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Beath High School

Colours Policy and Nomination Guidance

Beath High School celebrates achievement in many ways, one of which is through the Colours awards, which recognise young people who go above and beyond the expectations of the normal school day. To be eligible for a Colours award a pupil must be in S4-6 and have met the relevant criteria to the satisfaction of the Colours Committee. Beath High School is committed to equity, and all applications are treated respectfully and with regard to an individual's circumstances. The Colours Committee will have as its membership a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team, a minimum of four members of staff and representatives from the wider community. The Rector will also be consulted regarding the final decision on all awards.

In order to achieve an award, the young person must have demonstrated a positive attitude towards staff and fellow pupils in the activity as well as in school life in general. It is expected they will have conducted themselves in a manner concurrent with the spirit of the award and will be a positive role model through their behaviour, attendance and punctuality. Any nominee who has been excluded is ineligible for Colours within the same academic year. All young people receiving awards will represent the school values of:

Belonging – through regular attendance and a positive attitude during the activity and at school

Experiences – by regular participation in an activity out-with the curriculum/ school day

Aspirations – through exemplifying the link between personal commitment and achieving goals

Teamwork – by working positively with others in a variety of situations/environments

Honesty – through displaying integrity in their activity and all aspects of school life

There are three levels of Colours Awards:

1. Full Colours Award (Tie & Category badge – please note: ties & badges are presented only once)

2. Re-Award (Certificate – please note: certificates are presented each time applicable)

3. Endeavour Award (Certificate & Endeavour badge– please note: badges are only presented once)

In order to achieve a **Full Colours Award** the young person should have been regularly involved in the activity for two or more years and meet the specific criteria for the category. A **Re-Award** is presented when all Full Colours criteria are met for a subsequent year. An **Endeavour Award** is presented when the activity does not meet the full criteria/requirements for a category or has been undertaken for less than two years.

Impact of Covid-19:

The committee understands the impact Covid-19 has had on opportunities for extra-curricular clubs and fixtures and this will be fully taken into account when considering applications for session 2020-21.

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There are five categories of Colours Awards. The Committee will decide which category each application is most suited to, and in order to be successful the young person should meet the following criteria:

- **Academic:** Is awarded in August to any young person who achieved top grades in all SQA exams.
- **Citizenship:** The young person should have made a significant contribution to the community – at school, local, wider or global level. This can be achieved through a variety of volunteering roles.
- **Performing Arts:** Where the opportunity arises, the young person should have performed with distinction at regional and/ or national level in any area of the Performing Arts. If studying music the young person should have achieved a Grade 4 or above. The young person should have attended more than 80% of available activity sessions/ rehearsals.
- **Personal Achievement:** This will be awarded at the discretion of the committee in recognition of a young person who has overcome a personal barrier and has shown considerable commitment, but who does not meet the criteria for any other Award outlined above.
- **Sports:** Where the opportunity arises, the young person should have performed with distinction at regional and/or national level/competition. This can be awarded for any sport, within or outwith school. For in school extra-curricular sports the young person should have attended more than 80% of the activity sessions and when applicable represented the school in more than 75% of events, competitions or fixtures.

Help Guide: to support completion of the form

Section One: should be completed by the young person applying for a Colours Award. Parents/ Carers can support the completion of this section and if necessary an additional sheet of paper can be attached.

Section Two: should be completed by a suitable supporting adult – eg coach of the activity, leader of a group, the manager of an organisation in which they are volunteering, a teacher etc. It is the responsibility of the young person to request this section is completed before the deadline. An additional sheet can be attached if necessary.

Section Three: Once section one and two have been fully completed, the young person should place the form in the relevant house box in the Guidance Hub prior to the deadline. Their Guidance teacher will then add comment.

Section Four: will be completed by Office staff before passing to the Colours Committee.

Section Five: Will be completed by the Committee who will discuss all applications individually. Additional information may be requested if required to make a decision.

If you have any queries please email: Beathcolours@fife.gov.uk

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