

# Harry's an art throb

## 1D HUNK SPENDS £5K ON SCULPTURE

**HARRY Styles has already shown off his creative streak by decorating his body in tats.**

But the mop-haired One Direction star, who is worth about £5million, has also developed quite the penchant for modern art – investing an estimated £100,000 in rare (and quite frankly bizarre) pieces.

The latest addition to the cultured 19-year-old's vast and varied collection, emblazoned all over his £3million North London mansion, is a controversial sculpture of a handgun inside a glass fire alarm.

Highbrow Hazza splashed out about £5,000 on the piece, by Ben Turnbull, along with a few of his giant comic book collages, which go for £20,000 a pop. Fancy.

London artist Ben, 39, reckons savvy Harry even managed to negotiate a discount, saying: "I did a series of fire alarms with weapons in called Every Home Should Have One.

"Harry had one with a gun inside.



I wasn't actually at the art fair and I didn't do the deal, but I'm fairly sure that Harry would have got a little bit of a discount.

"I think he bought a couple of my collage works that are made out of original comics and show giant pictures of

firemen, relating to the 9/11 memorial." Ben reckons intelligent Harry, the thinking girl's boybander, likes his work because it's mentally stimulating.

He says: "My pieces tend to give a statement – quite a sharp jab. Maybe that's what Harry likes about them."

At least Haz, whose eclectic tattoos range from hearts and butterflies to nails, is being reasonably wise with his swag.

One Direction movie mastermind Morgan Spurlock told GQ mag: "Harry has plenty of money. They have bought property, they've invested in gold. They are all being smart."

Sadly, the snobby art world has not welcomed Harry with open arms.

After the teen heart-throb showed interest in gothic taxidermy by Polly Morgan, her assistant told 3am that she would rather not be "closely associated" with him.

Charming. \*

