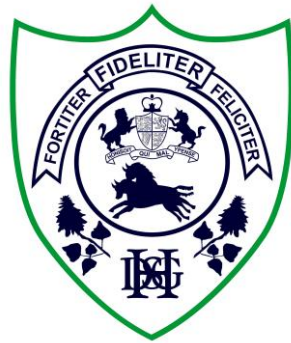


# DURBAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



# AWARDS POLICY

as at

# 12.09.2019

## **DURBAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS POLICY**

### **1. ALL AWARDS ARE MADE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

#### **1.1. Awards Committee:**

The Committee will consist of:

- The Principal
- Senior Deputy Principal
- Deputy Principal
- Deputy Principal
- Head of Cultural Activities
- Head of Sport
- Teacher representing Sport
- Teacher representing Cultural Activity
- Secretary (record keeping)
- Staff member representing specific area under discussion, if warranted

#### **1.2. Presentation of Awards:**

Awards to be presented on the following occasions:

- DGHS and Senior Speech Days
- Mini Prize Giving
- Ordinary assemblies at the discretion of the committee

#### **1.3. Meetings:**

Meetings are held at a time convenient to those concerned. They are called at least once a term. The records of minutes of all meetings must be available.

#### **1.4. General Guidelines:**

- 1.4.1. The criteria must be observed at all times unless there is a policy change as a result of a decision taken by consensus at a full meeting.
- 1.4.2. Prospective awards are to be motivated in writing by the Teacher in charge of the relevant activity to the relevant Awards Committee member. All awards will be decided at a meeting of the Awards Committee.



- 1.4.12. The Awards Committee reserves the right to decide and assess motivations for prospective awards that are outside the ambit of this awards policy.
- 1.4.13. The Awards Committee reserves the right to apply the general principles set out in this document i.e.
- 1.4.13.1. that representing South Africa will be awarded with Honours,
  - 1.4.13.2. that representing the Province will be awarded with Colours, etc to all activities and codes not stipulated in this policy.
- 1.4.14. The Committee reserves the right to bestow an award for an event/competition not specified in the policy, if organised by an accredited and reputable organisation.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

<b>Honours</b>	Honours braid around edge of blazer, pockets and above the end of sleeves. Honours scroll under school badge on pocket.
<b>Colours</b>	Braid around edge of blazer, pockets and above the end of sleeves. Scroll under school badge of pocket.
<b>Half-Colours</b>	Braid around edge of blazer pockets and above the end of sleeves. Scroll under school badge of pocket.
<b>Re-awards</b>	Certificate with <b>FULL / HALF COLOURS OR HONOURS RE-AWARD</b> typed onto it.
<b>Junior Colours</b>	Certificate with <b>JUNIOR COLOURS</b> & name of <b>Sport or Cultural activity</b> typed onto it. Scroll under School Badge of pocket.
<b>Certificates of Achievement</b>	To be given with Sporting / Cultural Trophies. Certificate with <b>ACHIEVEMENT AWARD &amp; the Sport / Cultural Activity</b> to be typed onto it.
<b>Merit Certificate</b>	<b>MERIT CERTIFICATE</b> or Academic Merit
<b>Service Awards</b>	Certificate given to Grade 12 learners at the final Grade 12 Speech Day for sustained contribution to various aspects of school activity, e.g. Drama; Music; Public Speaking; Sport.

### NOTE:

If a learner is not able to write an examination/s with or without a valid reason:

- The learner will not be eligible for an academic award, placement award or prize where this examination/s form/s part of the award criteria.
- This does not preclude the learner from receiving a subject award – if she has completed all the assessments that form part of the subject award criteria.

If a learner is not able to complete an assessment with or without a valid reason:

- The learner will not be eligible at Mini Prize-Giving for an academic award, placement award or prize where this assessment/s form/s part of the award criteria.

### 3. SUMMARY: ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### 3.1. FET PHASE - Based on 7 NSC subjects

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MERIT CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>HALF- COLOURS CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>COLOURS CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>HONOURS CERTIFICATE</u>
Grade 10	490 – 524 marks 70 -74%	525 – 559 marks 75 - 79%	560 – 594 marks 80 - 84%	595→ marks 85%+
Grade 11	490 – 524 marks 70 -74%	525 – 559 marks 75 - 79%	560 – 594 marks 80 - 84%	595→ marks 85%
Grade 12	490 – 524 marks 70 -74%	525 – 559 marks 75 - 79%	560 – 594 marks 80 - 84%	595→ marks 85%

#### 3.2. SENIOR PHASE

	<u>MERIT CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE AND SCROLL</u>
Grade 8/9	75 – 79%	80 – 84%	85% +

## 4. CULTURAL AWARDS

### 4.1. ART

To be recognised for an award in Visual Arts the learner must win (or be a member of the team that wins) a competition run by a prestigious company.

