



VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

CULTURAL AWARDS CRITERIA

CLUBS, SOCIETY, ACTIVITIES

PREAMBLE:

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 field.

The following School Awards Criteria are minimum criteria – a learner'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.

Honours, Scrolls 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.

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.

All Clubs, Societies and Activities will be awarded by a points system. With different points accumulation will result in a particular award being bestowed.

Exceptional achievement in any field may be awarded an Honours Blazer by nomination of Cultural Sub-Committee at the discretion of the colours committee.

No awards will be awarded for Cultural activities that are done through external organisations only and not also for Victoria Park High School. However, scholars who take part in external cultural activities will be recognized publicly during assembly once written confirmation has been received from relevant body that administers the activity.

For children who arrive at the school later than grade 8 colours may be awarded if their level of achievement warrants recognition at colours level. T-I-C. must verify this.

Gross misconduct at school or externally may result in disqualification from and or removal of any colours awarded.

DEFINITIONS:

T-I-C

Teacher in Charge of a club or society.

CLUB

a GROUP dedicated to a particular interest or activity.

SOCIETY

an organization or club formed for a particular purpose or activity.

ACTIVITY

activity that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and proficiency.

CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

This is a group consisting of the Head of Culture, a T-I-C of a Club, a T-I-C of a Society, a T-I-C of an Activity and the SMT representative of Culture.

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Achievement in Eisteddfod:

Scroll: Double Gold certificates

Half colours: Medal/Top 3 placements

Music Competitions:

Achievement awards for competing will be awarded as follows:

Scroll: competing in the 2nd round

Half Colours: Competing in the finals

Full Colours: Top 3 placement

Jazz Festival:

Scroll: 2nd round of auditions

Honours: Being selected to play/sing in the National band

ECWO, ECSO or other Regional Groups: (must participate in school activities)

Scroll: two participations

Half Colours: three Participations

Full Colours: Four Participations

Eastern Cape Youth Choir: (must participate in school activities)

Scroll: Two years of service

Half Colours: Three years of service

Full Colours: Four years of service

Awards for External Music Practical Examinations:

Assessed or Examined (must meet external criteria)

Grades 4	Pass	Scroll
Grades 5 / 6	Pass / Merit	Half Colours
Grade 5	Distinction	Full Colours
Grade 6	Pass	Full Colours
Grade 7 / 8	Pass	Honours

THEATRE AWARDS:

This section is designed for participation in formal productions. Learners are eligible for awards in this section granted they have participated in the most recent school production, be that drama or musical.

Platinum Certificate: awarded to ordinary cast members after their first production and every show after that.

Scroll: awarded to a learner fulfilling a lead or significant role in a school's production.

Half Colours: awarded to a learner fulfilling a lead or significant role in 2 school productions and any role in one external production (at discretion of colours committee).

Full Colours: awarded to a learner performing a lead or significant role in a production external to the school and multiple significant roles within school productions.

ONE ACT PLAYS:

Platinum Certificate: participation in two one-act plays

Scroll: Directing one one-act play or participating in three one-act plays. May also be awarded to any trophy winners.

Half Colors: Directing two one-act plays or participating in 4 one-act plays

Cannot achieve Full-Colours for One-Act Plays

Awards for External Drama Practical Examinations:

Grades 5 / 6		Scroll
Grade 7	Pass or above	Half Colours
Grade 7	Distinction	Full Colours
Grade 8		Full Colours

ENGLISH ALIVE:

Scroll: a published work in the English alive contest

TOASTMASTERS:

Platinum Certificate: Learner must meet at least 8 points out of 12

Toastmasters is a course that takes place for one term only.

Toastmasters points based on the following criteria:

Attendance:

Course continues for 9 weeks.

