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AWARDS POLICY

EFFECTIVE & ADOPTED	LAST REVIEWED
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TERMLY MERIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the beginning of each term, two learners with the most merits in each phase in the previous term will receive the Termly Merit badge. (Learners also receive a tuck shop voucher.)

Phases: Foundation Phase (Grade 1–3), Intermediate Phase (Grade 4–6) and Senior Phase (Grade 7).

TERMLY ACADEMIC BADGES

At the beginning of each term, the top 2 learners in each class with the highest average for all subjects in the previous term will receive an academic badge and will be eligible for a merit or Red Apple.

Minimum benchmark: Grade 1–3: 85%; Grade 4–6: 80%; Grade 7 and up: 75%.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING

All Prize-Giving awards are based on **Terms 1, 2 and 3**.

Where donations allow, award winners may also receive a small gift, such as stationery, a voucher or a treat. Gifts depend on the donations received and may differ from year to year.

HOP HOUSE & COUNTRY SWIM SCHOOL LEARNERS (presented at **Brag Week)**

- Each learner who is enrolled in Term 4 will receive a certificate of achievement and a medal.
- Hop House will award a trophy to the Gymnast of the year, as well as the Most Improved gymnast per phase

Phases: Pre-primary (Bunnies – Grade R), Foundation Phase (Grade 1–3)

PRE-PRIMARY (LITTLE CHICKS TO GRADE R)

1. **Character Award:** every child receives a certificate for a character trait.
2. **Teddy Bear Award (Bunnies class and up):** two children per class. The Teddy Bear symbolises love, gentleness, friendship, harmony and diligence shown by a child.
3. **Most Improved Trophy** (Piglets class and up)**:** one child per class. Symbolises steady progress and perseverance.

FOUNDATION, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR PHASE (GRADE 1 AND UP)

1. CHARACTER CERTIFICATE

- Every learner receives a certificate for a character trait.

2. RECOGNITION AWARDS

- **Most Merits (trophy + certificate + badge):** one learner per phase (Foundation, Intermediate and Senior) with the most merits over Terms 1–3.
- **Full Attendance (certificate + gift):** every learner who had full attendance for the year (Terms 1–3).
- **Conscientious (trophy + certificate):** one learner per class. Symbolises work done well and diligently.
- **Most Improved (trophy + certificate):** one learner per class. Symbolises steady progress and perseverance.

3. ACADEMIC AWARDS

Subject Awards (certificate + badge)

- Awarded for the highest average per subject, per grade/class, calculated over Terms 1, 2 and 3. Learners get to keep the badge for the upcoming year.

Top 2 – Achiever Trophy & Badge (*Phases: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior Phase*)

- Awarded for the 2 highest averages for all subjects, per phase, calculated over Terms 1, 2 and 3. Learners get to keep the badge for the upcoming year.

Minimum benchmark: Grade 1–3: 85%; Grade 4–6: 80%; Grade 7 and up: 75%.

Newcomers must have attended at least 2 terms, or their previous school report will be used.

4. SPORTS & CULTURE AWARDS

CURRENT SPORTS & CULTURE: chess, hockey, swimming and tug of war

- **Sportsmanship Award (certificate & badge):** for outstanding participation, commitment and passion, awarded to two learners in each phase.
- **Perseverance Award (trophy & certificate):** for a learner who always does their best, improves and never gives up, even if they are not the strongest player. Awarded to two learners in each phase.
- **Sport specific:** should any learner show specific sport skill and excellence, an individual sport skill award will be given.

Phases: Grade 1–3 and Grade 4–7. Two learners per phase receive each award.

5. HONOURS AWARDS

- **Senior Honours Award (certificate, trophy + gift):** awarded to two learners in the Senior Phase who are honourable, show good leadership, are fair to others and are always willing to help.
- **Principal's Award (certificate, floating trophy + gift):** awarded to one learner who best shows the culture and values of Country House School. This award is not based on academic results, but on integrity, character and being a true example of what our school stands for.

6. SPECIAL AWARDS & EXTERNAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The school values and celebrates learners' achievements beyond the classroom. Parents are invited to share details of any external awards or achievements their child has received (e.g. sport, music, cultural activities, medals or certificates) *by 10 November of each year*.

- These achievements will be acknowledged at the Annual Prize-Giving under Special Awards, so that learners' efforts in the wider community, cultural and sporting arenas are honoured alongside school awards.

7. SENIOR STUDENT PLEDGE

All Grade 6 learners will be guided on the privilege and responsibility of becoming Grade 7 learners, the first year of the Senior Phase at Country House School. They will be made aware of what is expected of senior learners as role models and mentors to younger learners.

- As part of this step, learners receive a Senior Student Pledge Certificate and name badge, and together answer "Yes" to the pledge, committing to responsible behaviour, leading by example, and upholding the values and reputation of the school. Our Grade 7s will also have the opportunity to wear a special "class of (year)" T-shirt.

8. SENIOR INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP

Country House School sees all senior learners as leaders, and all senior learners form part of the Senior Initiative and Leadership group. We believe that every learner can be an example and mentor through good choices and action.

Senior learners are expected to help at school events, support younger learners and model positive behaviour. Each term, the seniors choose and support a termly initiative that contributes positively to the school or wider community.

- **Student representatives**: each year two representatives are chosen to be the voice of the learners. They share learners' ideas and feedback with the school and help encourage a positive, respectful school community.

APPROVAL

ROLE	NAME	DATE
School Representative	Bonita Mellon	October 2026
SGB Representative	Anoeska De Villiers	October 2026