
Awards Handbook

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Introduction

Ascham School encourages active participation in all areas of School life, and we are proud of our students' level of involvement and engagement.

Awards at Ascham enable the School to recognise students for their commitment and excellence both within and beyond the classroom.

Participation in many areas of School life is encouraged and valued, as it contributes to a girl's individual growth and development and builds School community.

There are a range of awards available to students in the Senior School:

1. Highly Commended Awards
2. Pockets
3. Service Certificate
4. Special Prizes
5. Honour Board Prizes

Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

Co-curricular Commitment Crest

Students in Year 12 who have participated with enthusiasm and dedication in music, sport or co-curricular in all required terms (and/or competitions) for the six years of Senior School will receive a Co-curricular Crest in that area. This will be presented at the Year 12 Co-curricular Assembly.

Special Prizes and Honour Board Prizes

Special Prizes and Honour Board Prizes are presented at Prizegiving Ceremonies and Award Assemblies and recognise excellence across Academic and Co-curricular endeavours.

Selection Process

The staff member in charge of the activity, in consultation with relevant teaching staff and coaches, determines eligibility of the award against selection criteria and submits all award nominations to the Awards and Leadership Committee. The Awards and Leadership Committee comprises the Head of School, Deputy Head of School, Deputy Heads of Junior School, Director of Studies, Head of Sport, Head of Co-curricular, Head of Music, Head of Speech and Drama, Head of Drama, Head of SRC and other members of staff who may be invited from time to time. This Committee reviews all awards nominations and determines the final awards to be made. The Head of School approves all final awards.

Presentation of Awards

Awards are presented at various times throughout the year:

1. Awards Assemblies
2. Co-curricular Awards Assembly
3. Junior School Prizegiving
4. Senior School Prizegiving

We acknowledge the importance of recognising and celebrating excellence in all areas of student involvement through our awards system which is detailed in this booklet.

Junior School Awards and Prizes

Junior School Academic Prizes

Academic Awards at Ascham are an integral part of our school and valued highly. These awards are presented to students who have demonstrated an outstanding achievement, a positive attitude and exemplary commitment to their studies. The awards will be determined by the Head of Junior School in consultation with classroom and specialist teaching staff.

In Years 3–6, academic awards are presented at Junior School Prize Giving for each Year group as follows:

1. Consistent Effort
2. Academic Honour

Consistent Effort

Consistent Effort Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment to their academic work. There are 2 awards presented for each class.

Academic Honour

Academic Honour Awards are presented to students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement and engagement across all academic areas, with this reflected within the Grade Order of Precedence document. There are six awards given in Year 3 and Year 4, and eight awards given in Year 5 and Year 6.

Year 6 Subject Prizes

In Year 6, the following academic awards are presented:

- Junior School Prize for English
- Junior School Prize for Mathematics
- Junior School Prize for Science and Technology
- Junior School Prize for HSIE – Geography & History
- Junior School Prize for French
- Junior School Prize for Mandarin
- Junior School Prize for Visual Arts
- Junior School Prize for Information Literacy
- Junior School Prize for Music
- Junior School Prize for PDHPE

Junior School Special Prizes

All prizes and awards below are given at the annual Junior School Prizegiving. Prizes are nominated by staff as noted. Final selection is approved by the Head of Junior School.

Citizenship Award

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by teaching staff. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 students who have contributed to the Year group. It is awarded to a student who have embraced the values of the School when dealing with peers by showing respect, collaboration, responsibility, kindness and acceptance.

Carol Lane Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by teaching staff. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 3 who always works to the best of her ability.

The Judith Butcher Spirit of Ascham Prize

The recipient of this award is nominated by the Year Coordinator and Head of Junior School in consultation with the classroom and specialist teachers. The prize is awarded to a student from Year 3, who participates actively and respectfully in School life with heart, soul, strength, and courage.

To receive this award the student will:

- Uphold the values of the School, demonstrating heart and soul.
- Commit to their learning and co-curricular activities, demonstrating strength and courage.

Banjo Paterson Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by teaching staff. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 4 who excels in creative writing.

Julia and Emma Tregoning Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by teaching staff. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 5 who has contributed to life in Fiona over three years to the best of her ability and who has put effort into everything she does.

Anna Jane Vaile Mathematics Prize

The prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 who has demonstrated great commitment and creativity when working mathematically and solving problems.

Contribution to Music Prize

This prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 for her broad contribution to music.

Deacon Debating Prize

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by teaching staff. The prize is awarded to a student in upper primary who is a skilled debater.

