

Coleraine Grammar School Honours and Awards

School Honours and Awards exist to recognise and celebrate the achievements of pupils in a wide variety of activities and to encourage pupils to participate and strive for excellence in their particular field.

The pupils who achieve these awards have shown sustained, exemplary and exceptional commitment to the ethos and values of the school that promote:

- the development of talent and ambition
- the pursuit of excellence
- respect of self and others
- quality of opportunity and inclusion
- courage, determination and inspiration

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- The following School Honours and Awards Criteria are minimum criteria – a pupil's performance, loyalty, character, integrity and behaviour will also be taken into account. Honours and Colours must therefore not be regarded as being an automatic award for playing in a first team or equivalent, even one that wins a competition.
- Honours and Colours are awarded at the discretion of the teacher in charge of each club or society. Recommendations must be passed by the Awards Committee and ratified by the Senior Management Team.
- It is recognised that there must be some provision for exceptional circumstances and in such cases the Awards committee will make a judgement based on the recommendation of the teacher in charge of each club or society. Exceptional circumstances would, for example, include a situation where a pupil is unable to meet criteria because of illness or serious injury. In the event of illness or a serious injury a pupil's previous commitment to the club or society will also be taken into account.
- A school club or society may be considered for Awards once it has been established within the school/represented the school for a minimum period of two years.
- School Honours and Awards criteria exist to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our pupils. Any recommendations for changes to the standards of the Awards criteria will be guided by this principle. Changes proposed by the Awards Committee will be subsequently ratified by the Senior Management Team.

The Awards Committee will normally meet in the 2nd last week of the Spring and Summer terms so that awards can be ratified by SMT before presentation in the last week of term.

SCHOOL HONOURS AND COLOURS AWARDS CRITERIA

Award	Definition	Minimum Criteria
Junior Colours Years 9 to 11	The Award of Junior Colours recognises those pupils who have given sustained commitment (minimum two years) to a school sport, activity or club and/or achieved significant success at inter-school and/or provincial level. They may also be awarded to pupils in Years 10 and 11 who meet the criteria for Senior Honours/Colours. Pupils who have participated in a school sport, activity or club may attain Junior Colours (Participation) award. The Junior badge (only) is worn by those pupils who receive Junior colours for <u>Participation</u>. Pupils who have participated and achieved in a school sport, activity or club may attain Junior Colours (Achievement) award. The school crested red tie (with stripe) and Junior badge are to be worn by those pupils who receive Junior colours for <u>Participation and Achievement</u>.	The recipient of a Junior Colours Award MUST fulfil the following criteria: 1. have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the sport/activity, team members, coaches and staff at all times. 2. have demonstrated a high level of ability, commitment and sportsmanship with due regard to comparative standards. 3. have given a sustained commitment (in normal circumstances a minimum 2 years) and been a regular member of the appropriate Team/Squad/Club. 4. meet any specific criteria set by the member of staff in charge of the sport/activity and agreed by the Awards Committee.
Senior Colours Years 12 to 14	The Award of Senior Colours recognises those pupils who have given sustained commitment to a school sport, activity or club and achieved at senior inter-school level. Senior Colours may also recognise those pupils who fall short of the playing standard required but have given a sustained commitment (minimum 2 years) and proved capable in an organisational/administrative capacity to a particular Club/Society. The school crested green tie (with stripe) is worn by those who receive Senior colours.	The recipient of a Senior Colours Award must fulfil the following criteria: 1. have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the sport, team members, coaches and staff at all time. 2. have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of ability, commitment and sportsmanship with due regard to comparative standards. 3. have given a sustained commitment and been a regular member of the appropriate Team/Squad/Club.

