



School Design Prize

A Prize for Outstanding Furniture Design of a Coursework Piece

The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers is the Livery Company for the British Furnishing Industry. Its purpose is to enhance and support that industry and to encourage new talent into our industry. The most important way it does so is by creating a wide-ranging education programme that helps to support and nurture young designer-maker talent for the future.

Acknowledging someone's talent is a vital part of their development. Our School Design Prize was launched to distinguish gifted young design and technology students and inspire them to continue cultivating their talent. The School Design Prize rewards talented GCSE and A-Level students who have demonstrated outstanding design and craftsmanship of a coursework piece.

Due to the changes to the coursework requirements this year we will also be accepting concept pieces.

Applications must be made by a teacher on behalf of a consenting student studying (or just completed) their GCSE, A-Level, or equivalent.

Criteria for a physical piece

Excellence in concept, design and craftsmanship.

- Does it fulfil its purpose?



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- Is the concept bold or ambitious?
- Are the design choices and finishes appropriate?
- Is the craftsmanship exceptional?

Criteria for a concept piece

- Does it fulfil its purpose?
- Is the concept bold or ambitious?
- Are the planned design choices and finishes appropriate?
- Is the design exceptional?

Eligibility

A School Design Prize can be awarded for a furniture or furnishing by any student who is either;

- Studying for a GCSE, A-Level or equivalent in Design Technology at a UK school or college.
- Will complete their GCSE, A-Level or equivalent in Design Technology in 2022.

Applications

Applications are welcome from schools and colleges where students are studying for Design Technology GCSEs, A-Levels or equivalent. Teachers may submit a maximum of four students for the School Design Prize.

To submit an application please send the completed application form and three high quality photos to grantsandeducation@furnituremakers.org.uk by Monday 27th June 2022.

Assessment Procedure

Applications will be shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by the Furniture Makers' Company. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to exhibit their furniture at Furniture Makers' Hall at the annual YFM Exhibition on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**.

During the exhibition in October, pieces will be judged, and a winning entry will be awarded the School Design Prize. There will be two runners up receiving second and third place certificates as well as number of commendations.



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Benefits

Pieces or ranges of furniture awarded a School Design Prize are recognised items of quality and excellence. To substantiate and promote this accolade, School Design Prize holders are entitled to;

- Use the School Design Prize logo on any publicity material relating to each piece awarded a School Design Prize
- Receive a numbered School Design Prize certificate, which clearly states the names of the designer and maker and is itself a guarantee of the authenticity of the piece.

The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers

The Furniture Makers is the 83rd Livery Company of the City of London. Founded as a Guild in 1951, it was granted the Letters Patent of a Livery Company in 1963. One of its rules states that every person joining the Company must be engaged in or with the British furniture industry.



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