

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL HONOURS AND COLOURS POLICY DOCUMENT

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Certificates

This document contains the criteria by which the merits of pupils will be assessed and by which certificates will be awarded.

Grade 1, 2 & 3 – Celebration Certificates

Each pupil will be presented with a certificate in recognition of, and in order to celebrate, their positive and unique contribution during the year.

The individual certificate citations will be written by the pupil's class teacher, highlighting:

- A specific area or areas in which they have excelled.
- Commendable aspects of their character, their attitude and their behaviour.
- Their strengths, talents, special qualities and abilities.
- The purpose of these certificates is to acknowledge and affirm the value of every pupil.

Grade 3

Grade 3 pupils are also eligible for certificates from the sports and arts departments. The citations for these certificates will be forwarded by the sports coaches and/or cultural teachers.

Grade 4 to 7

- The first certificate comprises a testimonial of a maximum of four sentences written by the class teacher; describing the uniqueness of the pupil. These are to encompass overall achievement in academic, sport and cultural areas as well as character qualities recognized by their peers. A maximum of 300 characters is facilitated on the certificate.
- The second certificate comprises academic achievement in each learning area. **Academic achievement** may be described as **Excellence** (Where 80% or more is gained); **Progress** where there has been a significant and sustained increase in the mark from the first term and **Diligence** for sustained effort. These are decided at the teacher's discretion. For Grade 7 only; a **Pass with Distinction** is earned when a Grade 7 candidate earns an overall aggregate of at least 80% (for English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Natural Science, Technology, Social Science and EMS.)
- **Sport achievements** will be forwarded by sports coaches.
- **Cultural achievements** will be forwarded by the Arts department
- The **Headmaster's Recognition Award** is a certificate awarded to a grade seven pupil who at the discretion of the Headmaster has maintained a consistently high level of achievement in all spheres of school life. To be nominated by the **Honours and Colours Committee** and determined by the **Headmaster** in consultation with the Honours and Colours Committee.

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Academic Book Voucher Prizes and Trophies

This document contains the criteria by which the merits of pupils will be assessed and by which book prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Grade 4 – 7

BOOK VOUCHERS

The teachers in each department consult to determine which pupils receive awards. Book vouchers are awarded.

Top Pupils in Grade

The top pupil in each grade, having achieved the highest overall aggregate from term one to three. To be determined by **class teachers**.

Progress Award

Awarded to the pupil in each grade who achieved the greatest progress from the first term to the end of the third term for Grade 4 & 5 only. To be determined by **class teachers**.

Subject Prizes for Grade 7 only

Awarded to the pupil with the highest aggregate from term one to three in each subject respectively, but not including Physical Education and Life Orientation. To be determined by **subject teachers**.

Grade 4-7

FLOATING TROPHIES

The teachers in each department must please consult to determine which pupils should be awarded with the trophies.

The Oakhill Prep School Warne trophy for Creative writing

Awarded to the pupil in Grade 5 or 6 for exemplary creative writing for that year. To be determined by the **English teacher**.

The Oakhill Prep School Warne trophy for Storytelling in English

Awarded to the pupil in Grade 5 or 6 for exemplary story telling in that year. To be determined by the **English teacher**.

The Oakhill Prep School Hayward trophy for Outstanding Progress in Grade 6

Awarded to the Grade 6 pupil who has achieved the greatest progress during the course of the academic year. To be determined by the **Grade 6 teachers**.

The Oakhill Prep School Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 who has outstanding achievement in the entrepreneurial sphere. To be determined by the **IP teachers**.

The Oakhill Prep School Powell trophy for Environmental awareness

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 4 - 7 for significant environmental awareness. To be determined by the **ECO committee teachers in collaboration with the IP teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School Award for Commitment to Afrikaans

Awarded to the Grade 7 pupil for significant achievement in Afrikaans. To be determined by the **Afrikaans teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School “Out-of-the-box Thinking” Award

Awarded to a grade 7 pupil who has shown excellence in logical reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving. It also involves the acquisition and application of mathematical concepts and skills across a wide range of situations, including non-routine, open-ended and real-world problems. To be nominated and determined by the **IP teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School Award for Upholding the Ethos of the School

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 for independent thinking, strength of character, and respect for another’s viewpoint, self-discipline, a desirable value system and moral code and embraces the joy of learning. To be determined by the **IP teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School Elna Brown Good Fellowship Award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7, who has proved over a number of years, to be a true friend and confidant to the majority of members of the class, helped to nurture and foster the class spirit, helping individuals in time of need as well as the greater group on an ongoing basis. To be nominated by Grade 7 pupils and determined by the **IP teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School Allan Graham trophy for Outstanding Progress in Grade 7

