






House Ties and Achievement Ties

Diligence Awards

After a period of consultation with staff, pupils and parents/carers we will be moving to pupils wearing a House tie from August onwards. This tie will feature a revised school badge (brighter background) and also the pupil's House colour (which will be a diagonal stripe). The ties can be seen below.

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Achievement Ties

The idea for achievement ties arose from a study that our S2 and S4 pupils complete every year. The feedback from this survey informed us that pupils at the school felt we did not recognise their achievements in or out of school. Through consultation with various groups (including the Pupil Council, Pupil Leadership and Pupil Learning Team and a short life working group) we agreed an achievement tie that would be awarded for a high level of commitment and endeavour in an activity **for eighteen months**, or for a significant achievement e.g. winning a National Award such as a poetry competition. Achievement ties can be awarded for Sport, Citizenship (when a young person provides support or services to the local or wider community e.g. working in charity shops/volunteering etc.), Enterprise (involved in leading initiatives/global areas of interest e.g. Eco-Committee, Amnesty, Fairtrade etc.) and Expressive Arts/Technologies. There will also be a further category 'other' for anyone wishing to be considered for an achievement tie that does not fall into the previous four categories. The Achievement Committee will meet twice a year, in October and March, to consider all nominations, which can be submitted by pupils, parents/carers, coaches and our community partners, using our online forms, which will also be available as a hard copy from the school office (see Appendix B). The outcome of this committee will be communicated directly to pupils and, if successful, they will be awarded their achievement tie, re-award or endeavour certificate at a gathering with other Achievement Ties winners, the Head Teacher, Depute Head Teachers and Mr Moncrieff (Achievement Coordinator). Achievement Tie winners will also be mentioned at House Assemblies to celebrate their success widely. There are two achievement ties: (1) one gold stripe and the House colour; this will be referred to as a 'half colours' achievement tie



(2) Two gold stripes and the House colour; this will be referred to as a 'full colours' achievement tie.



The criteria for awarding these ties is detailed in Appendix A. Once a pupil has received their achievement tie this can be followed up in future years with a re-award certificate.

Diligence Awards

Feedback from our pupils also highlighted that 'merit' awards were not working at the school as a motivational system. Through discussion, and as part of our links with reviewing recognition of achievement, we wanted to devise a system that recognised pupils who come and work diligently on a day to day basis. To this end we will be launching a new system from August 2019 onwards. Once a term (August-December) and (January-March/April) we will be asking staff to nominate pupils in their subject who have worked diligently throughout the term. These will then be collated and a certificate produced that will be presented to pupils showing all their nominations. This gives recognition and reward to all pupils working hard across the term and aims to encourage them to get as many subject areas highlighting their diligence as possible (16 subjects possible in S1). Over the two terms, their subject nominations will be collated and those with significant multiple mentions will receive an award on the Evening of Celebration at the end of the year. The nominations pupils receive for their subjects will also contribute to House points; so the more nominations pupils get the more points they contribute towards their House. Overall House points will also be made up from points scored in other activities across the year. This links in with the school's values of ambition and community.