

Property focus

News and views from our agents



ART SCENE

Home is where the art is

When it comes to the Capital's art scene, London estate agents Chestertons have long been champions. It's little surprise, then, that they've announced a new relationship with Central Saint Martins. Part of the agency's ongoing arts initiative, it's now helping the esteemed art school to raise vital funds for their 2020 postgraduate

degree show. Chestertons recently sponsored Central Saint Martins' annual postgrad art auction, which took place at Lethaby Gallery in King's Cross. The auction included donations from acclaimed artists such as Antony Gormley, Paula Rego and Shezad Dawood, and raised a whopping £30,745. Art programme director at the college Alex Schady says: "The support helps to fund our students' interim show, degree show and other initiatives that enhance their learning experience – and provides public platforms to exhibit their work to the art world."

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ASK THE AGENT

Off-street parking or front garden?

"Given the choice, most buyers would prefer off-street parking compared to a front garden. Families in particular favour easy access to the car, which is so much safer off the street. And as plug-in hybrid and electric cars become more common, off-street parking is much more convenient for charging purposes."

Mark Sumray, Dexters



60 SECONDS WITH...

Josh Sagal

Glentree

I love London because... it's where my family are, not to mention it being one of the most exciting cities in the world!

If you could live anywhere in the Capital, where would that be? Overlooking Primrose Hill. It's close to the centre whilst being suburban. And those views!

Most memorable sale? My first, you wait for that moment and it confirms you are doing the right thing.

Where are the current property hot spots?

I'm a north London agent and have seen properties here not only hold, but increase in value.

Tell us about your local pub.

Not necessarily my local, but my pub of choice is The Freemasons Arms in Hampstead with its lovely beer garden.

Where do you go for head space in the city?

A café or restaurant on a busy street, where I can lose myself watching the world go by.

What's your hidden talent?

My ability to remember names and faces – a great asset in this business!

Doer-upper or turn-key?

Doer-upper – you end up getting exactly what you want.

Which renovations add the most value to a property?

Up-to-date kitchens and bathrooms are always winners for me.

If you could add any room to your house, what would that be?

You can never have enough bathrooms, I was once told that the key to a happy marriage is to never share a bathroom!

Dead, alive or fictional, who would you invite round for dinner?

The Queen. I need an opportunity to get out the best china.

Creature comfort?

Has to be my hair dryer!