



# **HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Criteria For Cultural Awards**

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## **AFRIBRIT**

### **MERIT**

The learner must have been a member of the AfriBrit Club for at least 18 months.

In addition, members must:

- a. Attend at least 80% of the meetings held, and tender an apology if unable to attend.
- b. Show commitment to the group by being reliable and co-operative.
- c. Be involved in all Club activities and attend at least one visit/function per term or as arranged.
- d. Maintain regular contact with members of partner schools via e-mail/internet etc.

### **HALF COLOURS**

The learner must have been a member of the AfriBrit Club for at least 3 years.

In addition, members must:

- a. Attend at least 80% of the meetings held, and tender an apology if unable to attend.
- b. Show commitment to the group by being reliable and co-operative.
- c. Be involved in all Club activities and attend at least one visit/function per term or as arranged.
- d. Maintain regular contact with members of partner schools via e-mail/internet etc.
- e. Have been a good ambassador for the club and the school, either during events taking place in South Africa or on visits to England.

### **FULL COLOURS**

The learner must have been a member of the AfriBrit Club for at least 4 years.

In addition, members must:

- a. Attend at least 80% of the meetings held, and tender an apology if unable to attend.
- b. Show commitment to the group by being reliable and co-operative.
- c. Be involved in all Club activities and attend at least one visit/function per term or as arranged.
- d. Maintain regular contact with members of partner schools via e-mail/internet etc.
- e. Have been a good ambassador for the club and the school, either during events taking place in South Africa or on visits to England.

## **ART**

### **MERIT Grade 10 to 12**

**Must have attended Art Club for at least ONE term of the year in question.**

**Must have assisted with at least two exhibitions, World of Cats & Dogs, School Open Day, Own, in school.**

**Have assisted generally in the art room (3 of the following):**

- **cleaned after sessions**
- **attended to store rooms**
- **helped keep books and magazines in good repair and covered**
- **attended to paint and dye, brushes, cupboards, mixing pallets etc. on a regular basis**
- **put up display and interest noticeboards**
- **kept class date requirements up to date on noticeboard**
- **participated in activity or assisted Grade 11 or 12 with activity, eg. School Dance, backdrops, posters**
- **kept noticeboard in classroom up to date for two terms (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> usually).**

### **HALF COLOURS - Grade 11 and 12**

**Must have received a previous merit.**

- **indicate activities which should have been completed for this award**
- **have shown commitment and character in applying themselves to promoting the art department in and out of school hours.**
- **have devoted at least 36 hours to art related activities, outside of own work.**
- **have organised and completed an activity with the art club/generally run art club on own during the year in question**
- **assisted with admin and presentation of outside exhibition or Open Day art exhibition**
- **completed four requirements from the merit section**
- **conceived and presented unassisted some essential school decoration or larger project eg. backdrops, murals or other related activity. (This can be done at any time between Grade 10 and 12).**
- **received an award for any art competition in or out of house/school**
- **entered art competitions on own volition**

## **ART continued**

### **FULL COLOURS - Grade 12 only**

Indicate activities which should have been completed for this award.

- received Half Colours previously
- have shown commitment and character in applying themselves to promoting the art department in and out of school hours
- spend at least one term (2 afternoons per week) on art related activities. The level of commitment must be equal to the level of the colours sports awards
- recognised as an outstanding pupil both practically and academically
- have won an award or been recognised ie. published in an outside art competition during Grade 10, 11 or 12 at which a variety of schools have participated. Visual arts festival, Royal Show, World of Cats & Dogs, Sanlam or similar
- had work selected for KZN Matric exhibition
- had work published in a reputable publication
- have been a co-ordinator of at least one activity which involves organising an exhibition and assisted with art room admin/activities on a regular basis, both teaching others and assisting staff.

## **CHOIR**

Activity spans 4 terms per year.

Weekly practice every Monday & Tuesday at 2<sup>nd</sup> break

## **MERIT**

- a. Over 90% attendance for two consecutive years.

## **HALF COLOURS**

- a. Three years of attendance – this can only be achieved in Gr 10, 11 and 12.
- b. Four years of attendance – re-award

## **FULL COLOURS**

- a. Five years of attendance.

## **DEBATING**

### **MERIT**

- a. This award may be given to any pupil who has been a regular member of a debating team for the entire season.
- b. Their attitude, behaviour and commitment to the team must be above reproach.

### **HALF COLOURS**

- a. This award may be given to any pupil in Grade 10, 11 or 12 who has been a regular member of a debating team which has reached the semi-finals of the Durban Coastal Debating League.
- b. Their attitude, behaviour and commitment to the team must be above reproach.

### **FULL COLOURS**

- a. This award may be given to any pupil in Grade 11 or 12 who has been a regular member of a debating team for at least 2 years, with that team winning the Durban Coastal Debating League.
- b. Their attitude, behaviour and commitment to the team must be above reproach.

### **HONOURS**

- a. The above colour criteria apply, as well as being chosen for the KZN Debating Team.

