- Exhibits should be ready for hanging or display with suitable hooks, wires, and specific mounting instructions if required.
- Any wearable garment that is created can be worn by a model, then photographed, and the photograph submitted as part of the entry.

ENTRY FORMS

1. Forms must be filled in **(typed)** and returned to diana@shrewsburydrapers.org.uk by **Friday 23rd October 2026**
2. The description is essential and should be no more than 25 words, **please leave ID number blank**.
3. ID numbers will be filled in by us and returned to you.
4. Please print a copy for yourself, tear/cut off individual sections and **securely** attach them to each entry.

TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Registering students
- Delivering and collecting exhibits to and from Shrewsbury Library in Shrewsbury, on allocated dates
- Attending Awards Reception evening with the students
- ***PLEASE NOTE** any entries arriving without identification will be disqualified.

THE FUN BIT.....

AWARDS & PRESENTATION EVENING TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

- Venue: The Darwin Room at The Shrewsbury Library, Shrewsbury SY1 2AS
- Student Entrants may bring 2 guests.
- Teachers are invited to the Awards and Presentation Evening
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning students on this evening.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- Other invited guests may include: The High Sheriff of Shropshire, The Mayor, Press, and other Drapers

FREE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF WORK:

Wednesday 11th November – Saturday 21st November

The Library is open - 9:30 am – 5:00 pm (*NOTE - Tuesday open until 7:00 pm, Saturday open until 4:00 pm & Sunday Closed)

The students work will be exhibited at Shrewsbury Library with Drapers Company members as stewards.

The Exhibition is open for free to the public to view, and students, their friends, families and staff are very welcome to visit.

THE BORING, BUT VERY IMPORTANT BIT.....

*** General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - *PLEASE NOTE** - We regret that neither The Drapers Company nor Shrewsbury Library can be held liable for any loss or damage to items whilst at The Library. There will be stewards throughout the public exhibition.

The Drapers Company reserve the right to make photographic records of the entries and entrants, display the name and school of the entrant which may be used for publicity, on the website and social media for the promotion of their Textile Design Competition. ****It is taken that permission is given unless the school advise otherwise.***

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS

Please ensure that all exhibits are collected on either.

Saturday 21st November: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

OR Monday 23rd November: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

*Any exhibits that are not collected will be disposed of.

Diana Bailey - on behalf of the Shrewsbury Drapers Company Textile Design Committee

www.shrewsburydrapers.org.uk

Young Textile Competition web page -

To contact Diana - **diana@shrewsburydrapers.org.uk**



If you are looking for a little inspiration, please see our Gallery of previous entries -



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