

Celebrating Success

Celebrating success is an important aspect of life at Wallace High School. All staff celebrate the successes of our students wherever possible, including focusing specifically on instances where students have demonstrated our school values. Through a system that is inclusive, diverse, and consistent, we recognise and reward students on an ongoing basis within faculties, and by the pastoral team, and symbolically through a variety of awards ceremonies and events.

In consultation with staff, parents/carers, and pupils, the 'Celebrating Success' policy has been developed to regularly reward and celebrate pupils' achievements. The school places significant importance on the positive effect that rewards can have on pupils of all abilities to ensure that the core focal points of the school - *Attitude & Effort; Values & Relationships; & Collective Ethos* - are at the forefront when it comes to motivating and encouraging pupils to achieve their goals.

Faculty

Within each faculty, staff will regularly reward and celebrate pupil success in both BGE and the Senior Phase using the following methods:

- Twitter announcements
- End of term certificates
- Praise postcards
- Letters home
- Star of the Month or Hall of Fame notice board (each faculty has a designated 'celebrating Success' notice board located within departments)
- Celebrating Success Websites (located within the School Website)

Pupil Support

The pastoral team celebrate success with their year groups in the following ways:

- End of term assemblies to celebrate good attendance and uniform standards.
- Letters issued home to praise effort & commitment.

School Stars System

School Stars are issued at the end of term during the S1/2 assemblies and at the S3 Graduation.

Staff & parents/carers can nominate pupils for a Star pin and certificate under the following criteria:

- Supporting others
- Demonstrating resilience
- Volunteering
- Raising money for charity
- Achievements out of school

Events & Award Ceremonies

S1/2 Celebrating Success Evening – during the month of June, parents & carers are invited into school for an evening of celebration to review the achievements, effort, and commitment of the S1 and S2 pupils during the past year. After reflective inputs from the Headteacher and pupils, parents & carers have the opportunity to visit departments and classrooms to view pupils' work/view celebrating success boards etc.

S3 Graduation –to reinforce the significance of the transition from the Broad General Education to the Senior Phase, we have a Graduation Ceremony specifically for S3. All pupils will be included in the ceremony and will be presented with a senior tie as a reminder of the expectation of the transition to the senior school. Pupils can also achieve a School Star, awards in Academic Excellence, Commitment to School Values, Colours for achievement in Performing Arts or Music.

Senior Awards Ceremony - this award ceremony for S4-6 is one of the most important events in the school calendar, allowing the opportunity to celebrate success and reward the many achievements of our young people in the senior school. In Wallace High we seek to celebrate and reward success in a range of ways. This ceremony provides an opportunity to acknowledge academic achievements, commitment to school values, subject prizes, participation in the performing arts, personal achievement, and services to the wider community.

S6 Graduation – this event is an opportunity for staff, parents & carers to celebrate the S6 pupils' time in Wallace High and to wish them success and good luck as they transition on to the next chapter in their lives.

Sporting achievements – the PE Department celebrate the wealth of sporting success our pupils achieve during the academic year both in and out of school, through extra-curricular sport, club sport and School of Sport. Presentations, certificates, and cups are awarded during an event which takes place after school.

The links below will showcase examples of celebrating success in the school.

<https://sites.google.com/stirlingschools.net/faculty-sites/home>

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JcXBTby4SEWp6_xBj2ufBP3h-GvNu3Xg6V904Bmcws0/edit?usp=sharing