Awarded to the Grade 7 pupil who has achieved the greatest progress during the course of the academic year. To be determined by the **Grade 7 teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School House Cup Award

The Oakhill Prep School Cultural Award (see arts criteria)

The Oakhill Prep School Sportsmanship Award (see sports criteria)

The Oakhill Prep School Top Pupil in Grade 7 Award

Awarded to the Grade 7 pupil with the highest overall aggregate from term one to three. To be determined by the **Grade 7 class teachers.**

The Oakhill Prep School Achiever of the Year Award

Overall achiever of the year as voted by the Grade 7 pupils. To be determined by the **IP teachers.**

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Headmaster's Awards Programme

Grade 4 - 7

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Silver and Gold badges are awarded for fulfilment of the criteria for Silver and Gold status. To be determined by teacher responsible for the Headmaster's Awards.

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Sports Awards

This document contains the criteria by which pupils will be assessed and sports awards presented.

GENERAL NOTES

An award may be made to a pupil who has already left Oakhill if a nominator feels that he / she has been overlooked or if they obtain the criteria in a specific sporting discipline after the last Honours and Colours Committee meeting of the year.

Training attendance, correct attire, behaviour, attitude, discipline, sportsmanship, leadership, assistance towards the development of sport and service to the school are also brought into consideration for all awards.

Grade 3 - 7

SPORTS AWARDS

These certificates will be handed out with other celebration certificates, by **Class teachers**.

Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Achievement: A certificate is awarded for each age group, for boys and girls teams respectively. To be determined by **team coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Progress: A certificate is awarded for each age group, for boys and girls teams respectively. To be determined by **team coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Team Award Certificate: A certificate is awarded for each age group, for boys and girls teams respectively, for a player or players who have shown exemplary loyalty, commitment, participation and service towards their respective teams, on and off the field, during a season. To be determined by **team coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD SPORTS AWARDS

Colours are awarded to those who have achieved significantly in a sports code recognised by Oakhill. A boy or girl who has been awarded colours has achieved the highest recognition for sport and will therefore not receive a certificate of achievement, progress or team award in that specific sports code.

Oakhill Prep School Bronze Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated at KPSSSU or a similar regional level in a particular sport, but who have not qualified for provincial colours in that sport.

Oakhill Prep School Silver Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated at and received colours at provincial level in a particular sport.

Oakhill Prep School Gold Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated and have received colours at provincial level in a particular sport. They must also have received recognition at the provincial week/gala/tournament to prove that they are a level above provincial standard or ranked nationally.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR EXTERNAL SPORTS

Any achievement in a sport that is not officially on the Oakhill co curricular programme will also be recognized at the IP Celebration. Certificates will be awarded to pupils who have represented a specific sporting discipline at regional or provincial level and honourable mention at national or international level.

The sporting disciplines may include but are not restricted to:

- Surfing
- Lifesaving
- Mixed Martial Arts, Karate
- Equestrian
- Artistic Gymnastics

If any other sporting discipline in which an Oakhill pupil takes part is not covered in these Sporting Criteria it will fall within this category.

FLOATING TROPHIES

Recipients of the Floating trophies will be announced by **the Sports department**. We reserve the right to withhold an award if there is no suitable candidate.

Oakhill Prep School Sportsmanship award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 for significant sportsmanship and team spirit. To be determined by **all sports coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Sean Halick trophy for hockey player of the year: Boys

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 - 7 for significant achievement in hockey. To be determined by **hockey coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Trophy for hockey player of the year: Girls

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 - 7 for significant achievement in hockey. To be determined by **hockey coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Lwando Bantom and James Mangiza soccer player of the year: Boys

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 - 7 for significant achievement in soccer. To be determined by **soccer coaches in collaboration with the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Cricket player of the year: Boys

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in cricket. To be determined by **cricket coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Swimmer of the year Boys:

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in swimming. To be determined by **swimming coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Swimmer of the year Girls:

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in swimming. To be determined by **swimming coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Water Polo player of the year: Boys.

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Water Polo. To be determined by **Water Polo coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Water Polo player of the year: Girls.

