



Prizes Colours and Honours

The prizes awarded at Prizegiving and the award of Colours and Honours during the year form part of the formal recognition of pupil achievement in Jordanhill School. The wider issue of recognition is explored in the *In Focus* leaflet “*Developing Confidence and Potential*”.

Prizes

P4-P7

Prizes are awarded on the grounds of **impressive and measurable improvement** based on clear evidence of

- ◆ Attainment across a range of curricular areas
- ◆ Outstanding progress (related to the pupil’s ability)
- ◆ Outstanding endeavour

Currently, 3 Class Prizes and 1 Outstanding Endeavour award are made in each class from P4 to P7.

S1-S3

Subject departments nominate pupils on the grounds of academic **excellence** or **endeavour**.

- ◆ Excellence – outstanding academic progress
- ◆ Endeavour – levels of commitment and effort that have been particularly noteworthy throughout the year

All nominations have equal worth. Based on the total number of nominations received across all subjects, thresholds are set for the award of a Prize or a Merit Certificate. Pupils can, and do, receive awards based solely on endeavour, solely on excellence or a combination of both.

S4-S6

In the senior years academic prizes are awarded on academic merit.

- ◆ Academic Merit prizes are awarded to pupils demonstrating outstanding performance across all subjects.
- ◆ Individual subject prizes are determined by the relevant subject departments. While performance in the preliminary examination is usually a key factor, they will take into account all relevant assessments including portfolios, assignments, practical performances, speaking assessments etc.
- ◆ Decisions regarding Duces etc. are taken by the senior managers coordinating Prizegiving

Prizes are withheld if no individual reaches the required academic standard.

A number of Outstanding Endeavour awards are made to pupils in S4-S5 who have not received an academic prize. Departments nominate pupils on a similar basis to the S1-S3 awards. In S4 pupils must receive nominations in 5 or more of their 8 subjects. In S5 they must receive nominations in 3 or more of their 5 subjects. Pupils in S6 are recognised through the range of Citizenship Awards.

The system is designed to recognise achievement widely and to ensure that prizes are not concentrated within a small number of pupils however meritorious.

Other strands of pupil achievement receive full recognition through Colours, Honours, citizenship awards and sports prizes.

Colours

Dates, Half-colours and Full Colours are awarded to pupils who represent Jordanhill School at a high level over an extended period of time.

These awards reflect a sustained commitment on the part of the pupil to the activity for which they are awarded. The level of award reflects both the period over which the pupil sustains that commitment and the standard to which they perform.

The criteria for these awards are set out below. While these are couched in terms appropriate to the most common areas for awards (the school's main sports and music), awards are made for any activity in which the Colours Committee deems an equivalent standard has been met.

- ◆ Dates and Half-colours are not awarded prior to the end of S4.
- ◆ Full Colours are not normally awarded prior to the end of S5, but may be awarded after the first term of S5 under exceptional circumstances.

Colours cannot be awarded for activities undertaken under the auspices of another organisation or club. However, pupils are eligible for Honours for any activity.

International Honours

Senior Honours in the form of the green Honours tie are awarded to pupils who represent Scotland or their own nation if they are not Scottish at U-16 level or above or who are members of the National Youth or Jazz Orchestras.

Junior Honours in the form of a green Junior Honours badge are awarded to pupils gaining such representative honours at the lower age groups. For example, U14 or the National Children's Orchestra.

The award is made after the pupil has performed at the appropriate level. Selection for a squad, training group or rehearsals does not suffice.

Some governing bodies automatically advise the school of a pupil's selection. Otherwise the pupil will be asked to provide suitable documentation to confirm their selection and participation.

Academic Honours

These are awarded to pupils who gain **5 or more 'A' passes at Higher Grade in S5.**

Jordanhill School - Colours Awards Criteria

First and foremost colours are awarded for attendance and commitment to school activities activities.

Award See descriptions	End of S4	End of S5	S6 December or June
Dates Lettering 2010-11	2nd/3rd XI or XV or equivalent Glasgow Schools Finalist Senior Orchestra/Band for 1 year	As for S4	As for S4
Half Colours Dates plus braiding on sleeves and pockets	1st XI or XV for one season Or Individual Glasgow Schools Bronze or Silver Medallist Or Senior Orchestra/Concert Band/Choir for 1 year	Meets Dates criteria for 2 seasons	As for S5
Full Colours As for half colours plus braiding round edge of blazer	Full colours in S4 will be considered on an individual basis only	1 st XI or XV for 1 season Senior orchestra/concert band/choir for 2 years PLUS Representative honours at District level e.g. Glasgow Schools Individual Gold Medallist Glasgow Schools Individual Silver/Bronze for 2 years	As for S5 Or 1 st XI or XV or equivalent for two seasons or Senior orchestra/band/brass band/choir for 3 years (Pupils who meet these criteria in S5 may also qualify for Full Colours)

In addition to the above pupils must also meet the following criteria

- ◆ Colours are awarded to pupils as **representatives of the school**. They cannot be awarded for activities to which the school name is not attached.
- ◆ Regular participation in team/event.
- ◆ Regular attendance at training/practice/rehearsal sessions.
- ◆ Displaying a positive attitude throughout the season.
- ◆ Available to play when requested
 - School sports fixtures
 - Participation in concerts and other events as requested throughout the session

Colours may be awarded for displays of leadership and commitment in any school activity not covered by these criteria, but which meet similar standards of commitment.