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Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle

October 2026.

Dear Head of Art

We are delighted to invite you and your pupils to enter our 2026-27 Young Artist competition which, this year, has the theme of "Friendship".

In previous years we have been able to support entries from the very youngest in primary school up to the age of ten. Unfortunately our resources are becoming more limited and we need to make the number of entries more manageable; we have therefore decided to restrict the youngest entrants to 8 years (as at August 2026)

We realise that this may be a little disappointing for younger pupils who in past years have provided many hundreds of entries.

We look forward to seeing the work of your pupils and an information pack is enclosed giving you further information about the event.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Paul Cook

Ashby de la Zouch Castle Rotary Club



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Dear Head of Art

The Rotary Theme for this year's
Young Artist Competition is
"Friendship"



The winners presentation will be on Friday 26th February 2027 4.30 for 5.00pm - FREE entry for ALL. CONKERS is again kindly hosting the evening in their main hall

I enclose a display poster, entry forms for attachment to each entry (**please photo copy extra copies, as required**). We will collect your pupils' paintings during **w/c 1st February** for judging, judged entries will be returned to your school after the 26th unless forwarded to the district final.

The competition is open to **ALL** young people in age range categories (age determined at 31st August 2026): -

Junior 8-10
Intermediate 11-13
Senior 14-17

Best in School awards – where two or more Schools enter in a category.
1st 2nd and 3rd in each age range win - CONKERS Family Day Pass.
OVERALL WINNER across ALL ages wins - CONKERS 1 years' family pass.
Certificates of Achievement will be awarded

ROTARY DISTRICT COMPETITION – Each school's winning entry **plus** selected other entries may be forwarded to the **DISTRICT** competition. Date & time of this is to be advised

Interpret the theme and let your imagination run riot.

Could you please pass this material onto your school's Head of Art? I look forward to your pupils entering the competition. If you have any queries, please contact me by phone or e-mail as listed above.

Many thanks

Feel free to interpret the theme as widely as you would like.

GOOD LUCK –

We look forward to viewing pupils' imaginative & expressive hard work.

We will be presenting the following awards: -**Best overall picture** – over **ALL** age groups.

School group's award :-

Upper schools – 14-17

1st	2nd	3rd
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+ Best in each school award (where two or more schools enter this age group).

Middle schools – 11-13

1st	2nd	3rd
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+ Best in each school award (where two or more schools enter this age group).

Primary schools – 8 – 10

1st	2nd	3rd
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Best of luck and I hope your pupils will accept the challenge and enter the competition.

ENTRY FORM

Please complete all sections of this form in BLOCK CAPITALS



The Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle

Name of entrant.....Age.....

Address.....

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School.....

Painting Title.....

RULES Pictures theme to be 'Friendship'

Pictures may be taken produced in any art medium (e.g. watercolour, oils, acrylic, pencil) any size up to A2). It must be original work: no photocopies or photographs. Pictures will be judged on technical merit (i.e. the amount of skill and judgement used); and their content (i.e. the overall interpretation & imagination). Competitors can have produced pictures at any time in the past. There will be no limit on the number of pictures submitted, but a competitor can win only one prize in their age group. There will be **ONE** Overall winner: -

1 - Grand prize judged best overall + age group and school's awards

Pictures with entry forms will be picked up by Representatives of Rotary from w/c Monday 1st February 2027

Awards will be presented at 'Conkers' on Friday 26th February 2027 4.30 for 5.00pm.

If you want the picture returned, please ensure you tick this box ☐

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Rotary **YOUNG ARTIST** COMPETITION



CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

Express yourself and share your creative talents by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Artist competition. (Up to the age of 17)

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