

## Recognising & Celebrating Achievement Policy

### Introduction

Barrhead High works hard to ensure each of 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 extra-curricular 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

At the start of each new session a 'Fresher's Fair' will be held to advertise the wide range of clubs and sports on offer to young people. All S1 pupils encouraged to sign-up for at least 3 clubs to allow them to try different activities before making final choices.

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 for young people and to encourage uptake. Year heads also use assemblies to highlight and celebrate achievements of their year group.

### Arrangements for Recording Achievement

On an annual basis PT Achievement will undertake a whole school audit of the activities undertaken by young people including clubs, volunteering and work placements. This information will be used for different purposes, for example, to identify young people who are not involved in activities and to encourage uptake or to represent the school.

Young people will have opportunities to recommend their peers to be recognised for achievements via achievement boxes.

Saltire Ambassadors will raise the profile of the Scottish Governments Saltire awards which recognise young people for volunteering.

Each Faculty will have a lead person responsible for collating information on pupil of the month into a whole school document. Faculties will develop their own success criteria for such awards. There is a rota for certificate presentations at assemblies by year group heads.

### 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, ERC Facebook, Parent Council Facebook, and the school website faculties will post regular updates celebrating pupil achievement. An achievement page on the school website allows parents/ carers to send achievements into the school.

We will continue to work with our local press including the Barrhead News to celebrate pupil achievement.

Each year group will have the opportunity to celebrate both academic and wider achievement during annual award ceremonies and the end of session 'Showcase' event. Parents are invited to attend award ceremonies and the 'Showcase'.

Faculties are encouraged to celebrate achievement through faculty display boards. A whole school board will also be updated on a regular basis.

The whole school merit scheme allows pupils to have their achievements recognised on a daily basis. The merit list takes into consideration; merits, demerits, late coming, attendance and referrals. At the end of the merit period, those on the merit list will be involved in a merit reward. These rewards

**Article 29: All young people have the right to an education which develops their potential.**