		4. meet any specific criteria set by the member of staff in charge of the sport/activity and agreed by the Awards Committee.
Honours Years 12 to 14 Senior Team/Age Group only	The Award of Honours recognises those pupils who have given sustained commitment beyond the normal expectations to a school sport, activity or club and have achieved success at senior inter-school level. They are normally awarded to pupils in Years 12-14, and at the earliest at the end of the academic year in Year 12. Honours are also awarded to the Head Boy and Head Girl. The Honours blazer and school crested green tie (with stripe) are worn by those who receive School Honours.	The recipient of an Honours Award must fulfil the criteria applicable to Senior Colours as well as the specific criteria set for Honours by the member of staff in charge of the sport/activity/club and agreed by the Awards Committee.
Representative Honours Years 12 to 14	Representative Honours is presented to pupils who show outstanding ability in a particular school sport or other activity at provincial and/or national level, together with a high degree of sportsmanship in all of his or her sporting activities. They are normally awarded to pupils in Years 12-14 who attain U18/U19 representative standard, and normally at the earliest at the end of the academic year in Year 12. The Honours blazer and school crested green tie (with stripe) are worn by those who receive Representative Honours, with added designation on Honours blazer badge, e.g. Ulster U18, Ireland U18, NI U18.	As well as meeting the general criteria for Honours, the recipient must have represented their province or country successfully in an international sports competition and promoted the School values through his or her participation. Given the exceptionally high level of achievement and representation required for a Representative Honours, it is likely that recipients will normally be in the Senior School.

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR AWARD (Junior School Ambassador Yr 8-11 / Senior School Ambassador Yr 12-14)

The School Ambassador Award Certificate recognises **outstanding** ability and/or an **exceptional** achievement or contribution by a pupil in a sport or other activity **not** available in the School. This award is the equivalent of a Special Award and therefore will only be awarded to those whose achievements have a significant and far-reaching impact beyond school. Given the exceptionally high level of achievement and/or sporting representation required for an Ambassador Award, it is likely that recipients will normally be in the Senior School.

Nominations for the Junior School Ambassador Award (Years 8-11) and the Senior School Ambassador Award (Years 12-14) should be made, in writing, to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Additional Awards criteria (designation on Honours Blazer pocket in brackets)

Additional Qualifying Criteria by Activity – Guidelines only and subject to on-going review by Awards Committee. Activities not listed are covered under minimum criteria.

ACTIVITY	Representative Honours (additional criteria)	Honours Years 12, 13 and 14 (additional criteria)	Senior Colours Years 12, 13 and 14 (additional criteria)	Junior Colours Years 9, 10 and 11 (additional criteria) Participation: Badge Achievement: Tie (and Badge)
Angling Club (ANGLING)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools (at least one year as senior pupil or as Year 12 pupil in calendar year age category).	Must be a member of the school senior team.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Must have competed at Ulster schools Championships either as an Individual or as part of a team.
Art (ART)		Have individual art work displayed outside school at external Ulster exhibition, e.g. True Colours, Ulster Academy.	Sustained commitment in leading Junior Art Club.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Have individual art work not related to classroom work displayed outside school, e.g. external exhibition.
Athletics Club (ATHLETICS)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Representing the School at Ulster competition level (at least one year as senior pupil or as Year 12 pupil in calendar year age category).	Compete for the school at District level and at inter-school meetings.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Badminton Club (BADMINTON)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Played 75% of regular season U19 matches (at least one year as senior pupil in calendar year age category) and/or Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.	Must have played on the Junior team in Year 11 and the Senior team in Year 12 (or as Year 12 pupil in calendar year age category).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Bridge (BRIDGE)		Represent Bridge Club in interschool's competition for three years (at least one year as senior pupil).	Success (1 st or 2 nd in Intermediate level Novice tournament).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Success (1 st or 2 nd in Novice tournament).
Cricket Club (CRICKET)	Must represent at least one of the following: - NWCU U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19	1 st XI in at least 75% of all regular season matches (at least one year as Senior pupil) Play in at least one Schools' Cup Match. or	Must have played a significant number of matches for the 1 st XI. Two years on 2 nd XI or 3 rd XI.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/NWCU representative.

