

Durban Girls' High School

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DURBAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS POLICY

1. All awards are made at the discretion of the awards committee.

1.1. Awards Committee

The Awards Committee will consist of:

- The Principal
- A Deputy Principal
- A Member of Management representing Academics
- The Head of Cultural and Service Activities
- The Head of Sport
- A Learner representing Academics
- A Learner representing Culture and Service
- A Learner representing Sport
- Staff members representing specific areas under discussion, if warranted.

1.2. Presentation of Awards

Awards are to be presented on the following occasions:

- DGHS Prize-Giving and Senior Speech Day & Prize-Giving
- Mini Prize-Givings
- Assemblies, at the discretion of the committee

1.3. Meetings

- Meetings must be called at least once a term.
- A secretary must be appointed to take minutes of each meeting.
- The records of minutes of all meetings must be available.

1.4. General Guidelines

1.4.1. The criteria must be followed at all times.

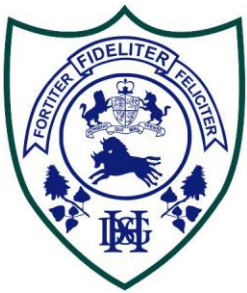
1.4.2 Any suggested change to the policy must be submitted to the School Governing Body for ratification upon consensus of the committee.

1.4.3. Prospective awards are to be motivated for in writing and submitted to the relevant Awards Committee member.

1.4.4 All awards will be decided at a meeting of the Awards Committee.

1.4.5 Awards will only be given once the learner has qualified/been selected and participated, with written notification from the statutory body governing the activity.



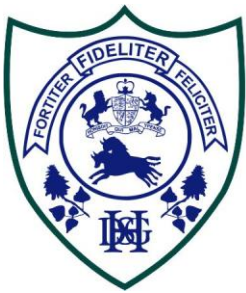


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- 1.4.6. A learner will only receive an award if she meets one of the following criteria:
- 1.4.6.1. the activity is offered by the school and the learner participates at school level;
 - 1.4.6.2. the activity is offered at an inter-school level and the learner represents the school;
 - 1.4.6.3. the activity is not offered by the school, but the learner shows a spirit of participation in the extra-curricular programme.
- 1.4.7. A learner must be a good role model and display qualities of good sportsmanship, and show both commitment and enthusiasm. Awards will only be considered for a learner whose support and behaviour have been a credit to her school.
- 1.4.8. Awards may be withdrawn if subsequent behaviour brings discredit to the school, or is deemed to be unacceptable under the Code of Conduct. Decisions of this nature will be made by the Awards Committee on representation from the management of the school.
- 1.4.9. Learners in Grades 10, 11 and 12 may qualify for:
Honours – certificate, scroll and braid
Colours – certificate, scroll and braid
Half Colours – certificate, scroll and braid
Merit Certificate – certificate only
- Learners in Grades 8 and 9 may qualify for:
Junior Honours – certificate and scroll
Junior Colours – certificate and scroll
Merit Certificate – certificate only
- 1.4.10. Only one scroll will be awarded once per code.
- 1.4.11. A learner must have sustained involvement and participation in the activity/activities that qualified her for the award and in order for her to retain the award.
- 1.4.12. The Awards Committee reserves the right to decide and assess motivations for prospective awards that are outside the ambit of this awards policy.
- 1.4.13. The Awards Committee reserves the right to apply the general principles set out in this document i.e.:
- that representing South Africa will be awarded with Honours,
 - that representing the Province will be awarded with Colours
- to all activities and codes not stipulated in this policy. This includes but is not limited to: Life Saving, Open Water Swimming, Scouting, Surfing, Rowing.
- 1.4.14. The Awards Committee reserves the right to bestow an award for an event/competition not specified in the policy, if organised by an accredited and reputable organisation.





