

## Glenveagh

NARRATOR: James Young, a pupil at Glenveagh School, is an amazing young man. Despite having severe learning difficulties and a diagnosis of autism, James has achieved a grade A at GCSE in Art and Design.

His style is unique. His creations begin in the corner, and the detail and the depth simply flow from his pen. The detail is intricate and delicate, and the multi-varied tapestry-effect background adds depth and sophistication to the overall piece.

Another of his imaginative witches, wizards and dragon pieces uses light and darkness to create a bright, yet shadowy effect, and creates an atmosphere that is simultaneously vital but eerie.

CCEA's GCSE Art and Design course give James a focus and purpose for his work. He has always enjoyed sketching his friends, and can very quickly produce a simple, effective portrait that captures something of the personality of his subjects.

We can see how this skill was honed and developed through his coursework. James chose "Under Water World" as the theme for his exhibition, and using a variety of mediums, produced a colourful and impressive display with each item, once again, portraying his attention to detail.

Art has been a lifeline for James. Through it, he has constructively channelled his talents and minimised many of his difficulties. Glenveagh has worked to James's strengths without putting boundaries on his learning or potential.