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Dear Parent/Carer,

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY 2018

Following feedback provided to us by parents and pupils over the past two years the decision has been taken to try a new approach for the awards ceremony for the session 2017/2018.

Past system: We held one Annual awards ceremony with approximately 25% of the school gaining recognition

Distinction in achievement – The top performing pupil(s) in each year based on performances in class assessments (S1-3) and National Qualifications (S4-6). Each teacher is asked to nominate the pupil(s) who have the best performance in courses over the year. These nominations are then collated and the pupil(s) with the highest number of achievements across the year is awarded the 'Distinction in Achievement prize'.

Distinction in Effort – Recognition is given to pupils who have applied themselves throughout the year in each year based on effort in class lessons, homework and classwork. Each teacher is asked to nominate the pupils who have impressed them with their levels of effort over the year. These nominations are then collated and the pupil(s) with the highest number of 'Effort' nominations across the year is awarded the 'Distinction in Effort prize'.

Merit in Achievement - The top 10% performing pupil(s) in each year based on performances in class assessments (S1-3) and National Qualifications (S4-6). Each teacher is asked to nominate the pupil(s) who have the best performance in courses over the year. These nominations are then collated and the pupil(s) within the top 10% highest number of achievements across the year is awarded the 'Merit in Achievement prize'.

Merit in Effort – Recognition is given to pupils who have applied themselves throughout the year in each year based on effort in class lessons, homework and classwork. Each teacher is asked to nominate the pupil(s) who have impressed them with their levels of effort over the year. These nominations are then collated and the pupil(s) with the top 10% highest number of 'Effort' nominations across the year is awarded the 'Merit in Effort prize'.

New system: We will host two awards events – S1-S3 Junior year group event during school day. S4-S6 Senior awards and special prizes as in the past but with recognition for all pupils nominated.

The proposal for this session is to have a junior awards ceremony where all pupils who have been awarded any nominations can receive a certificate featuring all their nominations (thereby cutting out the 10% selection filter)

The two events will take place on:

Junior Awards Event on Friday 1st June 11.15am to 12.55pm in the school assembly hall

All S1-S3 Parents are invited along to this event

Senior/Special Awards Event on Tuesday 12th June 7pm to 8.55pm in the school assembly hall

Details will follow once S4-S6 pupils complete Study Leave.

Yours sincerely

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