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## **OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL HONOURS AND COLOURS POLICY DOCUMENT**

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### **Certificates**

This document contains the criteria for assessing pupils' merits and awarding certificates.

#### **Grade 1, 2 & 3 – Celebration Certificates**

Each pupil will be presented with a certificate in recognition of and to celebrate their positive and unique contribution during the year.

The individual certificate citations will be written by the pupil's class teacher, highlighting:

- A specific area or areas in which they have excelled
- Commendable aspects of their character, their attitude and their behaviour
- Their strengths, talents, unique qualities and abilities
- The purpose of these certificates is to acknowledge and affirm the value of every pupil

#### **Grades 4 to 7**

- The first certificate comprises a testimonial of a maximum of four sentences written by the class teacher describing the pupil's uniqueness. These are to encompass overall achievement in academic, sports, and cultural areas, as well as character qualities recognised by their peers.
- The second certificate comprises academic achievement in each subject area from terms one to three. Academic achievement may be described as Excellence (Where an average of 80% or higher for the year to date is achieved), Progress, where there has been a significant and sustained increase in the mark from the first term and Diligence for sustained effort. These are decided at the teacher's discretion. For Grade 7 only; a Pass with Distinction is earned when a Grade 7 candidate earns an overall aggregate of at least 80% (for English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Natural Science & Technology, Social Sciences, EMS and Creative Arts).
- Sports achievements will be forwarded by sports coaches
- Cultural achievements will be forwarded by the Arts Department



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### **Academic Book Voucher Prizes and Trophies**

This document contains the criteria by which the merits of pupils will be assessed and by which book prizes and trophies will be awarded. All awards will be ratified by the Honours and Colours Committee. Awards will not be handed out if there are no legitimate recipients.

#### **Grades 4 – 7**

##### **BOOK VOUCHERS**

The teachers in each department consult to determine which pupils receive awards. Book vouchers are awarded.

##### **Top Pupils in Grade**

The top pupil in each grade, having achieved the highest overall aggregate from terms one to three. To be determined by class teachers.

##### **Progress Award**

Awarded to one or more pupils in Grades 4 and 5 who have achieved sustained, holistic progress throughout their academic year. To be nominated by the class teachers.

##### **Subject Prizes for Grade 7 only**

Awarded to the pupil with the highest aggregate from term one to three in each subject, respectively, but not including Physical Education, Life Orientation and Coding and Robotics. To be determined by subject teachers.

#### **Grades 4-7**

##### **PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**

##### **Head of Prep Recognition Award**

The Headmaster's Recognition Award is a certificate awarded to a Grade 7 pupil who, at the discretion of the Headmaster, has maintained a consistently high level of achievement in all spheres of school life. To be nominated by the Honours and Colours Committee and determined by the Headmaster in consultation with the Honours and Colours Committee.

##### **FLOATING TROPHIES**

The teachers in each department must please consult to determine which pupils should be awarded trophies.

##### **The Oakhill Prep School Warne trophy for Creative Writing**

Awarded to the pupil in Grade 7 for exemplary creative writing for that year. To be determined by the English teacher.

##### **The Oakhill Prep School Warne trophy for Storytelling in English**

Awarded to the pupil in Grade 7 for exemplary storytelling in that year. To be determined by the English teacher.



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The Oakhill Prep School Hayward trophy for Outstanding Progress in Grade 6

Awarded to the Grade 6 pupil who has achieved the greatest progress during the academic year. To be determined by the Grade 6 teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 for outstanding achievement in the entrepreneurial sphere. To be determined by the EMS teacher.

The Oakhill Prep School Powell trophy for Environmental Awareness

Awarded to any pupil in Grades 4 - 7 for significant environmental awareness. To be determined by the ECO committee, teachers in collaboration with the IP teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Award for Commitment to Afrikaans

Awarded to a Grade 7 pupil whose home language is not Afrikaans. The pupil has shown significant commitment to improving in the language over several years and is always giving his/her best in class and preparation for assessments. The pupil is enthusiastic about learning the language and highly engaged in lessons. To be determined by the Afrikaans Teacher.

