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SHREWSBURY DRAPERS COMPANY

STUDENT (AGED 16-22) 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: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – **Student and Adults 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 COMPETITION PRIZES:

Gold - £200

Silver - £150

Bronze - £50

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

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.**

THE JACKIE RYAN MEMORIAL AWARD 2025

FOR STUDENTS AGED 16 – 22

PRIZE - The award is an offer of a **two-week work placement** to a student (aged 16-22) to develop and design a woollen throw or blanket which is then woven and taken through into production as a finished product. The throw or blanket design is then offered to Tweedmill customers on an exclusive basis or may be included in the Tweedmill collection for purchase.

The prize winner has the added advantage of the final design being exhibited at key home textile shows in the UK such as the Spring Fair in Birmingham, Top Drawer in London, and international exhibitions such as Maison Objet in Paris.

Tweedmill Textiles distribute their products to nationwide retailers in the UK such as John Lewis, The National Trust as well as many other individual retail outlets.

To enter this competition, please indicate YES or NO on the student entry form.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

STUDENTS MUST BE - Aged 16 (after 1st September) to 22 (before 1st September) and in full-time education

THEME - **"INSPIRED BY AN ARTIST"** - This could be an artist in any genre ie painter, sculptor, architect, weaver, embroiderer, print maker, illustrator, comic artist, potter, glass artist, jewellery designer, actor, singer, musician, poet, playwright, dancer etc

- One entry per student.
- 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.
- The work must relate to the theme: **'Inspired by an Artist'**
- The finished work may be of any size up to a maximum of 1 metre x 1.5 metres unless the entry is a garment. It may be framed but **must not be behind glass**. Size alone is not a judging criterion.
- When judging, the following criteria will be taken into consideration:

CONCEPT: (30 marks) Interpretation of the theme
Originality, creativity, choice of design
How much work went into it

COLOUR: (30 marks) Proportion, choice, and interaction of colour used.
Composition, layout, and suitability.

TECHNIQUE: (30 marks) Design, method of construction, **neat and tidy finish** (this is very important) and workmanship
Suitability and techniques used.

DISTINCTION: (10 marks) Awarded for the overall individualism of the piece.

DISPLAY: Exhibits should be ready for hanging or display with suitable hooks and wires and specific mounting instructions and students to provide mannequins 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.

***N.B.** Please note that electrical wiring, lights, or other electrical or electronic devices cannot be permitted on or in the entries.

ENTRY FORMS

1. Please **type** your name, title of the piece and a brief written description of no more than 50 words.
2. Please leave ID number blank.
3. Indicate on the form **YES** or **NO** whether you would like to enter the **Jackie Ryan Memorial Award**.
4. Email it to diana@shrewsburydrapers.org.uk by **Friday 23rd October 2026**
5. It will be emailed back to you with an ID number.
6. 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 or 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

If you have any questions, please contact our Schools Coordinator on She will be very happy to help.

AWARDS & PRESENTATION EVENING TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- Venue: The Darwin Room at The Shrewsbury Library, Shrewsbury SY1 2AS
- Entrants may bring 2 guests.
- Teachers are invited to the Awards and Presentation Evening
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning students
- 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 am (*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.

*** 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.***

- on behalf of the Shrewsbury Drapers Company Textile Design Committee

www.shrewsburydrapers.org.uk

Adult & Student Textile Competition web page -

To contact

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

