Competition Terms and Conditions.

Please read carefully.

**Sunningwell School of Art – "Animal Companions" Art Competition 2025**

**1. Eligibility**

* Open to children and young people aged **5-16 years** at the time of entry.
* Entrants will be judged in the following **three age categories**:
  + **5-9 years**
  + **10-13 years**
  + **14-16 years**
* The competition is open to residents of Oxfordshire only.
* No previous formal art training or association with Sunningwell School of Art is required.

**2. Theme**

The theme is **"Animal Companions"** — inspired by the idea of animals as companions, guardians, or imaginary friends. Entries should reflect this theme creatively and imaginatively.

**3. How to Enter**

* Initial submissions must be made **digitally** via the online entry portal at [Insert Link].
* Entries should be a clear **photograph or scan of the artwork** (JPEG or PNG format preferred).
* Only **one entry per child** is allowed.
* All entries must include:
  + Full name of the artist
  + Age on the date of submission
  + Title of the work
  + A brief description (optional, max 50 words)
* Closing date for submissions: **[Insert Date]**. Late entries will not be accepted.

**4. Artwork Guidelines**

* Any **2D medium** is acceptable: drawing, painting, mixed media, collage.
* Size: ideally no larger than **A3 (42cm x 29.7cm)** for ease of exhibition.
* Artwork must be original and created solely by the entrant.
* Artwork should not include AI-generated elements or plagiarised material.

**5. Judging Process**

* Entries will be shortlisted based on creativity, originality, response to the theme, and artistic quality appropriate to age.
* Judging will take place in two stages:
  + **Digital round:** Shortlisting of finalists.
  + **Final round:** Selected works submitted in original form for exhibition and final judging.
* Judges will include professional artists, educators, and a guest judge where possible (potentially a well-known author or artist).

**6. Prizes**

* Prizes for each age group may include:
  + Free or discounted places on Sunningwell School of Art courses
  + Art materials or vouchers
  + Books and merchandise linked to the theme
  + The opportunity for winners to have their work professionally displayed in an Oxford gallery
* Details of prizes will be confirmed on the website prior to judging.

**7. Exhibition**

* Shortlisted entries will be displayed at a public exhibition at **Magdalen Road Studios, Oxford**.
* Artists will need to provide the **original artwork, mounted but unframed** (further details to be provided on selection).

**8. Permissions and Copyright**

* By entering, participants (and their parents/guardians) grant Sunningwell School of Art the right to display the artwork and reproduce it for promotional purposes in relation to the competition (e.g., website, social media, press).
* Copyright remains with the artist.

**9. General Conditions**

* The judges’ decisions are final.
* Sunningwell School of Art reserves the right to withdraw or amend the competition or any part of it if circumstances make this unavoidable.
* By entering, participants agree to abide by these rules.