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## Take a lateral flow test or face a fine, air passengers reminded

Travellers arriving in Gibraltar by plane will face £300 fines if they fail to take a lateral flow test within 24 hours of arrival as required by law.

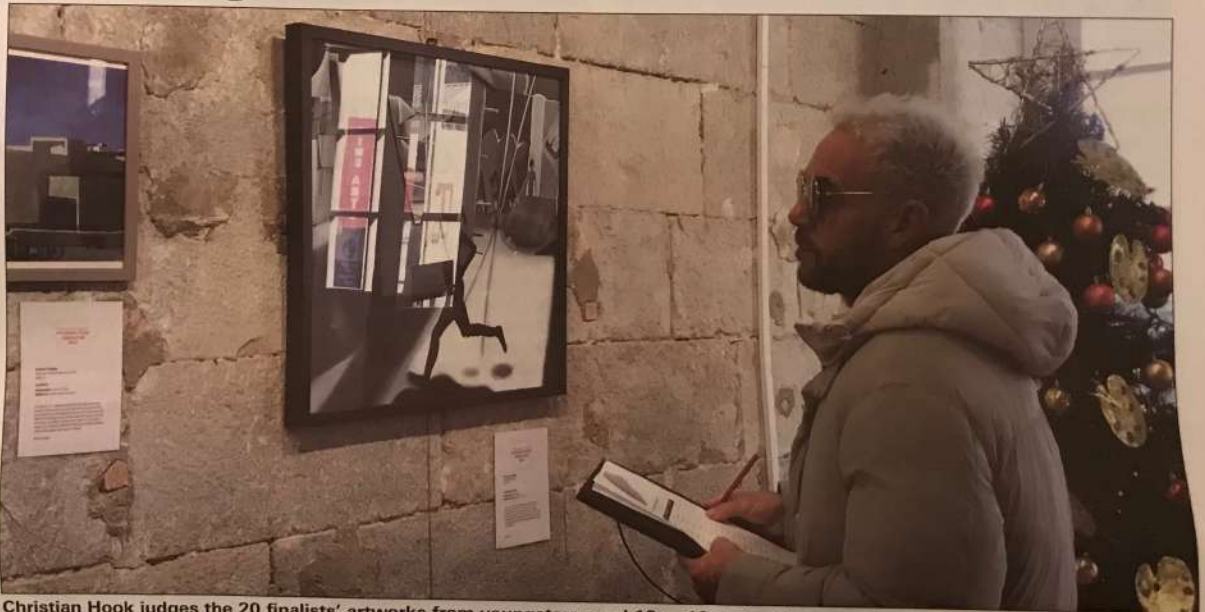
The Government issued the reminder against the backdrop of concern about the spread of the Omicron variant in the UK.

It said that since November 28, at least 23 individuals have failed to take their tests within the mandatory period of time despite repeated phone calls and visits to their home addresses.

"As the new Omicron variant has been detected in the United Kingdom and possibly Gibraltar it is even more important that all passengers travelling by air are tested for COVID-19 soon after their arrival in Gibraltar," No.6 Convent Place said.

"This is a requirement under the Civil Contingencies Emergency (Continued on page 2)

## Hooks seeks creativity in judging for Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize



Christian Hook judges the 20 finalists' artworks from youngsters aged 12 to 18 at the Fine Arts Gallery.

by Gabriella Peralta

Young budding artists had their artworks judged by renowned Gibraltar artist

Christian Hook at the Fine Arts Gallery on Friday morning.

From 126 entries, 20 were shortlisted with Mr Hook scor-

ing the final selection ahead of next week's prize giving.

As he paced the Gallery, Christian eyed his favourite pieces and focused on creativ-

ity over technical skill.

"I'm looking for something other than technique because technique is something (Continued on page 2)

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that can be learned very easily," Mr Hook said.

"It's like music, suddenly something happens and it can emit some kind of narrative or emotion."

"But it has to transmit something."

Mr Hook said the standard was very high amongst the young artists.

The judging panel also comprises of Gallerist and Curator Magda Bellotti, Arts and Heritage professor Gabriela Giménez, and Howard Bilton, Founder and Chairman of the Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF).

Mr Hook said creativity is an expression, which should be explored more in schools.

"Creativity itself has nothing to do with art as a subject," he said.

He looked out particularly for this expression and creativity when judging.

He added: "I am not judging people at all for their skills because I've been a teacher, a lecturer and many things, and skill can be taught in a

week or a week and a half. So it's not something to look at alone."

Mr Hook said art is moving at such a fast pace and he believes most art will be focused on the environment by next year.

"It will be the only thing we can all take part in, it is for the survival of earth," Mr Hook said.

Today is the last day artworks will be exhibited at the Fine Arts Gallery, and on Monday they move to their new home at the John Mackintosh Hall.

The prize giving will take place on Thursday at the John Mackintosh Hall and artworks will be exhibited there until Friday.

The exhibition will then tour Gibraltar, venues include St Bernard's Hospital and the Hassans' offices.

The artworks range in subject matter from portraits and landscapes to creative scenes, and entries were submitted from Westside School, Bayside Comprehensive School, the Gibraltar Girls High School, Prior Park School, Gibraltar

and Gibraltar College.

There will be four prizes awarded to four different students.

The winner of the Judge's Prize will be awarded a trophy and £800; their school art department will receive £2,000.

The public is invited to vote for their favourite artwork, either in the exhibition or online. The most popular artwork will be awarded the Public Vote Prize, the winner of which will receive a trophy and £400; £1,000 for their school.

The Hassans Prize will award £300 to both the student and their school.

The Arts Society Gibraltar will award a £250 prize in the 11 to 14-year-old category.

The Judges and Public Gibraltar winners will be automatically entered into the annual SAF

Global Students Prize, showcasing their talent on an international stage and facilitating cultural exchange and dialogue.

*To find out more about the Prize and how to vote or bid for artworks, please visit:*

*[www.sovereignartfoundation.com/art-prizes/student-art-prize/gibraltar](http://www.sovereignartfoundation.com/art-prizes/student-art-prize/gibraltar)*