



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.

Public Speaking and Reading

Public Speaking and Reading Badges are awarded after the conclusion of the Public Speaking and Reading Competition, at the end of Term 3. The following criteria will be used to determine which boys receive Public Speaking and Reading Badges:

- Only Grade 7s are eligible to receive a badge
- The Grade 7 winners (Public Speaking and Reading) receive a badge
- If a boy is in the finals in both Gr 6 and 7, he receives a badge (this includes being a reserve in either or both Grades)