

# Highbury Preparatory School

## Drama Colours and Honours Awards Policy

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### Honours

- Honours are awarded to boys who, in the opinion of the drama teacher/production director and the Colours' committee, has made an excellent effort in promoting drama/performing arts and who have achieved an outstanding standard.
- A boy's attitude and behaviour may influence the decision to award Honours.
- The following **guidelines** as to a boy's eligibility as an Honours recipient will be considered:
  - Participation and achievement in at least one recognized speech and drama festival e.g. South African Speech and Drama Society in which they achieved at minimum an 'A+' (or similar) in at least two items
  - Additional involvement as well as awards in activities related to the dramatic arts outside of school will be considered and judged on merit/appropriateness
  - Participation in the school production as a main cast member in which they excelled and receive critical acclaim from the audience as well as their peers.
  - The track record of the boy in terms of prior performances in school productions will be considered.

### Colours

- Colours are awarded to boys who, in the opinion of the drama teacher/production director and the Colours' committee, has made a fine effort in promoting drama/performing arts and who has achieved a high standard.
- A boy's attitude and behaviour may influence the decision to award Colours
- The following **guidelines** as to a boy's eligibility as a Colours recipient will be considered:
  - Participation and achievement in at least one recognized speech and drama festival e.g. South African Speech and Drama Society in which they achieved at minimum an 'A+' (or similar) in at least one item.
  - Additional involvement as well as awards in activities related to the dramatic arts outside of school will be considered and judged on merit/appropriateness.
  - Participation in the school production as a main cast member in which they excelled and received critical acclaim from the audience as well as their peers.
  - The track record of the boy in terms of prior performances in school productions will be considered.

### Badge

- A Drama Badge is awarded to a Grade 7 boy who auditioned for, was cast and performed as a **supporting character** in a major school production in which there were at least 3 performances (including dress rehearsal/internal performance) **for two consecutive years** (i.e. Grade 6 and 7)
- A Drama Badge can be awarded to a Grade 7 boy who auditioned for, was cast and performed as a **lead role/character** in a major school production in which there were at least 3 performances (including dress rehearsal/internal performance). A lead role is as determined by either the script/playwright or by the director of the production.

- A Drama Badge will be awarded to a Grade 7 boy who, over the course of their Grade 6 and 7 years, was cast and performed in the school production (either as a main character or supporting character) **as well as** participating in a speech and drama festival or similar

#### General

- There is no favouritism, prejudice one way or the other, or bias when awarding colours or honours.
- No discussion or debate will be entered into with parents following the awarding of colours or honours.
- Colours will be awarded only once the Colours committee has sat, deliberated and discussed at length every boy who might be eligible.
- The Colours Committee will consist of the Headmaster, Head of Senior Primary, Deputy Head of Senior Primary, SP Drama Teacher and/or SP Production Director.