	Any other international U18/U19 team	Captain of 2 nd XI. and Demonstrate a commitment to school cricket throughout school career.		
Dance (DANCE)	Must represent at least one of the following: • NI U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Must have competed and achieved a Top 6 place at the Ulster championships as an individual competitor or member of a team/school team (at least one year as senior pupil). or Attain Grade 6 standard (Ballet)	Qualified for the Ulster or Northern Ireland championships and competed as an individual competitor or member of team/school team (at least one year as senior pupil). or Attain Grade 5 standard (Ballet)	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I./Ulster finalist or representative.
Debating, Public Speaking, Bar Mock Trial (DEBATING)		Compete at semi-final/final stage of N.I. schools level.	Success/Placed at Public Speaking/Debating/Bar Mock Trial at local level. or Success in at least x3 Concern debate fixtures.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I. finalist/N.I. representative. or Success in at least x3 Concern debate fixtures.
Drama (DRAMA)		Have played a significant leading speaking role in school productions. Have played a very significant ' <i>behind the scenes</i> ' role in an aspect of a production.	Have played a supporting role/minor speaking role in school productions. Have played a significant ' <i>behind the scenes</i> ' role in an aspect of a production.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Outstanding lead performance in school production.
Equestrian (EQUESTRIAN)	Must represent at least one of the following: • Ulster U18/U19 • Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Take part in at least 75% of events for senior team (at least one year as senior pupil). and/or Placed top three in at least one major competition (at least one year as senior pupil).	Compete in majority of Inter schools events	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Football Club (FOOTBALL)	Must represent at least one of the following: • N.I. U18/U19 Any other U18/U19 International XI	1 st XI in 75% of all regular season matches. Play in at least one Schools Cup/Plate Match. or Captain of 2 nd XI.	Must have played in part or all of 75% of matches for the Under 16 team (at least one year as Senior pupil). or Cup finalist/N.I. representative.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Cup finalist/N.I. representative.
Golf Club (GOLF)	Must represent at least one of the following: • Ulster U18/U19 • Irish U18/U19	Represent school at both Ulster Schools Senior Championships or at Irish Schools Senior Championships (at least one year as senior pupil). and/or	Member of the Senior team (at least one year as senior pupil).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative or Development squad. Play 75% of all regular season matches.

	Any other international U18/U19 team	Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.		
Gymnastics (GYMNASTICS)	Must represent at least one of the following: - NI U18/U19 - Ireland U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Must have competed and achieved a Top 6 place at the Northern Ireland championships as an individual competitor or member of a team/school team (at least one year as senior pupil).	Qualified for the Northern Ireland championships and competed as an individual competitor or member of team/school team (at least one year as senior pupil).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I./Ulster finalist or representative.
Harriers Club (HARRIERS)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Must compete at Ulster Senior Level or qualify Irish level (at least one year as senior pupil).	Must compete at Ulster Intermediate Level.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Hockey (HOCKEY)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	1 st XI in at least 75% of all regular season matches (at least one year as senior pupil) Play in at least one Ulster Schools' Cup Match. or Captain 2 nd XI.	Two years on 2 nd XI or 2 nd X1 'B' Three years in 2 nd XI 'B'	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: 'A' XI in at least 75% of all regular season matches. and/or Played in at least one Cup/Shield match or Ulster finalist/Ulster representative. or Cup finalist/League Winners
Judo (JUDO)	Must represent at least one of the following: NI U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Must have competed and/or won a medal at the Northern Ireland Schools championships as an individual competitor (at least one year as senior pupil).	Must have competed at the Northern Ireland Schools championships as an individual competitor or as part of a team.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I. finalist.
Karting (KARTING)	Must represent at least one of the following: NI U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Must have competed and/or won a medal at the Northern Ireland Schools championships as an individual competitor or member of school team (at least one year as senior pupil).	Must have competed at the Northern Ireland Schools championships as an individual competitor or as part of a team.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I./Ulster finalist or representative.
Music (MUSIC)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster Youth Orchestra - National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland - Irish Youth Orchestra	Attained Grade 6 standard and Excellent attendance at Senior Choir/Senior Orchestra/ instrumental/vocal lessons. and	Attained Grade 5 standard and Soloist/Accompanist/Member of Orchestra/Choir at Carol Services and/or Spring Concerts (at least one year as Senior pupil).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Attained Grade 4 standard on instrument/voice and a member of orchestra/choir Or One public performance of their own individual composition.