#### **HONOURS:**

Adobe Youth Voices (International)

#### **COLOURS:**

The Wild-life Trust (KwaZulu Natal)

Woolworths 'Making the Difference through Design' (National)

Vega Vibe (National Winners)

#### **HALF COLOURS:**

Vega Vibe (Durban)

The Design School (also Vega) (Durban)

Any other competitions to be assessed at the discretion of the Head of Art & Design in liaison with the Colours Committee.

### 4.2. CREATIVE WRITING

**HONOURS:** Work published in **ENGLISH ALIVE**

**COLOURS: Senior Prize-winner, Senior Runner-up - ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION**

Winner – *Douglas Livingstone* Short Story/ Poetry Competition

Winner – **Time of the Writer / Poetry Africa** Competition

**HALF COLOURS:** Placed 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Douglas Livingstone* Short Story/ Poetry Competition

- **Time of the Writer / Poetry Africa** Competition

**MERIT CERTIFICATE:** Highly Commended/ Commended- *Douglas Livingstone* Short Story/ Poetry Competition/**Time of the Writer / Poetry Africa** Competition  
Gold & Silver Awards –  
**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION**

**JUNIOR COLOURS:** Junior Prize-winner, Junior Runner-up –

*Ratified at an SGB Meeting held on 12.09.2019*

## ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

**MERIT CERTIFICATE:** Gold Award & Silver Awards -  
**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY  
COMPETITION**

### 4.3. DRAMA AWARDS

*The following areas of performance are under consideration:*

- *Stage Manager/Main Lighting Technician/Main Sound Technician in external production*
- *Performing in an external (recognised) production (KZN Young Performers; production at a boys' school etc.)*
- *Winning National and/or International Drama competitions, festivals, scholarships etc. – providing recognised and reputable.*
- *Other (at the discretion of the Head of Drama)*

**HONOURS:** Recipient of ACT/DALRO/Nedbank performance scholarship (equivalent to being placed first in South Africa); overseas scholarship for performance/theatre studies/theatrical design etc. to recognised, accredited university or place of study.

#### **COLOURS:**

- Leading/principal role awarded in external recognised production (e.g. KZN Young Performers or productions by the Playhouse Company, Kickstart or equivalent where auditions are open to all of KZN)
- **OR** significant technical backstage role in external recognised production (e.g. KZN Young Performers, The Playhouse Company, Kickstart etc. or equivalent where auditions are open to all of KZN).
- **OR** winner of award in reputable provincial Drama Competitions or Festivals, where competitors have entered from all of KZN.

#### **HALF COLOURS:**

- Winner of award in reputable district Drama Competitions or Festivals where competitors are drawn from all of Durban and the local areas.
- Selected for a leading/significant supporting role in local production where auditions are drawn from Durban (boys' schools, local theatre etc.).

**JUNIOR COLOURS:** Leading role awarded in external recognised production (KZN Young Performers, The Playhouse Company, Kickstart or other equivalent).



**MERIT CERTIFICATE:** Ensemble role awarded in external recognised production (KZN Young Performers, The Playhouse Company, Kickstart or other equivalent).

**4.4. EXPO**

**HONOURS** Placed in top 3 nationally with gold medal

**COLOURS** First, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in KZN with a gold medal

**HALF COLOURS** Win a gold Medal in KZN

**MERIT CERTIFICATE** Win first class certificate with silver medal  
(Expo entrants can be individuals or a team)

## 4.5. MUSIC

### **HONOURS**

National Youth Orchestra

KZN Youth Orchestra for second complete year and qualified at Grade 6 level or above, or as 1<sup>st</sup> player of that instrument in the band.

KZN Youth Wind Band for second complete year and qualified at Grade 6 level or above, or as 1<sup>st</sup> player of that instrument in the band.

KZN Youth Choir - completed 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.

### **COLOURS**

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Wind Band and qualified at Grade 4 level or above in relevant instrument.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Orchestra and qualified at Grade 4 level or above in relevant instrument.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Choir.

### **HALF COLOURS**

Completion of a year with the KZN Shadow Orchestra.

