

## **DSJ AWARDS POLICY**

At DSJ, we believe in motivating our learners to rise beyond their own expectations in the academic, cultural and sports arenas. To this end, learners who are worthy ambassadors of the school, will be rewarded for their participation and/or outstanding performance in these areas.

### **1. CATEGORIES OF AWARDS**

We believe that the overall intention of scrolls at the DSJ is to reward not only outstanding achievements but also dedication, commitment and team spirit.

#### **1.1 Academic Awards**

- 1.1.1 Any student from Grades 5 to 12 who has achieved an average of 80% in a half year will receive a certificate in recognition for his/her academic achievement. Should the sports mark lead to the average mark dropping below 80%, it shall be excluded from the calculation of the overall mark.
- 1.1.2 A student who has achieved an average of 80% for 4 half years will be awarded an academic achievement scroll.
- 1.1.3 Upon achieving an average of 80% for 8 half years, a student will receive a senior academic scroll.
- 1.1.4 Upon achieving an average of 80% for 10 half years, a student will be awarded full colours.

#### **1.2 Extra-Curricular Awards**

- 1.2.1 Any student from Grades 2-12 who participates in any extra-curricular activity offered by the school and commits him/herself to such activity for the duration of ONE academic year, shall receive a certificate for his/her participation. This will be handed out by the coach/teacher involved.
- 1.2.2 Any student from Grades 2-12 who participates in any extra-curricular activity offered by the school and commits him/herself to such activity for the duration of three academic years, shall receive a scroll in reward for his/her participation. Theatre will be awarded after two years.
- 1.2.3 Full colours will be awarded for extra-curricular excellence (see Annexure 1).
- 1.2.4 We encourage excellence not only within but also outside our school. Extraordinary performances and achievements shall be rewarded by means of scrolls or full colours.
  - 1.2.4.1 A scroll will be awarded for provincial/regional selection or equivalent.
  - 1.2.4.2 Full colours will be awarded for national selection or selection in a provincial or regional team for the duration of 3 years.
  - 1.2.4.3 These awards are at the discretion of the awards committee who will convene quarterly at which applications for these awards will be discussed.
  - 1.2.4.4 The committee will meet once a term in order to finalise awards to be made at the final assembly of that term.

#### **1.3 Service awards**

- 1.3.1 Commitment to the school outside of sporting, academic and cultural fields will be awarded by means of a service scroll. (See annexure 1)

## **1.4 Honours Awards**

- 1.4.1 Honours Blazers will be awarded to any student who has received TWO or more full colours awards from two different areas as shown on Annexure 1.

## **2. THE AWARDING PROCESS**

- 2.1 All applications for awards rewarding extra-curricular activities not offered by the school must be accompanied by official written proof. Such proof must be certified by an official organisation. A template for applications will be available to the parents on the school website.
- 2.2 All awards will be considered in accordance with the DSJ Awards Policy and at the discretion of an awards committee. This committee shall consist of 2 teachers, 2 students and the deputy principal. When so desired, the respective Head of Department can be consulted.
- 2.3 A pupil can only be awarded one of a particular scroll, except for the disciplines where 'junior' and 'senior' scrolls are awarded. Should he/she meet the criteria more than once, then it will be mentioned in assembly and a certificate will be given and not an additional scroll.
- 2.4 Scrolls are awarded during the course of the academic year during an assembly.
- 2.5 Decisions made for awards not mentioned or which find no comparable criteria in this policy are at the sole discretion of the awards committee.
- 2.6 Awards can be retracted at the discretion of school management on the recommendation of the awards committee as a result of a breach of school rules or the code of conduct.

## **3. APPEARANCE OF SCROLLS AND COLOURS**

- 3.1 Scrolls, full colours and honours blazers will take the following form –
- 3.1.1 A scroll is a fabric badge to be sewn onto a school blazer or jersey denoting the area for which it was obtained.
- 3.1.2 Full colours take the form of a standard blazer, paid for by the learners, with a special yellow braiding which is paid for by the school.
- 3.1.3 Honours blazers are white in colour with twine braiding depicting the school colours and will be paid for by the school.

## **4. COSTS**

- 4.1 The costs of certificates, scrolls, braiding and honours blazers are covered by the school once off.
- 4.2 Replacements scrolls and honours blazers have to be purchased from the school.

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