

COLOURS AWARDS

Staff responsible for activities propose pupils for Colours to a committee, chaired by the Deputy Rector. The principles upon which the committee bases its decisions are as follows:

FULL SPORTING COLOURS

A pupil judged worthy of Full Sporting Colours –

- 1) Demonstrates excellence in the skills associated with the sport, measured by district, national or international standards, where appropriate.
- 2) Has represented the school at 1st team level for at least a season, having been a first-choice player throughout.
- 3) Has made a very notable personal contribution to the success of the team; ideally, demonstrating leadership qualities.
- 4) Has had excellent attendance at practices and matches.
- 5) Has invariably given of his or her best in practices and matches
- 6) Has maintained an outstandingly positive and helpful attitude at all times.
- 7) Is in Forms V or VI [or, exceptionally, Form IV].

HALF SPORTING COLOURS

A pupil judged worthy of Half Sporting Colours –

- 1) Demonstrates very good skills in the skills associated with the sport.
- 2) Has represented the school at 1st team level for at least a season
- 3) Has made a notable personal contribution to the success of the team.
- 4) Has had very good attendance at practices and matches.
- 5) Has maintained a fully positive and helpful attitude throughout the season.
- 6) Is in Forms V or VI [or, exceptionally, Form IV].

FULL CULTURAL COLOURS

A pupil judged worthy of Full Cultural Colours –

- 1) Demonstrates excellence in the skills associated with the activity, measured by the highest school standards, or by district, national or international standards.
- 2) Has been involved in major school competitions or performances for at least a year, having been a first-choice player / performer throughout.
- 3) Has made a very notable personal contribution to the success of the activity; ideally, demonstrating leadership qualities.
- 4) Has had very good attendance at practices and performances.
- 5) Has invariably given of his or her best in practices and matches.
- 6) Has maintained an outstandingly positive and helpful attitude throughout the activity.
- 7) Is in Forms V or VI [or, exceptionally, Form IV].

HALF CULTURAL COLOURS

A pupil judged worthy of Half Cultural Colours –

- 1) Demonstrates very good skills associated with the activity.
- 2) Has been involved in major school competitions or performances for at least a year.
- 3) Has made a notable personal contribution to the success of the activity.
- 4) Has had very good attendance at practices and performances.
- 5) Has maintained a fully positive and helpful attitude throughout the activity.
- 6) Is in Forms V or VI [or, exceptionally, Form IV].

A pupil judged worthy of Half Colours should normally fulfil the vast majority of the Full Colours criteria, except that he or she may not have played / performed at district or international level, or have played / performed in the 1st team for more than one season.

The awards are for school activities and denote achievement in and commitment to Dollar Academy; participants in activities not organised through or supported by the school are not generally eligible for Colours. Failure to live up to these standards may lead to removal of the award.

For **Sporting** awards, Half Colours entitle the holder to the ship blazer badge, and Full Colours to the addition of white braid to the blazer. For **Cultural** Colours, Half Colours entitle the holder to the blue

blazer badge, and Full Colours to the addition of blue braid to the blazer. **The Colours tie** is available to holders of both Full Sporting or Cultural colours, but not Half Colours.

THE INTERNATIONALISTS' AWARD

Pupils who have represented their countries in either sporting or cultural activities will be eligible for the award of the Internationalists' Tie. As with Colours awards, the Colours Committee discusses the proposals received and then makes recommendations to the Rector, who takes the final decision. The general principles are as follows:

A pupil eligible for The Internationalists' Award:

1. is involved in either Sporting competition or Cultural activities;
2. is at any age / level [pupils from the Prep & Junior School are thus included];
3. is in a team or group representing any nation [i.e. not restricted to Scottish or British];
4. the team should include the best performers in that sport or activity at that level in the country.

Furthermore,

1. the pupil should be beyond development squad level;
2. the pupil must have competed with others for a place in the team and been selected on merit.
3. the pupil must have been selected for at least one game or performance that took place, against opposition or in front of an audience, and he or she must have played or performed during the event.

Pupils should write a letter to the Deputy Rector, Mr Burbury, in his role as Chairman of the Colours Committee, giving full details of their selection and performance, with supporting evidence. The Committee will be happy to discuss any proposal received, to ascertain whether it fits the criteria. Once the decision has been made, the successful applicant will be notified, and an arrangement made to present a tie in Senior School Assembly. There will be no cost for the tie for current pupils.