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Local architects sponsor special award for art and design students

A local architects practice has teamed up with Worcester Sixth Form College to reward its most talented students.

DJD Architects in Worcester is offering a prize for 'the best exploration of 3-dimensional form in art and design' in students A Level course work.

The winner – and his or her work - will be announced at a special exhibition of selected students work on Thursday 21 October at DJD's offices in the city's St Oswald's Road.

David Davis, Managing Director of DJD Architects explained :
"Encouraging and inspiring the next generation of artists and designers is something that we, as architects, are very committed too. By working in partnership with the college we hope our expertise and enthusiasm will support the excellent work the students undertake and ultimately lead to a new generation of artists, designers and architects."

This is now the fourth year that DJD has awarded the prize to some of the college's most promising students; as Link Governor for Art &

Design at the college, David takes a particular interest in the student's activities.

Julie Steed, Head of Art and Design at Worcester Sixth Form College – which has the widest range of A Levels in Worcestershire - said : “In previous years when the student's work was displayed at the college it was for one night only; David was keen to expand on this and kindly offered to open up his offices to exhibit their work and give them some more exposure. By also hosting a special ceremony, David and his team are really integral to the whole awards process and we are delighted that once again they are offering their support and sponsorship.”

There are 98 students in their final year of their A Level Art & Design course at Worcester Sixth Form College, all of whom are eligible for the DJD Architects Prize.

David concluded : “Our annual exhibition of Worcester Sixth Form students A Level work helps strengthen our ties with not only the college but the local community. Having their work in our offices – from paintings to sculptures – is often a talking point and certainly appreciated by both staff and visitors alike. We look forward to a successful evening!”

The evening is by invitation only and will welcome a host of guests.

Criteria for the DJD Architects Prize in Art and Design are :

- Any media or discipline is eligible for consideration;
- The prize is awarded to the piece which exhibits the strongest exploration of the 3-dimensional world; for example, this may include exploration of light, materials, depth etc;

- Staff from the college will suggest pieces to be considered and a panel from DJD Architects will make the final award of the prize;
- The prize is £100.

Previous winners have included :

- 2009 – Daniel Prior, for photographs capturing the motion of liquids and powders, awarded due to technical proficiency and the exploration of space and time;
- 2008 – Joy Davies, for mixed media paintings which incorporated 3-dimensional elements increasing the interaction of the viewer and the environment with the pieces.

DJD Architects is a forward thinking architectural practice with a background in traditional vernacular design; its clients range from private individuals to private companies, developers, RSL's and public bodies.

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**Come along to DJD, 2 St Oswald's Road, Worcester, WR1 1HZ
on Thursday 21 October at 6.00pm for the announcement of
Worcester Sixth Form College's A Level student prize winner.**

Selected works by other students representing the diverse output of the A Level course will be on show making for some great visual photo opportunities.

Editor's notes

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