1 = 3+ missed

2 = 2 missed

3 = 1 missed

4 = 0 missed

Attitude, Behaviour and Involvement:

1 = Poor/ill-prepared

2 = Average/expected

3 = Exceptional

Achievement:

1 = Selected for internal contest

2 = Most Improved Speaker of internal contest

2 = Second/Third of internal contest

3 = Winner of internal contest

4 = Second/Third of Metropolitan contest

5 = Winner of Metropolitan contest

Total = 12

TOASTMASTERS

Name and Surname: _____

Attendance	1	2	3	4	1 = 3+ missed 2 = 2 missed 3 = 1 missed 4 = 0 missed	
Attitude / Behaviour / Involvement	1	2	3	1 = Poor/ill-prepared 2 = Average/expected 3 = Exceptional		
Achievement	1	2	3	4	5	1 = Selected for internal contest 2 = Most Improved Speaker of internal contest 2 = Second/Third of internal contest 3 = Winner of internal contest 4 = Second/Third of Metropolitan contest 5 = Winner of Metropolitan contest

Total	
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LIFE CRISTIAN SOCIETY:

Platinum Certificate: awarded to Board Members

Scroll: awarded to Chairperson of the Board

Trophy for Exceptional Service: awarded at TIC's discretion

BALLROOM DANCING:

The following criteria are given in order to align with the recommendations of the 'Dare 2 Dance' dance studio.

Scroll: see below

Half Colours: see below

Full Colours: see below

Trophy for Exceptional Commitment to Ballroom Dancing: awarded at TIC's discretion

Award	Attendance	ISC or Exclusive Class	Dance Tests
Scroll	At least 80% this year & 75% last year	Participate in at least 1 ISC or VPHS Dance Committee (1 year)	Obtain more than 87% for Bronze Test
Half Colours	At least 80% this year & 75% last year. Committed to dance for a minimum of 3 years.	Reached Semi-final or Final in ISC OR If not in ISC, but selected for Dare 2 Be	Obtain more than: 90% for Bronze Test 89% for Silver Test 88% for Gold Test
Full Colours	At least 80% this year & 75% last year. Committed to dance for a minimum of 3 years.	Placed in top 6 of ISC OR If not in ISC, but selected for Squad	Obtain more than: 90% for Silver Test 88% for Gold Test

JUNIOR CHEF:

Platinum Certificate: Learner must meet at least 6 points out of 10

Junior Chef is an activity which takes place for a short time during the term.

Junior Chef points based on the following criteria:

Attendance:

Course consists of 5 lessons.

1 = missed more than 2

2 = 2 missed

3 = 1 missed

4 = 0 Missed

Attitude/Discipline:

1 = bad

2 = good/average

3 = exceptional

Achievement:

1= Basic

2 =Good

3 = Exceptional

Total = 10

JUNIOR CHEF

Name and Surname: _____

Attendance	1	2	3	4	1 = Missed more than 2 2 = 2 Missed 3 = 1 Missed 4 = 0 Missed
Attitude/Discipline	1	2	3	1= Bad 2 = Good/Average 3 Exceptional	
Achievement	1	2	3	1= Basic 2 = Good 3 = Exceptional	

Total	
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CLUBS:

A group dedicated to a particular interest or activity.

ART AND DESIGN CLUB
CODING AND ROBOTICS
ECO (ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB)
HIKING
IMPULSE (WRITING AND DRAMA)
PHOTOGRAPHY
RMD BOOK CLUB

AWARDS FOR CLUBS:

Silver Certificate: minimum score 11/16

Gold Certificate: minimum score 13/16

Platinum Certificates: minimum score 15/16

Scroll: minimum score 16/16

Clubs points based on the following criteria:

Years of participation:

1 point per year to a maximum of 4 points

Attendance:

0 = < 50%

1 = 50% - 74%

2 = 75% - 89%

3 = > 90%

Attitude / Discipline:

0 = Bad

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Exceptional

Contribution to Club:

0 = No Contribution

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Exceptional

Ambassador for Club:

1 = No attempt

2 = Attempt

3 = Exceptional Ambassador

Total = 16

CLUB					
Name and Surname: _____					
Years of Participation	1	2	3	4	1 per year to max 4
Attendance	0	1	2	3	0 = < 50% 1 = 50 - 74% 2 = 75 - 89% 3 = > 90%
Attitude/Discipline	0	1	2	3	0 = Bad 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional
Contribution to Club	0	1	2	3	0 = No Contribution 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional
Ambassador for Club	1	2	3		1 = No Attempt 2 = Attempt 3 = Exceptional
Total					

SOCIETIES:

An organization or club formed for a particular purpose or activity.