Margot Duncan Prize for Creativity

The Prize is awarded to a Year 6 student whose written and oral work has reflected originality, creativity and insight.

Head of Junior School Prize

The recipient of this prize is determined by the Head of Junior School in consultation with Year 6 teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 who consistently demonstrates respect, honesty, responsibility and kindness, applies herself to all tasks with 'heart and soul' and participates fully in School activities.

Anabel Busby Prize

The recipient of this prize is determined by the Head of Junior School in consultation with Year 6 teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 who has made an all-round contribution to life in Fiona.

Junior School Prize for Contribution to Sport

This prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 for her broad contribution to sport.

Junior School Sportsmanship Award

This prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 who has demonstrated passion and a positive attitude toward their sport, is a reliable team player and has displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Carolyn Williams *Vi et Animo* Prize

This prize was presented by the Ascham Parents' Association to honour the work of former Head of Junior School, Mrs Carolyn Williams. The recipient of this prize is determined by the Head of Junior School in consultation with Year 6 teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 who gives heart and soul to learning and life in Fiona.

Dalton Scholars Prize

This prize is presented to two Year 6 students who have achieved a high standard of academic work through a demonstrated commitment to the Dalton Plan principles of Independence, Responsibility, Collaboration and Reflection.

Senior School Awards and Prizes

Academic Prizes

Academic Awards at Ascham are an integral part of our school and valued highly. These awards are presented to students who have demonstrated an outstanding ability, a positive attitude and exemplary commitment to their studies. The awards will be determined by the Director of Studies in consultation with the Heads of Department and teaching staff.

Academic Highly Commended Award – Dalton Merit Prize

Academic Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment to their academic work.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students in Years 7–10 will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude and be able to apply the principles of Dalton plan effectively. The recipients have shown consistent and outstanding commitment and application to their studies over the year, as well as significant improvement. The Dalton Merit Prize is determined by Class Teachers in consultation with the Year Co-ordinator, Dalton Co-ordinators and the Director of Studies.

To receive an Academic Highly Commended Award, students must have been awarded a Dalton Merit Prize at Prizegiving.

Academic Pocket – Ascham Scholars for High Standard in a Year's Work

Academic Pockets are presented to students who display the School's core values and have demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement across all academic areas throughout the year, including the end-of-year examination. Students must also have met the criteria for an Academic Highly Commended Award.

To receive an Academic Pocket, students must have been awarded the High Standard in Year's Work at Prizegiving.

Academic Awards given at the annual Senior School Prizegiving

Academic awards are presented as follows:

- Ascham Scholars for High Standard in the Year's Work
- Dalton Merit Award
- First in Course (Years 7 to 10, awarded at Final Assembly).
- Year 12 Prize for Ascham Scholars for High Standard In the Year's Work

Academic Special Prizes

All prizes and awards below are given in the Special Prizes section at the annual Senior School Prizegiving. Prizes are nominated by staff as noted. Final selection is made by the Awards and Leadership Committee.

The Amy Molineaux Memorial Honour Board Prize for English Essay

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of English. This prize is awarded to a student in the Preliminary Extension 1 English course. It is based on the results of an essay competition conducted in Term 4 and is awarded for:

- original thinking
- persuasive and sophisticated expression.

Margaret Lundie Honour Board Prize for Creative Writing

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of English. The Junior prize is awarded to a student in Years 7–10 and the Senior prize is awarded to a student in Years 11–12. These students should:

- demonstrate a love of writing
- write with skill and imaginative flair
- show a willingness to experiment with language form and features.

Naomi Robinson Bursary and Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of English. The Junior prize is awarded to a student in Years 7–10 and the Senior prize is awarded to a student in Years 11–12. These students should:

- be an enthusiastic and engaged English student
- be a keen and passionate reader
- make excellent use of English Studies.

The Judith Reed Library Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of Library and Information Services. The prize is awarded to a student in Years 7–10 who:

- is an avid reader and regularly borrows books from the Margaret Bailey Library
- participates in conversations about books and reading with other students and staff.

Betty Winn Ferguson Memorial Honour Board Prize for Mandatory History

The recipient/s of this prize is/are determined by the Head of History. The prize is awarded to a student(s) in Year 9 with the highest final mark in the Mandatory History course.

Honour Board Prize for Geographic Research

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of Social Science. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 11 who reflects the ability for individual research in a particular piece of work for Geography. The work should reflect:

- originality
- extensive use of primary and secondary research methodology
- excellent balance of discussion and visual representation.