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Water Polo. To be determined by **Water Polo coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Tennis player of the year Boys:

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in tennis. To be determined by **tennis coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Tennis player of the year Girls:

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in tennis. To be determined by **tennis coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Rugby player of the year

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in rugby. To be determined by **rugby coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Netball player of the year

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Netball. To be determined by **netball coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Athlete of the year: Boy

Awarded to any boy in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in athletics. To be determined by **athletic coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Athlete of the year: Girl

Awarded to any girl in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in athletics. To be determined by **athletic coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Golfer of the year

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 4 – 7 for significant achievement in golf. To be determined by **golf coaches and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Chess Player of the year

Awarded to any pupil from grade 4-7 for significant achievement in chess. To be determined by **the chess coach and the sports department.**

Oakhill Prep School Sportsman of the year

Awarded to any grade 7 boy who has excelled in at least two or more Oakhill sports, has continually set a good example and has demonstrated a committed and determined attitude towards sport throughout the year. To be determined by **the coaches and the sports department**.

Oakhill Prep School Sportswoman of the year

Awarded to any grade 7 girl who has excelled in at least two or more Oakhill sports, has continually set a good example and has demonstrated a committed and determined attitude towards sport throughout the year. To be determined by **the coaches and the sports department**.

NATIONAL FLOATING TROPHIES

National trophies will be re-awarded by the sports department.

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ARTS AWARDS

GENERAL NOTES

- As the nature of the arts achievements vary profoundly from other spheres of involvement, arts achievements cannot be judged exactly as sports or academic achievements.
- Time spent in an activity in order to achieve an award must be taken into account e.g. time spent preparing for school production, the hours put into an artwork and the fact that arts extra murals carry on throughout the entire academic year.
- The impact that pupil's achievement has had on the activity, especially within the school, i.e. increasing the profile of that activity at the school.
- Rehearsal attendance, behaviour, attitude, discipline, leadership, assistance towards the development of younger musicians and service to the school are also brought into consideration for all awards.

Grade 3 – 7

Arts Certificates

These certificates will be handed out with other certificates by **Class teachers**.

Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Achievement:

A certificate is awarded for each age grouping in a cultural extramural for boys and girls. These groups can be made up of boys and girls or consist of boys or girls only. **To be determined by the teacher, conductor, facilitator or band leader in charge of said group.**

Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Progress:

A certificate is awarded for each age grouping in a cultural extramural for boys and girls. These groups can be made up of boys and girls or consist of boys or girls only. **To be determined by the teacher, conductor, facilitator or band leader in charge of said group.**

Oakhill Prep School Guild Award Certificate:

A certificate is awarded for each age grouping in a co curricular cultural activity for boys and girls. These groups can be made up of boys and girls or consist of boys or girls only, for a pupil who has shown to go the extra mile at every rehearsal or session, offers to help, and are conscientious and passionate about their specific arts discipline. **To be determined by the teacher, conductor, facilitator or band leader in charge of said group.**

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR EXTERNAL CULTURAL AWARDS

Any achievement in arts activities that is not officially on the co curricular programme will also be recognized at the IP Celebration. Certificates will be awarded to pupils who have represented a specific cultural discipline at regional or provincial level and honourable mention at national or international level. These disciplines include:

- Dance
- Concerts with external art/ dance/ drama or music studios.
- Examinations with external art/ dance/ drama or music studios.

If any other cultural disciplines in which an Oakhill pupil takes part is not covered in these criteria it will fall within this category.

HONOURS AND COLOURS CERTIFICATES

Art Criteria:

Bronze

At least two of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

- 1.1 Attends co-curricular art
- 1.2 Art piece selected for at least 1 local exhibition
- 1.3 Achieved at least a 3rd Prize in a local competition
- 1.4 Achieved at least a Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod

Silver

At least three of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

- 2.1 Attends co curricular art
- 2.2 Art piece selected for at least 1 local exhibition
- 2.3 Achieved at least a 2nd Prize in a local competition
- 2.4 Achieved at least a Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod

Gold

At least four of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

- 3.1 Attends co curricular art
- 3.2 Art piece selected for at least 1 local exhibition
- 3.3 Achieved at least a 1st Prize in a local competition
- 3.4 Must be a student in Grade 6 or Grade 7
- 3.5 Achieved at least a Double Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod

Drama Criteria:

Bronze

At least two of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

- 1.1 Participated in at least two official Oakhill drama/play performances
- 1.2 Must have shown consistent commitment to and interest in co curricular drama over at least two years and made a positive contribution and exhibited a positive attitude.
- 1.3 Achieved at least a Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod in at least one item. Group or individual.