CULTURAL SOCIETY

INTERACT

PAW (PROTECTING ANIMALS WORLDWIDE)

TADA (TEENAGERS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE)

TAG (TEENAGE ACTION GROUP)

VPF (VICTORIA PARK FOUNDATION)

AWARDS FOR SOCIETIES:

Platinum Certificate: minimum score 11/21

Scroll: minimum score 13/21

Half Colours: minimum score 18/21

Full Colours: minimum score 21/21

Societies points based on the following criteria:

Years of participation:

1 point per year to a maximum of 4 points

Time/Attendance:

0 = < 75%

1 = 75 - 79%

2 = 80 - 89%

3 = 90 - 94%

4 = > 95%

Leadership:

1 = ordinary member

2 = member with significant input

3 = office bearer who does minimum

4 = exceptional office bearer

Attitude/Discipline:

0 = Bad

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Exceptional

Contribution to Society:

0 = Bad

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Exceptional

Ambassador:

0 = Bad

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Exceptional

Total = 21

SOCIETY

Name and Surname: _____

Years of Participation	1	2	3	4	1 per year to max 4
Time / Attendance	0	1	2	3	4
0 = < 75% 1 = 75 - 79% 2 = 80 - 89% 3 = 90 - 94% 4 = > 95%					
Leadership	1	2	3	4	
1 = ordinary member 2 = member with significant contribution 3 = office bearer who does minimum 4 = exceptional office bearer					
Attitude	0	1	2	3	
0 = Bad 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional					
Contribution to Society	0	1	2	3	
0 = Bad 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional					
Ambassador for Society	0	1	2	3	
0 = Bad 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional					

Total	
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ACTIVITIES:

activity that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and proficiency.

BAND (JAZZ, CONCERT AND STEEL)

CHESS

CHOIR

DEBATING

FIRST AID (INCL PEER PROMOTERS)

QUIZ

SOUND AND LIGHTING

YEP

AWARDS FOR ACTIVITIES:

Platinum Certificate: minimum score 14/22

Scroll: minimum score 17/22

Half Colours: minimum score 20/22

Full Colours: minimum score 21/22

Activity points based on the following criteria:

Years of participation:

1 point per year to a maximum of 4 points

Attendance

- Meeting constitutes rehearsal, practice, or session.
- Missing is without an acceptable reason as deemed by T-I-C.
(I have a test or assignment not acceptable reason)

1 = Missed > 5 Meetings in the year

2 = Missed < 5 Meetings in the year

Leadership

- 1 = ordinary member
- 2 = member with significant input into activities
- 3 = Member who takes leadership roles
- 4 = member who assumes chairperson roles and assists in the running of activity

Attitude

- 0 = Bad
- 1 = Below Average
- 2 = Average
- 3 = Exceptional

Achievement within parameters of activity

- 1 = basic achievement
- 2 = good achievement
- 3 = exceptional achievement

Contribution to Activity

- 0 = Bad
- 1 = Below Average
- 2 = Average
- 3 = Exceptional

Ambassador for Activity (Dress, Behaviour and Mannerisms)

- 0 = Bad
- 1 = Below Average
- 2 = Average
- 3 = Exceptional

Total = 22

ACTIVITY					
Name and Surname: _____					
Years of Participation	1	2	3	4	1 per year to max 4
Attendance	1	2	1 = Missed > 5 2 = Missed <5		
Leadership	1	2	3	4	1 = ordinary member 2 = member with significant input into activities 3 = Member who takes leadership roles 4 = member who assumes chairperson roles and assists in the running of activity
Attitude	0	1	2	3	0 = Bad 1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional
Achievement	1	2	3	1 = Basic 2 = Good 3 = Exceptional	
Contribution to Activity	1	2	3	1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional	
Ambassador for Activity	1	2	3	1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Exceptional	

Total	
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