The Oakhill Prep School "Out-of-the-box Thinking" Award

Awarded to a grade 7 pupil who has shown excellence in logical reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving. It also involves the acquisition and application of mathematical concepts and skills across a wide range of situations, including non-routine, open-ended and real-world problems. To be nominated and determined by the IP teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Educational Technology for Learning Award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 who consistently demonstrates their adoption of technology to enhance their ability to communicate, create, collaborate and think critically in a responsible manner. To be nominated and determined by the IP teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Award for Upholding the Ethos of the School

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 for independent thinking, the strength of character and respect for another's viewpoint, self-discipline, a desirable value system and moral code and embracing the "*Joy of Learning.*" To be determined by the IP teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Elna Brown Good Fellowship Award

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 who has proved over several years to be a true friend and confidant to the majority of members of the class, helped to nurture and foster the class spirit, helping individuals in times of need as well as the greater group on an ongoing basis. To be nominated by Grade 7 pupils and determined by the IP teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Allan Graham trophy for Outstanding Progress in Grade 7

Awarded to the Grade 7 pupil who has achieved the greatest progress during the academic year. To be determined by the Grade 7 teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School House Cup Award

The Oakhill Prep School Cultural Award (see arts criteria)

The Oakhill Prep School Spirit of Sport Award (see sports criteria)



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The Oakhill Prep School Top Pupil in Grade 7 Award

Awarded to the Grade 7 pupil with the highest overall aggregate from terms one to three. To be determined by the Grade 7 class teachers.

The Oakhill Prep School Achiever of the Year Award

Overall achiever of the year as voted by the Grade 7 pupils. To be determined by the IP teachers.

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**Sports Awards**

This document contains the criteria by which pupils will be assessed and sports awards presented. All awards will be ratified by the Honours and Colours Committee. Awards will not be handed out if there are no legitimate recipients.

GENERAL NOTES

An award may be made to a pupil who has already left Oakhill if a nominator feels that he/she has been overlooked or obtained the criteria in a specific sporting discipline after the last Honours and Colours Committee meeting of the year.

Training, attendance, correct attire, behaviour, attitude, discipline, sportsmanship, leadership, assistance towards the development of sport and service to the school are also brought into consideration for all awards.

Grade 4 - 7

SPORTS AWARDS

**Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Participation in Sport**

These certificates will be handed out with other celebration certificates by Class teachers. One certificate is awarded to each child, listing the codes and the age group represented in a particular year. To be determined by team coaches in collaboration with the Sports Department.

**BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD CERTIFICATES**

Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are awarded to those who have achieved significantly in a sports code recognised by Oakhill. A boy or girl who has been awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate has achieved the highest recognition for sport.

Oakhill Prep School Bronze Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated at KPSSSU or a similar regional level in a particular sport, but who have not qualified for provincial colours in that sport.

Oakhill Prep School Silver Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated at and received colours at a provincial level in a particular sport.



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Oakhill Prep School Gold Certificate: A certificate is awarded to pupils who have been selected for and have participated in and received colours at the national level in a particular sport or have been ranked nationally.

### CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR EXTERNAL SPORTS

Any achievement in a sport that is not officially on the Oakhill co-curricular programme will also be recognised at the IP Celebration. Certificates will be awarded to pupils who have represented a specific sporting discipline at a regional or provincial level and honourable mention at the national or international level.

The sporting disciplines may include, but are not restricted to:

- Surfing
- Lifesaving
- Mixed Martial Arts, Karate
- Equestrian
- Artistic Gymnastics

If any other sporting discipline in which an Oakhill pupil takes part is not covered in these Sporting Criteria, it will fall within this category.

### FLOATING TROPHIES

Recipients of the Floating trophies will be announced by the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in athletics. To be determined by athletics coaches and the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in athletics. To be determined by athletic coaches and the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL CHESS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 for significant achievement in chess. To be determined by the chess coach and the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL CRICKET PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in cricket. To be determined by cricket coaches and the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL GOLFER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in golf. To be determined by golf coaches and the Sports Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 - 7 for significant achievement in hockey. To be determined by hockey coaches and the Sports Department.