## **DRAMATIC ARTS**

### **SECTION A - On stage**

Been involved in a major school production - chorus or lead role student production of excellence

Directed a production of excellence

H.A.T.S production

### **SECTION B - backstage**

Stage manager

Backstage moving props

Lighting

Sound

Make-up

Costume

Building props

Painting sets

Sourcing props and set

### **SECTION C - Front of house**

Selling tickets

Ushers

Runner between back and front of house

Serving tea and coffee

Set up of chairs

Packing up of chairs

Preparing photo boards

Clean up after production

### **SECTION D - helper activities**

Drama monitor

Costume room organisation

Lighting room organisation

Poster distribution

Flyer distribution

Creating the programme/poster/ flyer

### **SECTION E - outside involvement**

An outside activity of worthiness e.g. Amateur or professional show, inter-school competitions, Grahamstown festival.

## DRAMATIC ARTS cont.

### MERIT

Student must have taken part in at least ONE activity from sections from A- E. Their involvement should be substantial.

### MERIT RE-AWARD

This is awarded to students who do not yet qualify for half colours yet need to be acknowledged for their involvement for that year.

### HALF COLOURS

This is awarded to students who have taken part in THREE activities from sections A-E.  
Compulsory: Student must have taken part in at least TWO productions from Section A for this award. Commitment to the other two sections should be substantial.

### FULL COLOURS

This is awarded to students who have taken part in FOUR activities from sections A-E.  
Compulsory: Students must have taken part in at least THREE productions from Section A. Commitment to the other three sections should be substantial.

### HONOURS

This is awarded to students who have taken part in FIVE activities from sections A-E.  
Compulsory: student must have taken part in at least THREE productions and must have directed a production of an honours standard. If, however a student has *exceptional* talent and commitment, has been fully involved in drama throughout their stay at HHS, yet has not directed production, they may still be considered for an honours award at the discretion of the teacher and cultural committee.

- All awards are *fully dependent* on the behaviour and attitude of the potential candidate. A student who has fulfilled all criteria may still be refused an award if their behaviour or attitude is not up to standard.
- Attendance of the candidate, with regard to the various sections, will be taken into account.
- Students, who arrive to HHS late, may still be considered for an award. Teachers involved and the cultural committee will consider each case individually.
- Candidates may 'jump' from merit to full colours or straight to half colours as long as the criteria have been fulfilled.
- Only grade 10-12 students may receive half colours, full colours or honours.
- Junior students may qualify for junior colours or half colours however please note that these awards will ONLY be given in rare cases where the junior student has shown impeccable attendance, behaviour and commitment.

**JUNIOR HALF COLOURS**

This is awarded to a junior student (grade 8 and 9) who in the opinion of the Drama Department and the Cultural Committee, has shown exceptional commitment to Drama and has taken part in Section A and in ONE other activity from sections B-E. The commitment to both sections should be substantial.

**JUNIOR COLOURS**

This is awarded to a junior student (grade 8 and 9), who, in the opinion of the Drama Department and cultural committee, has shown exceptional commitment to Drama and has taken part in section A and in TWO other activities from sections B-E. The commitment to both sections should be substantial.

## **GLEE CHOIR**

### **MERIT**

- a. Commitment/attendance and displaying musical excellence.

### **HALF COLOURS**

- a. Commitment/attendance and displaying musical excellence.
- b. Head of Choir as well as sectional heads – these are learners who assist musically and with management of the choir and who display leadership.
- c. Soloist within the choir.

### **FULL COLOURS**

- a. As above but displaying exceptional skill or achievement.
- b. Soloists at prestigious events like Music in the Hills at Makaranga, Eisteddfod's, etc.

### **HONOURS**

- a. Achieving membership in the KZN Youth Choir or similar.
- b. Participation in professional or semi-professional groups/shows.

## **GOSPEL CHOIR**

Activity spans 4 terms per year.

Daily rehearsals especially when we are going to perform - every second break.

### **MERIT**

- a. This award can only be given to a learner who has served as a Gospel Choir member for an uninterrupted period of 18 months.
- b. The learner must commit to the above criteria.

### **HALF COLOURS**

- a. This award can only be given to a learner who has served as a Gospel Choir member for an uninterrupted period of 3 years.
- b. The learner must commit to the above criteria.
- c. The learner must have a clear record, and character and behaviour must be above reproach.

### **FULL COLOURS**

- a. This award can only be given to a pupil who has served as a Gospel Choir member for an uninterrupted period of 4 years.
- b. The learner must have taken part in a number of performances inside and outside school in the name of Hillcrest High School (eg. school prize giving, cutting of CD's etc.).
- c. It must be someone who is motivated and does not need to be reminded about his/her commitment to the Gospel Choir.
- d. It must also be someone who appreciates the fact that being able to sing is a gift from God and she/he must therefore understand that being involved in singing is the way of praising Him.
- e. Over and above the abovementioned commitments the learner must:
  - I. Attend rehearsals and apologise if unable to attend.
  - II. Be exemplary, take leadership where necessary.
  - III. Reliable and prompt for rehearsals and performances
  - IV. Recruit new members and be involved in auditions
  - V. Seek help outside school for the betterment of the Gospel Choir is need be
- f. The learner must have a clear record, and character and behaviour must be above reproach.