### **JUNIOR COLOURS**

National Youth Orchestra

Completion of a year as a member of the KZN Youth Orchestra or the KZN Youth Wind Band.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Choir.

### **MERIT CERTIFICATE**

Completion of a year with the KZN Shadow Orchestra.

#### 4.6. OLYMPIADS

The Olympiad must be the recognised RSA competition in the given subject field, e.g. ATKV, Spellathon, AMESA, SAICA and SAIPA.

**HONOURS** Positions 1 – 15 in RSA

**COLOURS** Positions 16 - 50 in RSA

**HALF COLOURS** Positions 51 –100 in RSA

Must be a nationally recognised Olympiad and a recognised Body.  
Criteria

#### 4.7. PUBLIC SPEAKING

##### 4.7.1 ALBERT LUTHULI ORAL HISTORY COMPETITION YOUNG HISTORIANS /GEOGRAPHERS

**HONOURS** Placed in top 3 at National Finals

**COLOURS** Winner of KZN round

**HALF COLOURS** Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in KZN round

##### 4.7.2 ATKV COMPETITION

**HONOURS** Placed in top 3 in final round or in a competition of similar standard

##### 4.7.3 DEBATING

**HONOURS** Selection for, and participation in, SA team for World Championships

<b>COLOURS</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the KZN team at the SASDA National Tournament
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the Durban team at the KZNSDA Provincial Tournament
<b>MERIT</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the Durban team at a KZNSDA Interleague Tournament
<b>JUNIOR COLOURS</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the KZN Junior team at the SASDA National Tournament
<b>JUNIOR MERIT</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the Durban team at the KZNSDA Provincial Tournament (Gr 8 – 9)

#### **4.7.4 INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING COMPETITION**

<b>HONOURS</b>	Selection for, and participation in, the International Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition
<b>COLOURS</b>	Placed in top 3 in an individual category at National Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	Placed in top 3 in an individual category at Provincial Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition

#### **4.7.5 MODEL UN**

**HONOURS** Member of winning team at National Final / individual chosen to represent SA at International round

**COLOURS** Member of winning team at Provincial Final

**HALF COLOURS** Member of team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in Provincial Final

#### **4.7.6 ROTARY TEAM SPEAKING COMPETITION**

**COLOURS** Member of winning team

**HALF COLOURS** Member of team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in competition

**MERIT** Participation in final

#### **4.7.7 SAGSDT BEST SPEAKER COMPETITION**

**COLOURS** Winner of competition

**HALF COLOURS** Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in competition

**JUNIOR COLOURS** Winner of competition (grade 8 + 9)

**MERIT** Participation in final

#### **4.7.8 SAGSDT FORUM DISCUSSION COMPETITION**

**MERIT** Member of winning team / Best Chairperson

#### **4.7.9 TOASTMASTERS**

**HONOURS** Placed in top 3 of National Competition

**COLOURS** Winner of Provincial Competition

**HALF COLOURS** Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in Provincial Competition

#### **4.8. QUIZ AWARDS**

This policy applies to any established and reputable quiz event in which teams must enter and formally compete.

##### **HONOURS**

Representing South Africa in an international quiz event.

##### **COLOURS**

Winning a quiz at national level – e.g. where teams are drawn from all of South Africa.

##### **HALF-COLOURS**

Winning a quiz at provincial level – e.g. where teams are drawn from all over KZN

##### **MERIT CERTIFICATE**

Winning a quiz at regional/district level – e.g. where teams are drawn from Durban/Ethekwini etc.

## 5. SPORTS AWARDS

### 5.1. ATHLETICS AND CROSS COUNTRY

#### HONOURS

SA U17 / 18 / 19 Team. (Providing athlete attains 800 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field)

#### COLOURS

KZN U 17 / 18 / 19 Team  
(Providing athlete attains 700 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field)  
Achievement at Inter-school meeting achieving a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 and attains 700 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field

#### HALF COLOURS

Umlazi District U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 Team. (Providing athlete attains 600 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field)  
Achievement at Inter-school meeting achieving a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 and attains 600 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field

#### JUNIOR COLOURS

Awarded to an athlete who participated in the U14 / 15 / 16 / 17 / 18 / 19 age group and attains 500 points or more in accordance with APE Tables for track and field

## 5.2. THE FOLLOWING CODES WILL HAVE THE SAME CRITERIA

### BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, GOLF, INDOOR & OUTDOOR HOCKEY, NETBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, SQUASH, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL & WATERPOLO

