

Honours & Colours Policy

Reviewed by BSS

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Colours Criteria

- Colours are awarded only at the following set points:
 - Junior Colours: Year 8
 - Intermediate Colours: Year 11
 - Senior Colours: Upper 6th
- Colours will only be awarded to pupils who have:
 - Demonstrated excellence in their activity and clearly stood out from their peers
 - Shown outstanding commitment across the full 2-3 year colour period, including exemplary attendance of practices and performances/matches
 - Been role models in all aspects of their behaviour
- The maximum allocation of colours that can be awarded for each activity is shown in the table below (these quantities represent maximums rather than targets, and can only be increased with the permission of the Headmaster because of an exceptional squad of players):

1. Majority team sports: rugby, hockey, cricket, netball and rounders	Up to 4 colours per sport in Y8, 11 and U6
2. Minority team sports (<u>provided that around 5 fixtures have been played each year</u>): athletics/cross-country, sailing, golf, tennis, football, rowing	Up to 2 colours per sport in Y8, 11 and U6
3. Music	Up to 6 colours per age group in Y8, 11 and U6
4. Drama	Up to 6 colours per age group in Y8, 11 and U6
5. Public speaking / debating	Up to 2 colours per age group in Y8, 11 and U6
6. Leadership: those who have shown consistent, outstanding leadership in an area of school life not recognised above: e.g. Prefecting / CCF / House Captain / D of E/ Global Rock / School Council)	Up to 4 colours in U6 – to be decided by Head of Sixth Form/ Deputy Head/Headmaster
7. Hampshire representation or equivalent in a major school activity	Case by case basis
8. National representation or equivalent in another recognised activity	Case by case basis

Colours awards process

Colours are awarded at the following points in the academic year:

Autumn term – Final Assembly	Rugby, girls' hockey, senior drama, senior music
Spring term – Final Assembly	Boys' hockey, netball, junior drama, intermediate music, public speaking, leadership, qualifying minority sports, senior drama
Summer term – MCC cricket match	Senior cricket
Summer term – final assembly	Junior and intermediate cricket, rounders, junior music, qualifying minority sports

- Nominations must be sent to the Deputy Head at least 7 days before the awards are due
- The Deputy Head will collate these and ensure compliance with the policy above
- The Deputy Head will bring these to the final SMT meeting of the term for final approval by the Headmaster and other senior staff

Colours Apparel

Colours apparel consists of a metal colours badge to be worn on the lapel of the school blazer. In addition a colours cap is awarded which may be worn with school sports kit.

Criteria for Honours

- In order to be awarded honours a pupil must achieve three Full Colours at senior level (including a Gold D or E award by Summer Half Term)
- Alternatively national representation at a major team sport at senior level will qualify a pupil for honours
- The Honours candidate must be an exceptional example of active involvement in, and positive contribution to, the life of the School. School activities are essentially based on teamwork, so the Honours candidate must be a leading example to others in this regard

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Honours candidates have their names written on the School Honours board, they also appear on the School website along with a photograph and their citation, which is also written in an honours book which is displayed in the Mclsaac Building.