

## Sefton Young Artist of The Year Competition 2026

**Deadline for entries:** 28 June 2026

**Online Exhibition:** 8 July – 29 August 2026

**Winners Announced:** 8 July 2026

**Prizegiving Event:** 18 July 2026

**Discovery Box Exhibition:** 18 July – 29 August 2026

The Atkinson in partnership with The Arts Society Southport would like to invite Young Artists in High School, College or equivalent who live or go to school or an art class in the Sefton Borough to submit one piece of artwork to our competition.

Select one original artwork and carefully photograph it, then email your image and entry form to [jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk) by Sunday 28 June 2026.

The competition is for paintings, drawings, prints (not reproductions), photography, textiles, sculpture or mixed media. Or any form of artwork you can come up with. However, we do ask that colouring in outlines printed or drawn by someone else is not submitted. Adults may give encouragement but must not have a hands-on role in creating the artwork.

The Atkinson may reject entries that it considers are inappropriate for any reason. Only original works will be accepted or copies that are out of copyright and are clearly referenced either in the image or through the title, e.g. People Inspired by L.S. Lowry.

All entries will be exhibited on The Atkinson's website from Wednesday 8 July 2026.

The artworks will be reviewed by a panel appointed by The Atkinson. All works are judged on individual merit and the judges' decision is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into. Winners will be announced online on Wednesday 8 July 2026.

Winners will receive arts vouchers and are invited to display their work in The Atkinson Discovery Box from Saturday 18 July 2026. Arrangements will be made to deliver artworks between Monday 13 & Wednesday 14 July. The prizes, donated by The Arts Society Southport, will be awarded at a Prizegiving Event at The Atkinson on Saturday 18 July 2026.

### Helpful tips for photographing your artwork

1. Remove the artwork from a frame if glazed – glass will create reflections in the artwork.
2. Place your artwork on a neutral background – busy wallpaper and cluttered rooms to be avoided.
3. Place your artwork in an area with natural lighting – near a window or outside on an overcast day.
4. Position the camera so the screen is mostly filled with your artwork.

If you have any queries about the competition, please contact **Jemma Tynan** (Exhibitions & Learning Officer, The Atkinson) [jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk) 0151 934 2033.

## Sefton Young Artist of The Year 2026 Entry Form

Please complete the information below. The completed form, together with a digital image of your artwork, should be emailed to [jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk) by end of day Sunday 18 June 2026.

Personal Details	
(Your details will be used in regard to this competition only)	
Artist's Name	
Artist's School Year Group	
Artist's Age	
Name of School/College/ or equivalent (e.g. homeschool)	
Name of Parent/Guardian	
Home Address (for proof of eligibility only)	
Telephone Number	
Email Address (must be that of Parent/Guardian if under 16)	
Details of Artwork	
Title	
Medium (e.g. oil, pen, mixed media, etc.)	