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2. Description Of Awards

Honours	Honours braid around edge of blazer, pockets and above the end of sleeves. Honours scroll under school badge on pocket.
Colours	Colours braid around edge of blazer, pockets and above the end of sleeves. Colours scroll under school badge on pocket.
Half-Colours	Colours braid around edge of blazer pockets and above the end of sleeves. Colours scroll under school badge on pocket.
Re-Awards	Certificate with FULL / HALF COLOURS or HONOURS RE-AWARD typed onto it.
Junior Honours	Honours scroll under school badge on pocket.
Junior Colours	Colours scroll under school badge of pocket.
Merit Certificate	Certificate with MERIT AWARD and the Academic / Cultural / Sport Activity or Academic Merit to be typed onto it.
Certificates of Achievement	To be given with Sporting / Cultural Trophies. Certificate with ACHIEVEMENT AWARD and the Academic / Cultural / Sport Activity to be typed onto it.
Service Awards	Certificates given to learners for sustained contribution to various aspects of school activity.

NOTE:

If a learner is not able to write an examination/s with or without a valid reason:

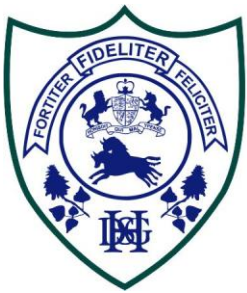
- The learner will not be eligible for an academic award, placement award or prize where this examination/s form/s part of the award criteria.
- This does not preclude the learner from receiving a subject award – if she has completed all the assessments that form part of the subject award criteria.



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3. Academic Awards

3.1. FET Phase

- based on 7 NSC subjects offered at DGHS – a total of 700 marks (in the instance of a learner taking 8 subjects offered by DGHS, the marks in the top 7 subjects will be counted)

GRADE	MERIT	HALF-COLOURS	COLOURS	HONOURS
Grades 10 – 12	490 – 524 marks 70 – 74%	525 – 559 marks 75 – 79%	560 – 594 marks 80 – 84%	595 marks → 84% →

3.2. Senior Phase

GRADE	MERIT	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCROLL
Grades 8 and 9	75 – 79%	80 – 84%	85% →

3.3. Olympiads

The Olympiad must be the recognised national competition in the given subject field and run by an accredited and reputable organisation.

HONOURS Positions 1 – 15 in RSA

COLOURS Positions 16 - 50 in RSA

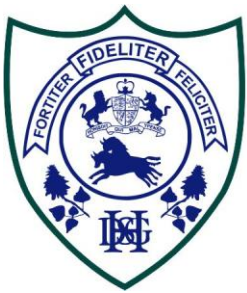
HALF COLOURS Positions 51 –100 in RSA



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3.4. Academic Enrichment and Extension Activities

Including but not limited to: Public Speaking, Model UN, Quizzes, Moot Court, expos, subject competitions.

To be recognised for an award, achievement must be in an activity run by an accredited and reputable organisation.

All activities to be assessed at the discretion of the relevant Head of Subject and the Awards Committee.

HONOURS

Selection for and representation of South Africa in the relevant activity.
Top placement in national competition.

COLOURS

Selection for and representation of KZN in the relevant activity.
Top placement in provincial competition.

HALF COLOURS

Selection for and representation of Ethekwini region in the relevant activity.
Top placement in regional competition.

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Selection for and representation of district in the relevant activity.
Top placement in district competition.



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4. Cultural Awards

4.1. Art

To be recognised for an award in Visual Arts, the learner must win (or be a member of the team that wins) a competition run by an accredited and reputable organisation.

For example:

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

Adobe Youth Voices – International

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

Vega Vibe – National

HALF COLOURS

Vega Vibe – Regional

Any other competitions to be assessed at the discretion of the Head of Visual Arts in liaison with the Awards Committee.

4.2. Creative Writing

To be recognised for an award for Creative Writing, the learner must win a competition run by an accredited and reputable organisation or be published in a publication of an accredited and reputable organisation.

