

## Appendix A

### Knox Academy Achievement Ties

Criteria:

#### **Category 1: School-Based Extra-Curricular Activities and/or Non-School based wider achievements (Half Colours Achievement Tie)**

(Categories are Sport, Enterprise, Citizenship, Arts and Technologies and if you do not fall in to any of these categories please select 'other'). Examples for this category could be in/out of school representation in e.g sports teams, orchestras, wind bands or such things as volunteering; coaching etc.

Level 1 – Achievement Tie

Pupil must have: (1, 2 and either 3 or 4)

1. Shown a high level of endeavour and commitment to the activity (**18 months or more**) and, where appropriate, performed at a high level.
2. Attended more than 80% of the available activity sessions. (Unless appropriate reason offered)
3. Where appropriate, performed to a high level while representing the school in more than 75% of available events, competitions or fixtures **or** shown a high level of commitment to an out of school activity such as volunteering/coaching etc.
4. Where there is limited or no opportunity for competition, but a pupil shows significant commitment to a programme, then the Achievement Tie Committee may give consideration to this.

#### **Level 2 – Re-award certificate**

A pupil must have:

Fulfilled the criteria for an Achievement Tie one further year after receiving the initial Achievement Tie

#### **Level 3 – Endeavour certificate**

Where a pupil has achieved points 1 and 2 above but there has been no opportunity for competition or participation at the required level then the committee may award an Endeavour Certificate.

**No Award – where the pupil has not met the criteria**

#### **Category 2: Non School-Based Activities - Regional/National Awards or Representation**

##### **Level 1 – Achievement Tie (Full Colours Achievement Tie)**

A pupil must have:

1. Where the opportunity arises, performed at a high level at regional and/or national level/competition.
2. Made a significant impact in, or through, the chosen activity at a community, regional or national level, as decided by the committee.

### **Level 2 – Re-award certificate**

A pupil must have:

Fulfilled the criteria for an Achievement Tie for one further year after receiving the initial tie

### **Level 3 – Endeavour certificate**

It is not possible for the school to make an objective judgement on this type of award so there can be no awards at this level within this category.

### **Exceptional Circumstances**

In exceptional circumstances, the Achievement Tie Committee may consider an 'other' achievement that is not covered by the criteria. This will be at the discretion of the committee.

### **Removal of Award**

In the event that a pupil, after receiving an award, fails to conduct him or herself in a manner concurrent with the spirit of the award, or is in serious breach of the school's Code of Conduct, then the Achievement Committee may remove the award.

The Achievement Committee will meet twice yearly in October and March to consider Achievement Nominations. Pupils will be presented with their Achievement Ties, Re-award or Endeavour Certificates at a gathering with the Head Teacher, Depute Head Teachers, Mr Moncrieff (Achievement Coordinator) and awards mentioned in House Assemblies to celebrate their success widely. Pupils will be notified about the outcome of their nomination by letter to their home address within a week of the Achievement Tie Committee meeting.

### **Achievement Tie Awarding Committee**

This will meet twice yearly. Only awards received by the deadline date will be discussed by the committee and any late applications will be held over to the next meeting. Pupils, staff, parents/carers and a community partner will make up this committee. All nominations will be anonymous so decisions are assured of being objective.