



Recognising and Celebrating Achievement Policy

As a community we grow

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Rationale

Barrhead High ensures our learners are successful, confident, exercise responsibility and contribute to the life of the school and our wider community as global citizens. By providing young people with a wide range of opportunities, young people develop their skills and confidence. Such opportunities help young people to identify and develop their personal skills and qualities which ultimately prepare them for life beyond school.

Promoting achievement and participation

At the start of each new session a 'Fresher's Fayre' is held to advertise the wide range of clubs and sports on offer to young people. Every year we have a comprehensive, inclusive and well planned extra-curricular programme that offers a wide variety of choice. Learners in S1/S2 are encouraged to sign-up for at least 3 clubs before leaving the fayre.

Senior pupils leading clubs will attend junior assemblies to promote leadership opportunities within clubs and encourage uptake. Assemblies will be used to share information about activities in school and our local community, to encourage participation.

Volunteering

We encourage leadership at all levels and provide opportunities for this through our volunteering programme. S4/S5/S6 attend a volunteer fayre at the start of the term. The fayre provides the opportunity for young people to sign up for volunteering in school and the local community, working with our partners to ensure there are a variety of community based opportunities available. All young people are encouraged to sign up for Saltire allowing them recognition for their volunteering.

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Leadership across the school

Learners are invited to reflect and have a say in matters that affect them including learning, teaching and assessment through the Learning Ambassadors, Student Council branches and Pupil Forum. Staff are keen that learners are involved in leadership across the school and provide various opportunities at faculty and whole school level to provide opportunities and recognise their achievements.

Monitoring and recording achievement and participation

All achievements are recorded on a whole school database. Achievements include personal achievements, representing the school, pupil of the month, volunteering and participation in extra-curricular activities. Our whole school extra-curricular register allows us to accurately monitor participation. This information will be used to identify young people who are not involved in activities, to encourage uptake or to provide opportunities to represent the school.

Young people have opportunities to recommend their peers to be recognised for achievements via the online form available on QR codes around the school and in google classrooms. An achievement page on the school website provides the opportunity for parents and carers to send achievements direct to the school.

Each Faculty will have a lead person responsible for collating information on pupil of the month into a whole school document. We focus on a different school value each month to celebrate and live our values.

Recognising achievement and celebrating success

As a school we recognise the importance of using social media to share and celebrate pupil achievement digitally. Using platforms such as Twitter and the school website, faculties will post regular updates celebrating pupil achievement. We continue to work with our local press including the Barrhead News to celebrate pupil achievement.

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Weekly achievements are shared at assembly and publicised on plasma screens around the school. These achievements are also shared monthly on the school website and parental bulletin allowing us to celebrate with the wider community. Faculties are encouraged to celebrate achievement through faculty display boards.

Young people have the opportunity to celebrate both academic and wider achievement during annual award ceremonies.

Our Celebrating Success Evening allows young people the opportunity to showcase their achievements and talents to our school community. This event takes place at the end of the year and pupils, families and staff are invited in to celebrate positive work from across the school, and experience some incredible performances.

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