For example:

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

Commonwealth Essay Competition - International

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

Publication in *English Alive* - National

HALF COLOURS

Douglas Livingstone Competition - Regional

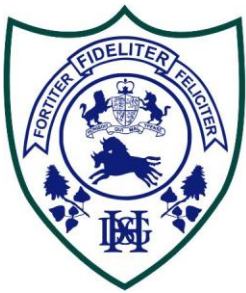
Any other competitions to be assessed at the discretion of the Head of Afrikaans, English or isiZulu, in liaison with the Awards Committee.



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4.3. Drama

The following areas of performance are under consideration:

- Performing in external production of an accredited and reputable organisation.
- Stage Manager/Main Lighting Technician/Main Sound Technician in external production of an accredited and reputable organisation.
- Winning National and/or International Drama competitions, festivals, scholarships etc. of reputable and accredited organisation.

For example:

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

Recipient of ACT/DALRO/Nedbank performance scholarship (equivalent to being placed first in South Africa); overseas scholarship for performance/theatre studies/theatrical design etc. to recognised, accredited university or place of study.

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

Leading/principal role awarded in external recognised production (eg. KZN Young Performers or productions by the Playhouse Company, Kickstart or equivalent where auditions are open to all of KZN).

Significant technical backstage role in external recognised production (eg. KZN Young Performers, The Playhouse Company, Kickstart etc. or equivalent where auditions are open to all of KZN).

Winner of award in reputable provincial Drama competitions or festivals, where competitors have entered from all of KZN.

HALF COLOURS

Winner of award in reputable district Drama competitions or festivals where competitors are drawn from all of Durban and the local areas.

Selected for a leading/significant supporting role in local production where auditions are drawn from Durban (eg: boys' schools, local theatre etc.).

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Ensemble role awarded in external recognised production (eg: KZN Young Performers, The Playhouse Company, Kickstart or other equivalent).

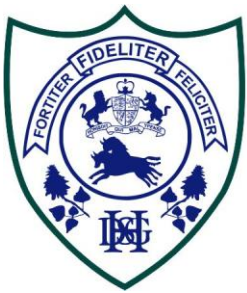
Any other participation to be assessed at the discretion of the Head of Drama, in liaison with the Awards Committee



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4.4. Debating

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JUNIOR HONOURS

Selection for, and participation in, SA team for World Championships.

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

Selection for, and participation in, the KZN team at the SASDA National Tournament.

HALF COLOURS

Selection for, and participation in, the Durban team at the KZN SDA Provincial Tournament.

MERIT

Selection for, and participation in, the Durban team at the KZN SDA Provincial Tournament (Grades 8 – 9).

4.5. Music

HONOURS

National Youth Orchestra or National Youth Choir
Qualified at Grade 6 level or above.

COLOURS

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Wind Band and qualified at Grade 4 level or above in relevant instrument.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Orchestra and qualified at Grade 4 level or above in relevant instrument.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Choir.

HALF COLOURS

Winner of award in reputable district Music (vocal or instrumental) competitions or festivals or eistedfods where competitors are drawn from all of Durban and the local areas.

Selected for a leading/significant musical (instrumental or vocal) role in local production where auditions are drawn from Durban (eg: boys' schools, local theatre etc.).

JUNIOR HONOURS

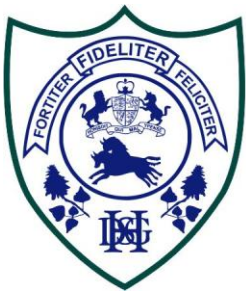
National Youth Orchestra
National Youth Choir

JUNIOR COLOURS

Completion of a year as a member of the KZN Youth Orchestra or the KZN Youth Wind Band.

Completion of a year with the KZN Youth Choir.





