

KING EDWARD VI HANDSWORTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING

SCHOOL PRIZES 2023

In their daily work staff encourage pupils to work to their full capacity and fulfil their potential. Merit Assemblies aim to acknowledge the effort and achievement of all students in both curricular and extra-curricular activities. In addition, it is our belief that outstanding attainment in the fields of academic achievement, sporting prowess, creative arts and service to the school should be publicly acknowledged; annually awarded school prizes facilitate this.

PRACTICE

School Prizes for Academic Achievement

Prizes are awarded at Speech Day and other certificates are presented in Merit Assembly. These can include attendance, sports awards, Pastoral Leader certificates, department competitions, instrumental music exams and Achievement points certificates, to name but a few.

Years 7-13

- **Prizes for Effort and Progress** are awarded to approximately 15 pupils who make the most overall progress in all of their subjects over the course of a year. In Years 8 and 9, measured from review 2 of the previous summer to the next review 2. Years 7,10 and 12 where progress is from review 1 to review 2 of that year and in Years 11 and 13 where the progress is from review 2 of the previous year to the Examination grades. Where students make the same progress the standard deviation of progress across their subjects may be used.
- Learning prizes and Subject prizes are nominated by departments.
- **GCSE certificates** are presented at the Year 12 Celebration event in the Autumn Term.

Foundation Prizes for Academic Achievement

Y11

- **King Edward Scholarships** are fixed in number and awarded to the two girls, who are staying on, with the highest GCSE results
- **Foundation Scholarships** are fixed in number and awarded to the eight girls, who are staying on, with the next highest GCSE results.

Should there be two or more girls with the same score, we will take into account Year 11 Review 2 Expected grades and, exceptionally, Year 10 review 2 expected grades.

King Edward Scholars receive cheques from the Foundation. Year 11 King Edward Scholars and Foundation Scholars receive Foundation Medals. Nominations for Foundation prizes have a fixed deadline of 1st October; pupils who receive late remarks which would have made them eligible for a Foundation Prize receive a Handsworth Medal.

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- **King Edward Leaving Exhibitions** are awarded to a maximum of six students with the best A Level results based on the number of A* grades. Should there be more than six students with equally good results, we will take into account the UCAS points from the EPQ.

School Prizes for Subjects

- Each subject has prizes which are either endowed or provided by the School.

School Prizes for Sport

- **Sports trophies and shields** are awarded by the P.E. Department to pupils or houses who have excelled in competitive sports events throughout the year.

School Prizes for Creative Arts

- **Prizes for Drama and Instrumental/Choral Musicianship** are awarded to pupils who have been nominated by the English/Drama/Music Departments.

School Prize for Charity

- **Prize for Charity** is awarded to the Year 10 form which raises the most money in the school year.

School Prizes for Service

- **Prizes for Service** are awarded to the School and Deputy School Captains, Senior Prefects and students who have been nominated by the staff for service in any aspect of school life.

School prizes are normally book tokens of £5. However, many prizes are **Endowments**. The value of these prizes may vary from year to year.

Prize Criteria

All prizes have criteria which have been agreed by staff or designated by endowments. The full list of prizes and their criteria is held on the school network.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The awarding of prizes and criteria applied is considered annually by the Headmistress, Deputy Head, the Assistant Head, the Pastoral Leaders and Subject Leaders.

This policy is reviewed annually by the Deputy Head.

Mrs J Kendall
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