HONOURS	SA Team (SA U16/U18/U21 or Senior)
COLOURS	KZN Coastal Women's Team or KZN Coastal U21A KZN U19A Team KZN U18A & U17A
HALF COLOURS	KZN U16A, U15A and U15B Team KZN U19B / 18B / 17B / 16B Team
JUNIOR COLOURS	KZN U14 A or B Team All of the above
MERIT CERTIFICATE Grade 8 – 12	UMLAZI District Team U14 – U18

## 5.3. CHESS

HONOURS	SA Schools Team
COLOURS	KZN U20A Team
HALF-COLOURS	KZN U20B Team KZN U16A Team
JUNIOR COLOURS	KZN Team
MERIT CERTIFICATE Grade 8 – 12	Umlazi A Team



#### 5.4. CLIMBING – SPORT & BOULDERING

<b>HONOURS</b>	SA Representation in Sport Climbing
<b>COLOURS</b>	Selection for KZN Provincial sport climbing team
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place in school Bouldering league competition, in Open or U17 age group. Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place in school Sport Climbing competition, in Open or U17 age group.
<b>MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place in school bouldering league competition, in U15 age group Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place in school Sport Climbing competition in U15 or age group
<b>JUNIOR COLOURS</b>	Selection to KZN Provincial Sport Climbing team U15 /U14/ U13

#### 5.5. DRUM MAJORETTES

<b>HONOURS</b>	Grades 10 – 12	SA Outdoor Champion Team Member
<b>COLOURS</b>	Grades 10 – 12	KZN Team Representative for 3 years
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	Grades 10 – 12	KZN Team Representative for 2 years
<b>JUNIOR COLOURS</b>		SA Outdoor Champion Team Member

## 5.6. EQUESTRIAN

### SANESA RECOMMENDATIONS:

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>MERIT</b>	<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	<b>FULL COLOURS</b>
	Up to 80cm	90cm – 110m	120cm -
JUMPING	LEVEL 1-2	LEVEL 3 - 5	LEVEL 6-7
DRESSAGE	LEVEL 1-2	LEVEL 3 + 5	LEVEL 6-7
DRESSAGE – PRIX CAPRELLI	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 7
EQUITATION	LEVEL 1-2	LEVEL3-4	LEVEL 6-7
SHOWING	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3 & 5	LEVEL 7
WESTERN MOUNTED GAMES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 7
EVENTING	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3 &5	LEVEL 6-7
ENDURANCE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3 &5	LEVEL 7

**SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION                      HONOURS**

VAULTING & TENT PEGGING TO BE ADVISED

## 5.7. GYMNASTICS

### 5.7.1 ARTISTIC

<b>HONOURS</b>	SA Representation 1 <sup>st</sup> in RSA (National Level)
<b>COLOURS</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> in RSA (National Level)
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	KZN Team Level 5 and up 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> in RSA
<b>MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	KZN Team Level 4

(NB. Grades 8 and 9 are at their peak at this age and should be considered for these awards)

### 5.7.2 RHYTHMIC

<b>HONOURS</b>	SA Representation 1 <sup>st</sup> in SA (Level 7 and up)
<b>COLOURS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> in SA (Level 5 and 6) 2 <sup>nd</sup> in SA (Level 7 and up)
<b>HALF COLOURS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> in Level 4 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> in SA (Level 4 up)
<b>MERIT CERTIFICATE</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> in SA (Any Level)

## **5.8. SURFING/LIFE SAVING/STILL WATER**

**HONOURS** SA Schools Team

**COLOURS** KZN Schools Team

**JUNIOR COLOURS** KZN Team

## **5.9. SWIMMING**

**HONOURS** SA Team

**COLOURS** SA National Aquatics Championships (Level 4)  
Medal at Level 3

**HALF COLOURS** Level 3 National Age Group Championships

**MERIT** Level 2

**JUNIOR COLOURS** KZN Level 4, 3, 2

Open Water Swimming times will be considered as per the SSA guidelines for School Colours 2013

## **5.10. TOUCH**

### **HONOURS**

SATA (South African Touch Association)  
Team (U18/U20/Open)

### **FULL COLOURS**

KZNTA Ladies Open A Team / Mixed Open Team  
KZNTA U19A Team  
KZNTA U17A Team

### **HALF COLOURS**

KZNTA Ladies Open B Team/Mixed Open B Team  
KZNTA U19B Team  
KZNTA U17B Team  
KZNTA U15A Team  
KZNTA U15B Team

### **JUNIOR COLOURS**

KZNTA U14A and B Team  
For any of the above Teams