Special Prizes

All prizes and awards below are given in the Special Prizes section at the annual Senior School Prizegiving. Prizes are nominated by staff as noted. Final selection is made by the Awards and Leadership Committee.

Junior Debating Prize

This prize will be determined by the Debating Coordinator in consultation with Ascham coaches.

To receive this Prize the recipients must be in Years 7-9 and must have:

- Be a member of a Debating team that have progressed to an Octos Round or beyond
- Have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to debating.

Special Prize for Consistent Effort and Achievement in Speech Training over four years

To receive the Special Prize for Consistent Effort and Achievement in Speech Training the recipient must have:

- Demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to their studies over a period of four or more years in the Senior School.
- Participated in a range of performance opportunities including, but not limited to, the Speech and Drama Twilight Concert, Senior Poetry Appreciation Evening, IGSA Festival of Speech and Speech and Drama Showcase.
- Successfully completed advanced level (Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8) Speech and Drama examinations.
- Represented the Speech and Drama program within the School community with pride.

Special Prize for Achievement in Speech Training

To receive the Special Prize for Achievement in Speech Training the recipient will have reached a high level of achievement in Speech and Drama, including but not limited to, results in Speech and Drama examinations, Eisteddfod Prizes and/or performances/roles. They will have been selected for the Speech and Drama Showcase in addition to being involved in other performance opportunities including, but not limited to, the Speech and Drama Twilight Concert, Senior Poetry Appreciation Evening, Sydney Eisteddfod, and the IGSA Festival of Speech.

The Lesley Curtis Sperry Scholarship for Speech and the English Language

The Lesley Curtis Sperry Scholarship for Speech and the English Language is awarded to a girl in Year 8 who has:

- Attained a high level of achievement in Speech and Drama including but not limited to Speech and Drama examination results, Eisteddfod Prizes and/or performances/roles.
- Demonstrated a passion for reading and performing various literary styles.
- Demonstrated a sustained commitment to their Speech and Drama studies.

Prize for Public Speaking

To receive the Prize for Public Speaking the recipient must have:

- Demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to Public Speaking throughout the school year.
- Progressed to a regional level or similar in a Public Speaking Competition including but not limited to Rostrum Public Speaking Competition, Legacy Public Speaking Competition and or Plain English Public Speaking Competition or similar.
- Developed advanced skills in not only prepared presentations but impromptu presentations.

The Vivienne Blunt Prize

This is a Boarding prize, nominated by the Head of Boarding in consultation with other Boarding supervisors and the Year 10 Coordinator. This prize is awarded to a Year 10 boarder who has demonstrated in the Boarding House that she has understood and applied the principles of the Dalton Plan. The student should be organised and display a consistent positive attitude and effort in the Boarding House with the Boarding staff and her peers.

AJ Macintosh Memorial Honour Board Prize for Boarders: Junior and Senior

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of Boarding. The Junior Prize is awarded to a student who is a boarder in Years 7–10 and the Senior Prize is awarded to a student who is a boarder in Years 11–12.

- contributes most to Boarding life by displaying truthfulness, goodwill and friendship and whose actions benefit those around her
- demonstrates active participation in the life of the Boarding community.

Mysie Stephen Memorial Prize for Piano Sight-Reading

- Student who exhibits outstanding Sight-Reading skills.
- Open to any student studying piano in Senior School either at Ascham or externally.
- The process involves sight-reading a piece of unseen piano to achieve a flawless performance.

Prize for Vocal Sight-Reading

- Student who exhibits outstanding Sight-Singing skills.
- Open to any student studying voice in Senior School either at Ascham or externally.
- Compulsory for all Music Elective students to participate.

Deborah Angus Junior Prize for Contribution to Music in the School—Students 7–10

This prize is awarded to student/students who have involved themselves consistently in many dimensions of the Music program and display commitment and a positive attitude over these years, aiming for a high standard of performance and presentation.

Duke of Edinburgh Honour Board Prize

This prize is awarded to a student in Year 11 or 12 who has completed the Gold Award, which is the final level of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, and has challenged herself to:

- be a responsible, caring member of the community through completing a minimum of 12 months' service
- improve her health, fitness and performance through physical recreation for a minimum of 12 months
- improve her skills and widen her interests through participation in a skill for a minimum of 12 months
- complete two four-day/three-night camps and a five-day/four-night residential project.

Templeton Cup for the Most Outstanding Annual Performance by a Sporting Team

This trophy is awarded to a Sports team that has demonstrated an outstanding ability, a positive attitude and exemplary involvement. Nominations will be made by the Head Coaches in consultation with the Head of Sport. Ability, attitude, attendance and involvement will be taken into consideration when determining awards.

