Jordanhill School

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
- Outstanding endeavour

S1-S6

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 Year Group Merit Prize. Pupils can, and do, receive awards based solely on endeavour, solely on excellence or a combination of both.

S4-S6

In addition to the Year Group Merit Prize, pupils can receive a 1st in subject award.

These 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.

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.
- Pupils must have excellent attendance, behaviour, effort and commitment to school

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

International honours are awarded to a pupil after they represent Scotland – or their own nation if not Scottish – at the highest possible level for the pupil's age group and the performance must be at the highest level. For example, representing Scotland where the opposition is another nation would normally qualify. However, a pupil representing Scotland against a county level team would not normally qualify.

Selection for a squad, training group or rehearsals does not suffice and it is normal practice for us to seek guidance from the governing body.

Senior Honours in the form of the green Honours tie are awarded to pupils following international representation 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 following international representation at lower age groups. For example, U14 or the National Children's Orchestra.

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.

Pupils must have excellent attendance, behaviour, effort and commitment to school

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	1st 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** 1st 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.