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**JULIAN JARDINE
GALLERY**

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**Create a piece of art depicting a game or wildlife species from the British Isles
which the GWCT is or has been researching**

Dear Principal of Art,

I would like to invite your pupils to participate in the 2017 Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Secondary Schools' Art Competition and I'd be delighted if you could pass this invitation onto your relevant members of staff.

We launched this competition in 2013 on the back of our successful primary schools' art competition which attracts a fantastic response from local schools along with very generous support and excellent media coverage. **This year we have decided to include any wildlife species relevant to the GWCT's conservation projects.**

We are pleased to have again secured very generous support from our Sponsors Blackadders who have very generously donated gift vouchers and high quality art materials amongst the many prizes. Julian Jardine has kindly agreed to provide a place on one of his very popular portfolio classes.

The overall winner will also claim the Blackadders art trophy and prizes will be offered to all the category winners, runners-up and commended entries. The competition is being supported by Perth and Kinross Council Education & Children's Services and is a superb opportunity for pupils to carry out some research and find out a bit more about the UK's native wildlife – as well as being an interesting art activity. The GWCT's own website www.gwct.org.uk is a great place to start.

The competition itself invites secondary school aged pupils in the region to create a piece of art depicting '**a game or wildlife species from the British Isles relevant to the Trust's work**'. This could be a drawing, painting, photograph, sculpture or mosaic – whatever medium they choose. **We would also ask pupils to put a note on the back of their entry giving a title for their work and a brief description of why they decided to choose this species. Also remember to mark each entry with pupil's name, class and school.**

All category winners, runners-up and commended entrants will be invited to an official prize-giving at the AK Bell Library on Thursday, 23rd November. A public exhibition will be held in the Library for the remainder of that week and weekend.

Two posters advertising the competition and rules of entry are enclosed with this letter. I do hope your school will enjoy participating in this fun and educational competition and that you can help promote this initiative.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sheena Stewart'.

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