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OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 - 7 for significant achievement in hockey. To be determined by hockey coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in mountain biking. To be determined by mountain biking coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in mountain biking. To be determined by mountain biking coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL NETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Netball. To be determined by netball coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL RUGBY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in rugby. To be determined by rugby coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 - 7 for significant achievement in soccer. To be determined by soccer coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 - 7 for significant achievement in soccer. To be determined by soccer coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in swimming. To be determined by swimming coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in swimming. To be determined by swimming coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in tennis. To be determined by tennis coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in tennis. To be determined by tennis coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL WATER POLO PLAYER OF THE YEAR: BOY

Awarded to any boy in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Water Polo. To be determined by water polo coaches and the Sports Department.



OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL WATER POLO PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIRL

Awarded to any girl in Grades 4 – 7 for significant achievement in Water Polo. To be determined by water polo coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any Grade 7 boy who has excelled in at least two or more Oakhill sports, has continually set a good example and has demonstrated a committed and determined attitude towards sport throughout the year. To be determined by the coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any Grade 7 girl who has excelled in at least two or more Oakhill sports, has continually set a good example and has demonstrated a committed and determined attitude towards sport throughout the year. To be determined by the coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL **SPIRIT OF SPORT** AWARD

Awarded to any pupil in Grade 7 who best embodies the Spirit of Sport. It recognises a student who consistently demonstrates exceptional sportsmanship, an infectious enthusiasm, and an unwavering commitment to team culture. This individual's actions reflect our core values of respect, integrity, and positivity in all sporting endeavours. To be determined by all sports coaches and the Sports Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL TRUE GRIT TEAM AWARD

This award is presented to the team for demonstrating extraordinary grit, resilience, and determination. Through unwavering teamwork and an indomitable spirit, they have overcome challenges, displayed exceptional sportsmanship, and inspired others through their commitment to improvement in the pursuit of excellence. Their ability to face adversity with courage, keep focus amidst challenges, and support one another reflects the true spirit of teamwork.

NATIONAL FLOATING TROPHIES

National trophies will be re-awarded by the Sports Department.



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### ARTS AWARDS

This document contains the criteria by which pupils will be assessed and arts awards presented. All awards will be ratified by the Honours and Colours Committee. Awards will not be handed out if there are no legitimate recipients.

#### GENERAL NOTES

- As the nature of achievement in the Arts varies profoundly from other spheres of involvement, arts achievements cannot be judged exactly as sports or academic achievements.
- Time spent in an activity to achieve an award must be taken into account, e.g. time spent preparing for a school production, the hours put into an artwork and the fact that arts co-curricular activities carry on throughout the entire academic year.
- The impact that a pupil's achievement has had on the activity, especially within the school, i.e. increasing the profile of that activity at the school.
- Rehearsal, attendance, behaviour, attitude, discipline, leadership, assistance towards the development of younger artists and service to the school are also brought into consideration for all awards.

#### **Grade 4 – 7**

#### **Arts Certificates**

##### Oakhill Prep School Certificate of Participation in the Arts

These certificates will be handed out with other certificates by the class teachers.

One certificate is awarded to each child listing the instruments/ensembles/activities and level achieved in a particular year. To be determined by the HOD Arts in consultation with the teacher, conductor, facilitator or band leader in charge of said group.

#### **BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD ARTS CERTIFICATES**

##### **Art Criteria:**

##### **Bronze**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 1.1 Art piece selected for at least 1 local exhibition.
- 1.2 Achieved at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in a local competition.
- 1.3 Achieved at least a Gold certificate or the equivalent thereof at a local eisteddfod.



### **Silver**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 2.1 Achieved at least a 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in a local competition.
- 2.2 Achieved at least a Double Gold certificate (A++) at a local eisteddfod.

### **Gold**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 3.1 Achieved at least a 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in a local competition.
- 3.2 Achieved at least a Double Gold certificate (A++) for two or more pieces at a local Eisteddfod.

### **Drama Criteria:**

#### **Bronze**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 2.1 Achieved at least a Gold certificate (A+) or equivalent at a local Eisteddfod in an individual item.

#### **Silver**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 2.1 Achieved at least a Double Gold certificate (A++) or equivalent at a local Eisteddfod in at least two items, of which one should be an individual item.
- 2.2 Performed at the winner's concert at an Eisteddfod.

#### **Gold**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 3.1 Achieved a Double Gold certificate (A++) or equivalent at an Eisteddfod in at least three items of which two should be individual items.
- 3.2 Won a trophy at the winner's concert at the Eisteddfod.

