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The Speaker's Art Fund / Battle of Worcester Society Art Competition

The Battle of Worcester Society is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for all Year 7/8 students to participate in an art competition sponsored by The Speaker's Art Fund, in collaboration with the Society.

The competition will be open to students attending secondary schools across Worcester.

Young people will be encouraged to produce pieces of artwork - the format would be entirely at their own discretion – which would then be exhibited during this year's Worcester Festival.

The theme for the competition will be:

'How the Battle of Worcester has influenced the world we live in today.'

Dan Daniels, Chairman of the Battle of Worcester Society, said: 'We're delighted to have secured funding to run this project from The Speaker's Art Fund. The main focus of our project will be making connections between the past, and its relevance to the world in which today's young people are growing up, in particular raising awareness of the Battle of Worcester.'

The Battle of Worcester was the final engagement of the English Civil Wars. In recognition of this, an exciting new development is the Gates Monument - designed by noted sculptor Kenneth Potts. Pending government approval, the monument will be a major piece of public art situated in the Sidbury area of the city, close to where the New Model Army stormed one of the City gates.

When all of this is considered, there's no doubt that the Battle of Worcester was a significant event in British history, and a major influence in the nation's transition from monarchical rule to parliamentary democracy.'

Small prizes will be awarded to the winners - in addition, Worcester's MP might be invited to give the winners a tour of the parliamentary estate. There would also be 'Highly Commended' and 'Commended' categories to make the project as inclusive as possible.

Dan said: 'We're looking forward enormously to seeing the wonderful and creative artwork that young people across Worcester are inspired to produce!'

The Heads of Years 7 and 8 at each secondary school in Worcester will be contacted this week with full details. The closing date for receipt of art work is Friday 12 July 2024.

Daniel Daniels

Chairman
Battle of Worcester Society

NOTES TO EDITORS

For further information contact Dan Daniels on 07903 624831

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION

Read more about The Speaker's Art Fund here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/commons/the-speaker/speakers-art-fund/>

Read more about The Battle of Worcester Society here:

<https://thebattleofworcestersociety.com/>