



HONOURS AND COLOURS
College Academic Awards and Recognition

Academic achievements are recognised in the following ways:

- Termly academic awards
- Celebration of Excellence

Termly awards

The termly awards are usually awarded at the first assembly of the following term.

The following results are used for the awards:

Term 1: Term 1 results

Term 2: Term 2 year-to-date results

Term 3: Term 3 results for Grade 8 - 11 and preliminary examination results for Grade 12

Term 4: Promotion mark

Celebration of Excellence (held in October)

Grade 8 - 12: Term 3 Year-to-date results

The results are calculated as follows:

Second term Year-to-date	Term 1	Term 2 CASS	Term 2 Examination
Grade 8 - 9	25%	15%	60%
Grade 10 - 12	15%	10%	75%

Third term Year-to-date	Term 1	Term 2 CASS	Term 2 Examination	Term 3
Grade 8 - 9	15%	10%	60%	15%
Grade 10 - 11	10%	5%	75%	10%

Third term Year-to-date	Preliminary examination	Portfolio (excluding preliminary examination)
Grade 12	75%	25%

Fourth term Promotion mark	Term 3 Year-to-date	Term 4 Examination
Grade 8 - 9	40%	60%
Grade 10 - 11	25%	75%

Academic achievements are recognised and awarded in the following ways:

Termly Awards

All learners who achieved an average of 80% or more will be ranked and announced in assembly.

Furthermore, recognition for the following will be made:

- **Overall Excellence Certificate:** To any learner who achieved 80% or more in every subject fully assessed.
- **Outstanding Achievement Certificate:** To any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but one subject fully assessed.
- **Commendable Achievement Certificate:** To any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but two subjects fully assessed.
- **Pass with Distinction Certificate:** To any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but three subjects fully assessed. The learner must have achieved 60% or more in the remaining three subjects.

Life Orientation and Technology (Grade 8 and 9) are currently not considered for these certificates.

Where a Grade 10 - 12 learner takes four elective subjects, his/her top three elective subjects will be used for the calculation of the average and for the awarding of certificates.

AP Mathematics and AP English are not used in the calculation for the average.

Celebration of Excellence

Subject recognition:

1. **Excellence in a subject** is awarded to any learner whose Term 3 year-to-date mark is 80% or more in a subject.
2. **Top Student per subject** is based on the Term 3 year-to-date mark.
This will not be awarded in any grade if there is only one student doing the subject.

General Academic Certificates of Recognition:

1. **Certificates:**
Overall Excellence Certificate is awarded to any learner who achieved 80% or more in every subject fully assessed.
Outstanding Achievement Certificate is awarded to any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but one subject fully assessed.
Commendable Achievement Certificate is awarded to any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but two subjects fully assessed.
Pass with Distinction Certificate is awarded to any learner who achieved 80% or more in all but three subjects fully assessed. The learner must have achieved 60% or more in the remaining subjects.
2. The **top ranked 5 learners per Grade** will be announced.
The number of As earned takes precedence over the average. The average is to be used in the event of a tie.
Calculation for rank ordering: Following number of distinctions or overall excellence / outstanding achievement / commendable achievement or pass with distinction.
3. **Half Colours Certificate** is awarded to any learner in Grade 10 - 12 who achieved a Commendable Achievement certificate.
4. **Colours Certificates** are awarded to learners who fulfil the following criteria:

Grade 10: To any learner who has maintained an overall average of 75% or more in Grade 8, 9 and 10. (Marks from other schools will be considered if handed in with enrolment at Oakhill School and considered relevant by the Honours and Colours committee members).

Grade 11: To any learner who has maintained an overall average of 75% or more in Grade 10 and 11.

Grade 12: A Senior Colours Certificate is awarded to any learner who has maintained an overall average of 75% or more in Grade 10, 11 and 12.

A **Special Colours Certificate** is awarded to any Grade 9 learner who is placed within the top 95th percentile in the IEB administered ACER IBTs (English and Mathematics). This would be awarded in Grade 10 once all the results have been received and analysed.

A **Special Colours Certificate** is awarded to any learner who gains recognition through winning a top place (first, second or third) in a national or international examination, olympiad or competition of a rigorous academic nature.

5. **Academic Honours** (Awarded in Grades 11 and 12 only):

Grade 11: To any learner who maintained an average of 80% or more in Grades 10 and 11.

Grade 12: To any learner who maintained an average of 80% or more in Grades 10, 11 and 12.

6. **Progress Award** is awarded to the learner who has increased their Year-to-date average (Term 3) the most, but by at least 10% from the previous year's Term 3 Year-to-date average. This Award may be awarded to learners from Grade 9 - 12. A Progress Shield will be awarded in Grade 12.

7. **Merit Awards**

Grade 9: Awarded to any learner who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 8 Term 3 year-to-date mark.

Grade 10: Awarded to any learner who improved 10% or more in English, Afrikaans or Mathematics from his/her Grade 9 Term 3 year-to-date mark. Merit awards are not awarded for other subjects in Grade 10 as the marks cannot be compared with the previous year's marks.

Grade 11: Awarded to any learner who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 10 Term 3 year-to-date mark.

Grade 12: Awarded to any learner who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 11 Term 3 year-to-date mark.

Merit Awards are not awarded to Grade 8s as their subject marks cannot be compared with the previous year's marks.

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