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## COLOURS POLICY

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### 1 AIMS

- 1.1** The purpose of awarding the various categories of Colours is to recognise the achievements of pupils in the sporting and performing arts activities within the School and to encourage other pupils to strive to improve their participation and performance.
- 1.2** Colours and badges at Red House are awarded for excellence in Sport and Performing Arts. Other categories may be introduced at a later date.
- 1.3** Recipients are agreed by a consensus of the pupil's teaching staff in the PE department, members of the Music/English departments, and by the Senior Management Team (SMT).

### 2 HOW COLOURS ARE AWARDED

**2.1** Colours are awarded at the end of each season in the following categories:

- Junior (usually to Year 8 pupils)
  - Full Colours
  - Half Colours
- Senior (usually to Year 10 & 11 pupils)
  - Full Colours
  - Half Colours

**2.2** Colours are denoted by:

Senior	Colours	Tie (red with blue crests) & Badge
	Half Colours	Badge
Junior	Colours	Tie (red with grey crests) & Badge
	Half Colours	Badge

### 3 WHY COLOURS ARE AWARDED

**3.1** Pupils are awarded full colours in recognition of high standards of:

- Skill
- Commitment
- Enthusiasm
- Attitude

**3.2** Pupils are awarded half full colours in recognition of performing at a good level and also demonstrating high standards of:

- Commitment
- Enthusiasm
- Attitude

**3.3** There obviously needs to be consistency within the colours system and pupils who receive colours must understand that they are important role models for our younger pupils.

**3.4** At the end of a season, the individual staff members will discuss the possibility of awarding colours to a number of pupils. This will then be reviewed by the department as a whole and the criteria below is discussed in detail. It is important to note that the decision is at the discretion of the PE staff and those who run the performing arts. The Head will sanction all awards of colours.

### 4 THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING COLOURS

#### 4.1 Skill

Pupils demonstrate a very high and consistent level of performance throughout the season. With respect to sport, this usually involves playing at County level (or equivalent) in a particular sport where applicable. With respect to the performing arts, this usually involves performing at a very high level in music, drama and public speaking within school or with an external group who are recognised as being of a high calibre.

## **4.2 Commitment & Enthusiasm**

Pupils demonstrate an excellent level of commitment at all times and attend co-curricular clubs throughout the season/term and willingly give up their time after school.

## **4.3 Attitude**

Pupils' behaviour and general approach to physical activity is of a high standard. This includes both curricular and extra-curricular activities. This is particularly important when they are acting as ambassadors for Red House in matches with other schools and when performing in events and competitions.

## **5 THE REMOVAL OF COLOURS**

**5.1** If a player refuses to participate in a sport in the year following that in which he/she received an award, that award can be withdrawn. All factors and circumstances will be considered when considering this course of action and the decision is subject to a discussion with the pupil involved.

**5.2** The personal conduct of the pupil must be considered when making an award. Any behaviour that has broken the pupil's Code of Conduct and/or is unsportsmanlike can result in the withdrawal or denial of the relevant award.

## **6 SANCTIONS AND MISBEHAVIOUR**

**9.1** All pupils wearing colours at Red House School hold a position of responsibility and are role models to the younger pupils in school.

**9.2** In the event that any pupil with colours is awarded 10 or more demerits in a term, and receive a Deputy Head's Friday evening detention, they will lose their colours and status for 2 weeks.

**9.3** If a pupil with colours receives 20 or more demerits in a term, and receives a further Deputy Head's detention, they will lose their colours and status for another 4 weeks, in which time they must go above and beyond in their conduct at school.

**9.4** If a pupil who has been awarded colours receives 30 or more demerits in a term, and receive a third Deputy Head's detention, then they permanently lose their colours.

**9.5** The Head and the Deputy Head (Head of the Senior School) has the discretion to remove a pupil's colours with immediate effect for a serious breach of the pupil Code of Conduct and school rules.

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