

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

PRESS RELEASE

***Breaking Boundaries* is a secondary schools project devised in response to the Creekside Open 2009**

The *Creekside Open* is a biennial open submission exhibition for visual artists based in London. This year Jenni Lomax, Director of the Camden Arts Centre and Mark Wallinger have selected their own individual exhibition from the same submission.

Taking this unique selection process as a catalyst for an education project, APT invited GCSE students from Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College and St Matthew Academy to work on a project about barriers, splitting up, duality and linking the unlinkable. Aske's worked in response to the show curated by Jenni Lomax and St Matthew's responded to the second show curated by Mark Wallinger.

Breaking Boundaries has been led by APT artists, Jack Brown and Maggie Higginson. Following an in-school introduction to the project, the two groups of year ten GCSE students visited the APT Gallery on Creekside, Deptford. The students worked in the gallery space for a day responding to the exhibited work and the project's theme and produced a number of sculptures, drawing and paintings and photographs. The students were encouraged to work in new mediums, consider how their work could be placed within the exhibition space, take risks and play with scale.

The students continued to work on their individual pieces back at college and in June both groups of students will return to the Gallery to hang their show. The thirty students will spend a day discussing possible methods of display and how and where to hanging their work. They will also take part in a collaborative drawing/installation project which will illustrate their personal experience of taking part in this joint project. The exhibition will be open from 24 – 27 June 2009 from 12 to 5pm

Breaking Boundaries not only gives local teenagers a chance to respond to some of the best contemporary art being produced in London, it also gives them the chance to look further than geographical or social boundaries and to challenge their perceptions about art, artists and other young people.

**Press View : Wednesday 24 June at 3pm
Exhibition Dates: 25 – 27 June, 12 – 5pm**

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Notes:

The New York Times recently featured New Cross and Deptford as 'the new hip area of the capital'. The APT Gallery and studios are in the heart of Deptford, the complex backs onto Deptford Creek and provides the largest exhibition space in South East London. APT is a registered charity committed to encouraging participation in the visual arts through creative practice, exhibitions and education. Located in South East London, APT supports an exceptional resource and facility for artists and the wider community. With the provision of secure studios and high quality exhibition space as a cornerstone, APT aims to foster an environment where creativity may flourish, forging links and collaborations with other professional bodies both locally, nationally and internationally.

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