Silver

At least two of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

- 2.1 Must have shown consistent commitment to and interest in co curricular drama over at least three years and made a positive contribution and exhibited a positive attitude.
- 2.2 Excelled in a supporting role in an Oakhill drama/play

2.3 Achieved at least a Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod in at least two items of which one should be an individual item.

Gold

At least three of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

3.1 A student must have shown consistent commitment to and interest in co curricular drama for at least four years and made a positive contribution and exhibited a positive attitude.

3.2 Excelled in a lead role in an Oakhill drama/play

3.3 Achieved a Gold or a Double Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at an eisteddfod in at least three items of which one should be an individual item.

3.4 Performed at the winner's concert at an eisteddfod.

3.5 Won a trophy at the winner's concert at the eisteddfod.

Music Criteria: (Individual, Choir, Marimba, Rock and Big Band, Ensemble)

Bronze

At least two of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

1.1 Must have participated in two official Oakhill music functions throughout the academic year: eisteddfod, external examination, concerts and performances.

a) School solo performance of song or instrument piece; or

b) School ensemble contributions as a band member; or

c) School choir or vocal ensemble participation.

1.2 Must have successfully completed a practical external examination of any music school at Grades Initial to I level.

1.3 Achieved a bronze or silver certificate at an eisteddfod in at least one item. Group or individual.

1.4 Must have been a member of an Oakhill music ensemble (Choir, Marimba, Rock, Jazz or Big Band, String or Recorder Ensemble) for at least one calendar year.

Silver

At least three of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

2.1 Must have participated in at least three official Oakhill music functions throughout the academic year: Eisteddfod, External Exam, Concerts and Performances.

a) School solo performance of song or instrument piece; or

b) School ensemble contributions as a band member; or

c) School choir or vocal ensemble participation.

2.2 Must have successfully completed a practical external examination of any music school at Gr 2 level or higher.

2.3 Must have successfully completed a theory examination of any music school at Grade I level or higher.

2.4 Must have achieved a silver or gold Certificate at an Eisteddfod in at least two items of which one should be an individual item.

2.5 Must have been a member of an Oakhill music ensemble (Choir, Marimba, Rock, Jazz or Big Band, String or Recorder Ensemble) for at least two consecutive calendar years.

Gold

At least four of the requirements to be met in the year of assessment:

3.1 Must have participated in at least four official Oakhill music functions throughout the academic year: Eisteddfod, External Exam, Concerts and Performances.

- a) School solo performance of song or instrument piece; or
- b) School ensemble contributions as a band member; or
- c) School choir or vocal ensemble participation.

3.2 Must have successfully completed a practical external examination of any music school at Gr 3 level or higher.

3.3 Must have successfully completed a theory examination of any music school at Grade I level or higher.

3.4 Must have achieved a gold or a double gold Certificate at an eisteddfod in at least three items of which one should be an individual item.

3.5 Must have been a member of an Oakhill music ensemble (Choir, Marimba, Rock, Jazz or Big Band, String or Recorder Ensemble) for at least three consecutive calendar years.

3.6 Must have performed elsewhere as a solo performer, representing Oakhill School.

3.7 Must have performed at the winner's concert at an eisteddfod, either as an individual as as part of a group.

3.8 Must have received a trophy for participation in an Eisteddfod, Talent competition, External Music Examination, etc.

Trophies:

CULTURAL Award

This trophy is awarded to the Grade 7 pupil who has excelled in at least two of the three spheres of art, drama and music - including excellence in at least two cultural extra-murals and excellence in at least two cultural subjects. This pupil promotes and nurtures the love for the arts within their peers as well as within themselves. This pupil is an ambassador for the arts, has promoted the arts on a continual basis through interactions with teachers, parents and their peers and epitomises the creativity and uniqueness that is Oakhill School. To be determined by the **Art, Drama and Music teachers**.

JOY OF MUSIC Award

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in extramural Music To the pupil who promotes Music on a continual basis through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Music Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory **Director of Music**

JOY OF ART Award

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in extramural Art To the pupil who promotes Art on a continual basis through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Art Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory **Art Teacher**

JOY OF DRAMA Award

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in extra mural Drama To the pupil who promotes Drama on a continual basis through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Drama Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory **Drama Teacher**

OTHER AWARDS

Where pupils need to be recognized for significant achievement not included in the above, application should be made to the honours and colours committee for consideration.