## **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE STUDENT CHAPTER**

The following criteria should be met in order to achieve the particular awards:

### **MERIT**

- a. Needs to have been an active member of the Chapter for at least 18 months.
- b. Must attend meetings and workshops regularly.
- c. Must participate in an outreach PTPI activity outside of the school.

### **HALF COLOURS**

- a. Needs to have been an active member of the Chapter for 3 years.
- b. Must attend all meetings and workshops.
- c. Must be actively involved in organising and participating in numerous outreach humanitarian activities.
- d. Must portray the positive and humanitarian qualities that are associated with PTPI.

### **FULL COLOURS**

- a. Needs to have been an active member of the chapter for 4 years.
- b. Must have served a term on the executive committee of the Chapter.
- c. Must have been selected to attend a PTPI conference / program.
- d. Must portray humanitarian qualities (must not be in fights at school, must show tolerance and open-mindedness towards other cultures/religions etc. and be open to learn and discuss them, must be kind and caring towards others at school and have a 'volunteer' heart)

### **HONOURS**

- a. This member must be involved with the organisation of PTPI for activities and matters outside of the school group, and will work with people from other countries. They will have gone beyond the normal requirements for the PTPI organisation.
- b. The member must also have represented the school at international PTPI event/programme, as chosen by an outside selection process.

## **SCHOOL NEWSPAPER**

The following criteria should be met in order to achieve the particular awards:

### **MERIT**

- a. Needs to have been an active member of the newspaper for at least 18 months.
- b. Must attend meetings, and contribute towards the newspaper regularly.
- c. Must have had material published on more than one occasion.

### **HALF COLOURS**

- a. Needs to have been an active member of the newspaper for 30 months
- b. Must attend all meetings and contribute to every publication
- c. Must be actively involved in participating in the publication of every issue
- d. Must show the necessary dedication required to publish the newspaper

### **FULL COLOURS**

- a. Needs to have been a member of the newspaper for 4 years.
- b. Must have served at least a year as editor or sub-editor.
- c. Must have assisted in the publication of at least 3 issues of the newspaper.

### **HONOURS**

- a. Needs to have been a member of the newspaper for 5 years
- b. Must have served at least two years as editor or sub-editor.
- c. Must have been actively involved in the publication, planning, editing and distribution of the newspaper for 3 years.
- d. Must have had work published in an outside publication.

## **STEEL DRUMS**

Activity spans 4 terms per year.

Weekly practice every Wednesday from 15h30 to 16h30

## **MERIT**

- a. Over 90% attendance for two consecutive years.

## **HALF COLOURS**

- a. Three years of attendance – this can only be achieved in Gr 10, 11 and 12.
- b. Four years of attendance – re-award

## **FULL COLOURS**

- a. Five years of attendance.

## **WORD SESSIONS**

### **MERIT**

The pupil must have:

- a. Been an active participant of Word Sessions for at least eighteen months.
- b. Been a committed member, who has attended at least eighty percent of all meetings and functions.
- c. Showcased a talent for writing.
- d. Presented their material at an interschool event.
- e. Represented Hillcrest High School favourably.

### **HALF COLOURS**

The pupil must have:

- a. Served as a Word Sessions representative for a minimum of eighteen months.
- b. Attended at least eighty percent of all yearly activities and events.
- c. Been a dedicated team player.
- d. Explored and attempted a range of different writing styles.
- e. Presented their material at three or more interschool events.
- f. Submitted all written material on or prior to the due date.
- g. Adhered to all Hillcrest High School rules and regulations.

### **COLOURS**

The pupil must have:

- a. Served as a Word Sessions representative for a minimum of eighteen months.
- b. Attended at least eighty percent of all yearly activities and events.
- c. Won an interschool Open Mic event.
- d. Showcased leadership skills.
- e. Improved considerably or hosted a Word Sessions function.
- f. Presented their material at five or more interschool events.
- g. Submitted all written material on or prior to the due date.
- h. Represented Hillcrest High School in a favourable manner - discipline and appearance.

Students may be awarded colours based on dedication as opposed to accolades. Students who have worked diligently for a minimum duration of three years may be exempt from some / all of the other criteria mentioned above.

## **WORD SESSIONS continued**

### **HONOURS**

The pupil must have:

- a. Served as a Word Sessions representative for a minimum of two years.
- b. Attended at least eighty percent of all Word Sessions initiatives and have contributed meaningfully in all endeavours.
- c. Published their work in a reputable publication, placed in the top ten in SA or won a national / international competition.
- d. Showcased leadership skills and managed a Word Sessions event or project.
- e. Explored and mastered a range of different writing styles.
- f. Presented their material at an interschool event.
- g. Submitted all written material on or prior to the due date.
- h. Represented Hillcrest High School impeccably.