



THE JOY OF LEARNING

HONOURS AND COLOURS

College Academic Awards and Recognition

Academic achievements are recognised in the following ways:

- Termly academic awards
- Annual 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 CASS and Exam Results

Term 3: Term 3 CASS

Term 4: Final promotion mark

Celebration of Excellence (held in October)

Grade 8 - 11: Term 3 Year-to-date results

Grade 12: Preliminary examinations and Internal Portfolio of the year's work

The results are calculated as follows:

Terms 1 and 3	CASS: continuous work completed through the term
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Second term	Term 2 CASS	Term 2 Examination
Grade 8 - 9	40%	60%
Grade 10 - 12	25%	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 students who achieved an aggregate 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 student who achieved 80% or more in every subject fully assessed. This includes Life Orientation.
- **Outstanding Achievement Certificate:** To any student who achieved 80% or more in all but one subject fully assessed. (80% or more in Life Orientation is a requirement)
- **Commendable Achievement Certificate:** To any student who achieved 80% or more in all but two subjects fully assessed. (80% or more in Life Orientation is a requirement)
- **Pass with Distinction Certificate:** To any student who achieved 80% or more in all but three subjects fully assessed. The student must have achieved 60% or more in the remaining three subjects.

Coding and Robotics (Grade 8 and 9) is currently not considered for these certificates.

In Grades 8 and 9: Students with Immigrant status carry 1 less subject than others. This will be taken into consideration when awarding the rank order.

Students with an exemption from the second official language: Although Afrikaans is studied until the end of grade 9, the results will not be considered.

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. Further Studies Mathematics and Further Studies English are not considered for these certificates.

Celebration of Excellence

Subject recognition:

1. **Excellence in a subject** is awarded to any student 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. This will only be awarded to Grade 12 students if the top student achieved a minimum of 75%. In Grade 12 the subject shield will only be awarded if the Top Student also achieves over 80% in a subject.

General Academic Certificates of Recognition:

1. Certificates:

Overall Excellence Certificate is awarded to any student who achieved 80% or more in every subject fully assessed. This includes Life orientation.

Outstanding Achievement Certificate is awarded to any student who achieved 80% or more in all but one subject fully assessed. (80% or more in Life Orientation is a requirement)

Commendable Achievement Certificate is awarded to any student who achieved 80% or more in all but two subjects fully assessed. (80% or more in Life Orientation is a requirement)

Pass with Distinction Certificate is awarded to any student who achieved 80% or more in all but three subjects fully assessed. The student must have achieved 60% or more in the remaining subjects.

2. The **top ranked 5 students 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.

The Dux Scholar: Is a shield award presented to the top ranked matric.

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

4. **Merit Awards**

Grade 9: Awarded to any student who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 8 promotion mark.

Grade 10: Awarded to any student who improved 10% or more in English, Afrikaans or Mathematics from his/her Grade 9 promotion 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 student who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 10 promotion mark.

Grade 12: Awarded to any student who improved 10% or more in a subject from his/her Grade 11 promotion mark.

Merit Awards are not awarded to Grade 8s as their subject marks cannot be

compared with the previous year's marks.

5. **Diligence Awards:** We recognise a student in each grade for ongoing hard work. This award is voted for by the students of a grade in a secret ballot. This is managed by the relevant grade head. The Academic Director and honours and Colours committee reserves the right to withhold this award if the sincerity of the vote is doubted in any way.

In matric there is a Diligence shield that will be awarded.

Honours and Colours Criteria

1. **Half Colours Certificate** is awarded to any student in Grade 10 - 12 who achieved a Commendable Achievement certificate.

2. **Full Colours Certificates** are awarded to students who fulfil the following criteria:

Grade 10: To any student 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 student 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 student 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 student who is placed within the top 95th percentile in the IEB administered ACER IBTs (At least TWO of Reasoning, 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 student 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.

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

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

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