

## ARTISTS ARE ON FORM



Artists at St Mary's are showing their versatility and skills in different forms, with three students winning or being highly commended in art competitions in the last month alone.

As part of their 2D and 3D Art work this year, Year 9 pupils researched the work of famous shoe designers including Manolo Blahnik and Patrick Cox, alongside illustrations of shoes by Andy Warhol and sculptural shoes by Claes Oldenburg, Jim Dine and Ellen Bell.

The students created a 2D design for their own shoe, going on to make the shoe in 3D, using cardboard, papier mache and poster paints. The student who created the winning design was presented with art materials, a copy of the book 'Shoes' by Linda O'Keeffe and a congratulatory certificate.

All of the designs were entered into a world-wide shoe design competition run by The V&A Museum. Odella Y, with her 'Phoenix' design, won the first prize in the 11-13 age group category, while Juliet G's 'Horse' design was one of only three highly commended entries.



Designer Jimmy Choo, who chaired the judging panel, said of the winning entry: "Odella's Phoenix shoe drawing and choice of colour is striking. A shoe that could be used in theatre productions, it's a spectacular show shoe."

The judges also added: "There was a very high standard of entries for this competition, and we received an unprecedented number of designs from all round the world."

To see the winning and highly commended 2D designs, go to the V&A web site:

[http://www.vam.ac.uk/activ\\_events/young\\_people/competitions/shoe\\_design/winning\\_shoe\\_design/designs\\_11\\_13\\_years/index.html](http://www.vam.ac.uk/activ_events/young_people/competitions/shoe_design/winning_shoe_design/designs_11_13_years/index.html)

Lower Sixth AS Art student Harriet T was awarded Highly Commended in the Anna Airey Award exhibition held at the Forefront Gallery in Ipswich. The award enables young artists between the ages of 16-25 to have what is probably their first opportunity to exhibit their work in the public setting of an art gallery.

St Mary's Head of Art said of the competition: "Four of our Lower Sixth artists had their work exhibited, but for Harriet to have her work specially commended was an extra boost, as the other artists on display were students who are already at art college."