	Any other international U18/U19 orchestra/choir	Soloist/Accompanist/Member of Orchestra/Choir at Carol Services and/or Spring Concerts (at least two years) or At least one public performance of their own work/composition (at least one year as senior pupil).		
Netball (NETBALL)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	1 st VII in at least 75% of all regular season matches (at least one year as senior pupil). Play in at least one Schools' Cup Match. and/or Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.	Must have played a significant number of matches for the 1 st VII.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: 'A' VII in at least 75% of all regular season matches. Played in a least one Cup/Shield match or Ulster finalist/Ulster representative. Cup finalist/League Winners.
Rowing Club (ROWING)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	1 st or 2 nd place major regattas on two or more occasions, J16 level and above or Pennant award, J16 level and above during Head of the River Race (at least one year as senior pupil or as Year 12 pupil in calendar year age category).	Any Senior pupil who has represented the school and/or given a sustained commitment and proved capable in an organisational/administrative/coaching capacity.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Medal at Rowing Ireland regatta
Rugby (RUGBY)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	1 st XV or Senior '7's' team in 75% of all regular season matches. Play in at least one Schools Cup/Shield Match or Sevens Tournament. or Captain of 2 nd XV.	Must have played a significant number of matches for 1 st XV. or Must have played in part or all of 75% of matches for the Under 16/Sevens team (at least one year as Senior pupil). or Two years on 2 nd XV or 3 rd XV.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Medallion 'A' XV in at least 75% of all regular season matches.] and/or Play in at least one Medallion or Medallion Shield/Plate Match. or Provincial tournament winners/finalists
Sailing Club (SAILING)	Must represent at least one of the following: N.I. U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Achieve Top third in Provincial Championship(s) (at least one year as senior pupil).	In Yr 12 compete at Intermediate Laser-radial/Laser 47 level.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Achieve Top third in Provincial Championship(s).
Swimming Club (SWIMMING)	Must represent at least one of the following: - Ulster U18/U19 - Irish U18/U19	Minimum of two Bath Cups (at least one year as senior pupil). and/or Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.	Represent the school at Ulster competition level or better. Member of Bath Cup squad.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.

	Any other international U18/U19 team			
Table Tennis (TABLE TENNIS)	Must represent at least one of the following: • Ulster U18/U19 • Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Played 75% of regular season U19 matches (at least one year as senior pupil). and/or Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.	Member of intermediate school team.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Tennis (TENNIS)	Must represent at least one of the following: • Ulster U18/U19 • Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Played 75% of regular season U18 matches (at least one year as senior pupil). and/or Medallist Ulster or Irish Schools.	Member of intermediate school team.	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: Ulster finalist/Ulster representative.
Volleyball (VOLLEYBALL)	Must represent at least one of the following: • N.I. U18/U19 • Irish U18/U19 Any other international U18/U19 team	Two years senior team (at least one year as senior pupil) and/or placed top three in at least one competition.	One Year Senior team (at least one as Senior pupil). Two years U16 team (at least one as Senior pupil).	<u>TIE</u> Year 9-11: N.I. finalist/N.I. representative.

Senior Team Captain Selection Criteria: Captains' Appointments & Training

Recognition may be based not only on ability and achievement, but also on commitment, leadership, sportsmanship, character, contribution to the team, ambassadorial qualities and promotion of school values.

A Captain should:

- Demonstrate outstanding leadership both on and off the field/court, leading by example in attitude, effort, and conduct.
- Model the school's values through respect, integrity, inclusivity, determination, and sportsmanship at all times.
- Show sustained commitment to their sport and the school programme over a number of years, with excellent attendance and participation.
- Maintain a high standard of performance and be a regular member of the senior team or squad.
- Support and encourage teammates, including younger pupils, helping to create a positive and inclusive club culture.
- Demonstrate reliability and responsibility, including punctuality, organisation, and willingness to assist coaches and staff.
- Represent the school positively in fixtures, competitions, training sessions, and wider sporting events.
- May possess overall communication skills and the ability to motivate, organise, and liaise effectively with teammates and staff.