### **Music Criteria:** (Individual, Choir, Marimba, Rock and Big Band, Ensemble)

#### **Bronze**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 2.1 Achieved at least a Gold certificate (A+) or equivalent at a local eisteddfod in an individual item.
- 2.2 Achieved above 75% in the Trinity Examination for an individual instrument.



### **Silver**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 2.1 Achieved at least a Double Gold certificate (A++) or equivalent at a local eisteddfod in at least two items, of which one should be an individual item.
- 2.2 Performed at the winner's concert at an eisteddfod.
- 2.3 Achieved above 80% in the Trinity Examination for an individual instrument

### **Gold**

A pupil needs to meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 3.1 Achieved a Double Gold certificate (A++) or equivalent at an eisteddfod in at least three items of which two should be individual items.
- 3.2 Won a trophy at the winner's concert at the eisteddfod.
- 3.3 Achieved above 85% in the Trinity Examination for an individual instrument

### CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR EXTERNAL CULTURAL AWARDS

Any achievement in arts activities that is not officially on the co-curricular programme will also be recognised at the IP Celebration. Certificates will be awarded to pupils who have represented a specific cultural discipline at a regional or provincial level and honourable mention at a national or international level. These disciplines include:

- Dance
- Concerts with external art/ dance/ drama or music studios.
- Examinations with external art/ dance/ drama or music studios.

If any other cultural disciplines in which an Oakhill pupil takes part are not covered in these criteria, they will fall within this category.

### **FLOATING TROPHIES:**

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL BRASS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 who has shown commitment and significant achievement in playing a brass instrument. Has to attend an individual lesson as well as band or ensemble practices. To be determined by the Music teacher in collaboration with the Music Department.

#### OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL MARIMBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 who has shown commitment and significant achievement in Marimba playing. Has to attend Marimba class as well as band practices. To be determined by the Marimba coach in collaboration with the Music Department.



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OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL PERCUSSION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 who has shown commitment and significant achievement in playing a percussion instrument. Has to attend an individual lesson as well as band or ensemble practices. To be determined by the Music teacher in collaboration with the Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL STRINGS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 who has shown commitment and significant achievement in playing a string instrument. Has to attend an individual lesson as well as band or ensemble practices. To be determined by the Music teacher in collaboration with the Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL WIND INSTRUMENT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to any pupil from Grades 4-7 who has shown commitment and significant achievement in playing a wind instrument. Has to attend an individual lesson as well as band or ensemble practices. To be determined by the Music teacher in collaboration with the Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL IP BAND TROPHY

Awarded to any pupil from Gr 7 who has been voted by their fellow band members to show commitment and significant achievement in playing for the IP Band for at least two years. To be determined by the conductor and assistant of the band in collaboration with the Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL IP CHOIR TROPHY

Awarded to any pupil from Gr 7 who has been voted by their fellow choir members to show commitment and significant achievement in the IP Choir for at least two years. To be determined by the conductor, assistant and accompanist of the choir in collaboration with the Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL JOY OF ART AWARD

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in co-curricular Art. To the pupil who promotes Art continually through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Art Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory Art Teacher.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL JOY OF DRAMA AWARD

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in co-curricular Drama To the pupil who promotes Drama continually through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Drama Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory Drama Teacher.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL JOY OF MUSIC AWARD

For enthusiastic participation and significant achievement in co-curricular Music To the pupil who promotes Music continually through interactions with teachers, peers and parents. The Joy of Music Award is decided upon by the Oakhill Preparatory Music Department.

OAKHILL PREP SCHOOL CULTURAL AWARD



This trophy is awarded to the Grade 7 pupil who has excelled in at least two of the three spheres of Art, Drama and Music - including excellence in at least two cultural extra-murals and excellence in at least two cultural subjects. This pupil promotes and nurtures the love for the Arts within their peers as well as within themselves. This pupil is an ambassador for the Arts, has promoted the Arts continually through interactions with teachers, parents and their peers and epitomises the creativity and uniqueness that is Oakhill School. To be determined by the Art, Drama and Music teachers.

#### OTHER AWARDS

Where pupils need to be recognised for significant achievements not included in the above, an application should be made to the Honours and Colours Committee for consideration. Achievements may include, but are not restricted to, one of the following:

- External Dance Examinations
- External Music Examinations
- External Art Competitions