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5. Sports Awards

5.1. Codes, including but not limited to the following, will have the same criteria:
BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, CHESS, CRICKET, DANCE, INDOOR &
OUTDOOR HOCKEY, ACTION & OUTDOOR NETBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER,
TENNIS, TOUCH, VOLLEYBALL & WATER POLO

HONOURS	SA Team (U19, U18, U17, U16)
COLOURS	KZN Team (U19A, U18A, U17A, U16A, U15A)
HALF COLOURS	KZN Team (U19B, U18B, 17B, 16B, U15B)
JUNIOR HONOURS	SA Team
JUNIOR COLOURS	KZN A Team
MERIT CERTIFICATE	Grade 8 – 12: Umlazi District Team U14 – U19 Grade 8 – 9: KZN B Team

Note: the above are awarded on participation and representation, not selection.

5.2. Athletics and Cross Country

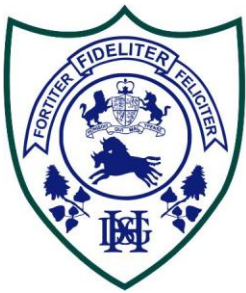
HONOURS	SA U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 Team – providing athlete attains 901 – 1000 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field.
COLOURS	KZN U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 Team – providing athlete attains 861 – 900 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field. Achievement at inter-school meeting achieving a 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 and attaining 861 – 900 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field.
HALF COLOURS	Umlazi District U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 Team – providing athlete attains 701 - 860 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field. Achievement at inter-school meeting achieving a 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position U16 / 17 / 18 / 19 and attaining 701 – 860 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field.
JUNIOR HONOURS	SA U14 / 15 Team – providing athlete attains 901 – 1000 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field.



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JUNIOR COLOURS

KZN U14 / 15 Team – providing athlete attains 861 – 900 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field

Achievement at Inter-school meeting achieving a 1st, 2nd or 3rd position U14 / 15 and attaining 861 – 900 points in accordance with APE Tables for track and field.

5.4. Climbing – Bouldering, Lead & Speed

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

SA Representation

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

KZN Representation

HALF COLOURS

Placed top 3 in school climbing competition, in Open or U17 age group.

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Placed top 3 in school climbing competition, in U15/U14/U13 age group.

5.5. Equestrian

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

SA Representation

SANESA RECOMMENDATIONS:

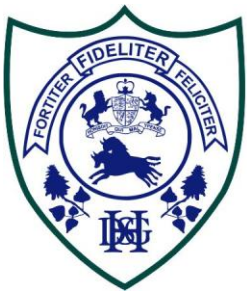
DISCIPLINE	MERIT	HALF COLOURS	FULL COLOURS
Jumping	60 to 80cm Level 1-2	90cm – 110cm Level 3 - 5	120cm - Level 6-7
Dressage	Level 1-2	Level 3 + 5	Level 6-7
Dressage – Prix Caprelli	Level 1	Level 4	Level 7
Equitation	Level 1-2	Level 3-4	Level 6-7
Showing	Level 1	Level 3 & 5	Level 7
Western Mounted Games	Level 1	Level 4	Level 7
Eventing	Level 1	Level 3 & 5	Level 6-7
Endurance	Level 1	Level 3 & 5	Level 7



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5.6. Gymnastics – Artistic & Rhythmic

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

SA Representation

COLOURS

JUNIOR COLOURS

KZN Representation

Participation in the National Championships (Gym Games)

HALF COLOURS

Qualification for and participation in Provincial Championships

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Performing at Levels 1 – 3 in Club, District and Zonal events

5.7. Majorettes

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

SA Representation

COLOURS

KZN Team Representation for 3 years

HALF COLOURS

KZN Team Representation for 2 years

JUNIOR COLOURS

KZN Team Representation for 2 years

5.8. Swimming

HONOURS

JUNIOR HONOURS

SA Representation

COLOURS

KZN Representation

Participation in the SA Senior National Aquatics Championships

HALF COLOURS

Performing at Level 3

MERIT

District Representation and performing at Level 2

JUNIOR COLOURS

KZN Representation

Participation in the SA Junior National Aquatics Championships



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