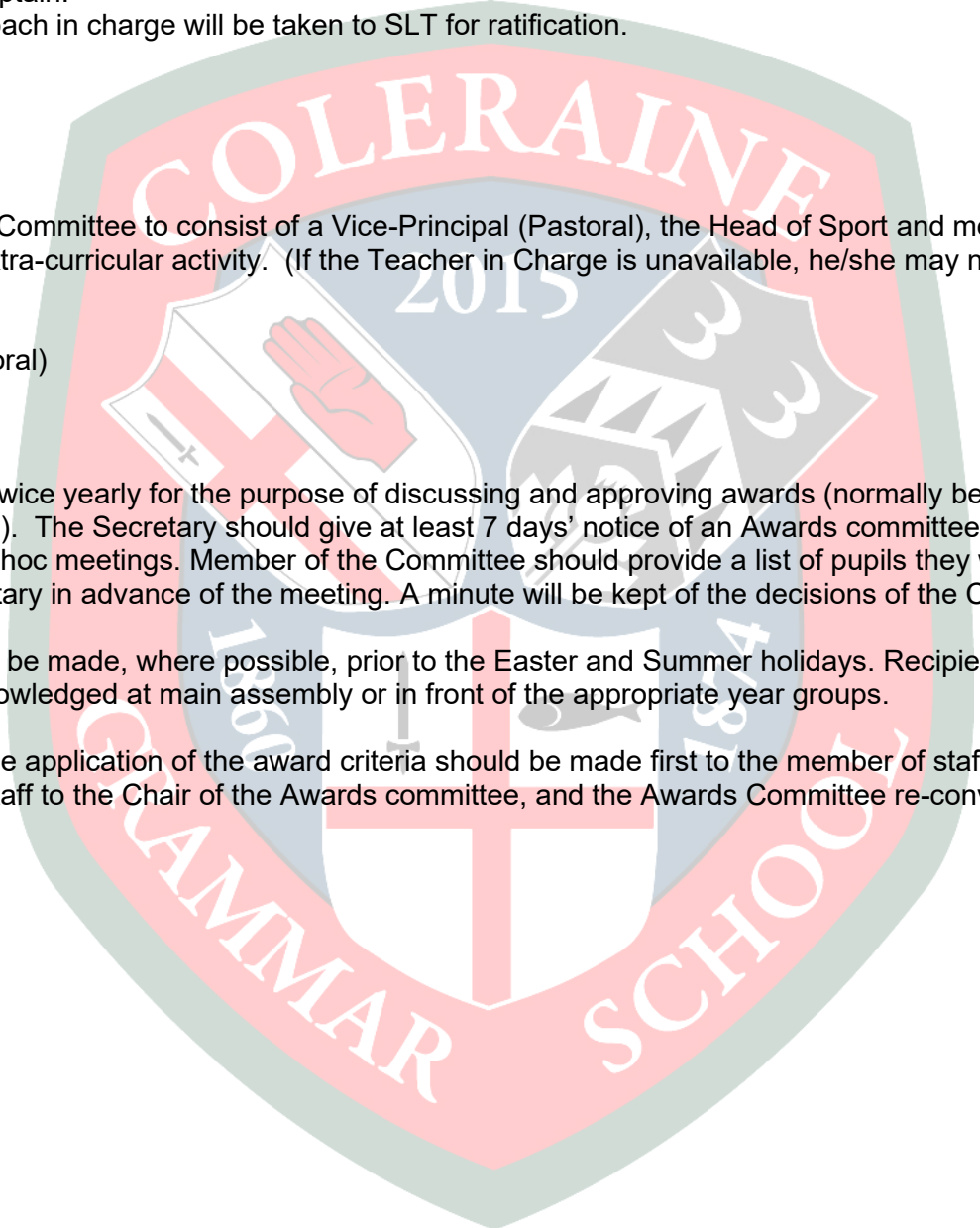
Selection Process

Captains should normally:

- Be a member of the senior team/squad.
- Have at least two years of sustained involvement in the sport.
- Be selected by the teacher/coach in charge.

Support and guidance will be offered to newly appointed captains on how to carry out the responsibilities of the role, with an emphasis on leadership and the ambassadorial qualities expected of a captain.
The captaincy selection of the teacher/coach in charge will be taken to SLT for ratification.

SCHOOL AWARDS COMMITTEE

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- Members:** The School Awards Committee to consist of a Vice-Principal (Pastoral), the Head of Sport and members of staff in charge of a particular sport or extra-curricular activity. (If the Teacher in Charge is unavailable, he/she may nominate a replacement to propose awards).
- Chair:** Vice-Principal (Pastoral)
- Secretary:** Head of Sport
- Meetings:** Committee to meet twice yearly for the purpose of discussing and approving awards (normally before end of Spring term and before end of Summer term). The Secretary should give at least 7 days' notice of an Awards committee meeting, although it may also be necessary to call ad hoc meetings. Member of the Committee should provide a list of pupils they wish to propose for school awards to the Chair and Secretary in advance of the meeting. A minute will be kept of the decisions of the Committee by the Secretary.
- Presentation:** Awards will normally be made, where possible, prior to the Easter and Summer holidays. Recipients will receive written notification and winners will be acknowledged at main assembly or in front of the appropriate year groups.
- Appeals:** An appeal against the application of the award criteria should be made first to the member of staff in charge of sport or activity and then by that member of staff to the Chair of the Awards committee, and the Awards Committee re-convened if required.