- Any team may be nominated as long as they meet the listed criteria.
- Nominations to be submitted to the Head of Sport.
- The Head of Sport must second the nomination.
- Nominations will go to the Awards and Leadership Committee for discussion and voting (each member of panel will get one vote).
- If a tie occurs the Head of Sport and Head of School will make the final decision.
- The recipient is announced at Senior School Prizegiving.

Australian Representative Sport Honour Board

Students who are selected in an Australian 17 Years or above and/or an Open Team. The team must be approved by the Australian Sports Commission and/or Office of Sport to represent their Country at an international event.

Roger Ascham Shield for Inter-House Competition

This shield is awarded to the House that has accumulated the most points over the course of the year.

Emerging Leader Prize, in memory of Dr Esther Chong

The recipient of this award is nominated by the Year 7 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 7 Form Teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 7 who upholds the values of the School in their academic and co-curricular endeavours. They will demonstrate leadership skills and make a positive contribution to their Year group.

Spirit of Ascham Prize, presented by Ascham Old Girls

The recipient of this award is nominated by the Year Coordinator and Head of Wellbeing in consultation with the classroom and specialist teachers. The prize is awarded to a student from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10, who actively participates in School life with heart, soul, strength and courage. To receive this award the student will: uphold the values of the School, demonstrating heart and soul; and commit to their learning and co-curricular activities, demonstrating strength and courage. Students receiving this prize should not be receiving another academic achievement award.

Prize for Student Mentorship and Support

For a student in Year 9 or 10 who is compassionate and who has demonstrated a capacity for student mentorship and support, in particular with younger students and students new to the School. First awarded in 2017 and presented by Gabrielle Stricker-Phelps, Chair of the 2017 School Committee.

Melissa Coghlan Roberts Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Year 10 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 10 Form Teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 10 who:

- meets every challenge with dignity, energy and persistence
- is enthusiastically involved in a wide range of School activities.

Laura Reid Honour Board Prize for Contribution to School Life

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Year 10 Coordinator in consultation with the Community Service Coordinator and the Head of Co-curricular. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 10 for contribution to School life between Years 7–10. The student should have:

- participated in service-learning activities
- been actively involved in co-curricular activities
- upheld the values of the School.

Susan Jolly Memorial Honour Board Scholarship and Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Year 11 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 11 Form Teachers. This prize cannot be awarded to a student who has been elected onto the incoming School Committee. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 11 who:

- meets every challenge with dignity, energy and persistence
- is enthusiastically involved in a wide range of School activities.

Centenary Honour Board Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Community Service Coordinator and the Year 10 Coordinator. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 10 who has:

- shown a particular interest in and involvement with social issues including in Community Service
- made a contribution to the community through leadership or service, requiring personal initiative and effort
- made a commitment to Community Service over a considerable and/or continuous period of time
- a positive attitude and shows qualities such as commitment, punctuality, versatility, flexibility and perseverance in the delivery of Community Service.

Sarah Cohn Honour Board Prize for Environmental Awareness

This prize is awarded to a student in Years 11 or 12, who has demonstrated sustained commitment to promoting sustainability and environmental awareness. To receive this prize the recipient will be actively involved in sustainability initiatives across a number of years that address global challenges such as (but not limited to) inequality, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

- They will be committed to sharing ideas and information to promote sustainability and environmental awareness.
- They will be actively involved in the organisation of activities that raise awareness.
- They will attend and contribute to events that support sustainability.

Ampol Best All Rounder Award

This award provides an opportunity to acknowledge a final year student who has made an exceptional contribution both in and out of the classroom. The award recognises qualities that include leadership, service and community, sport, arts and culture, attitude and personal conduct.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

This award recognises a student in Year 10 and a student in Year 12 who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within the School and the broader local community. The award recognises students who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship'.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award

This award is open to Australian high school students currently completing Year 10 or Year 12. The award recognises recipients' Science and Mathematics abilities, highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM-career opportunities within Defence.

Year 12 Special Prizes

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Drama

This award is presented to a student who has been a long standing contributor to the artistic and creative life of the Drama Department and the School through her support of, and involvement in, Department and Ascham productions, both as a lead and/or part of an ensemble and/or part of the crew. This student will have demonstrated an exemplary attitude, attended rehearsals and activities punctually and fostered relationships across Year groups. This award will be determined by the Head of Drama and will be presented at Senior School Prizegiving.

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Music in the School

This prize is awarded to a Year 12 student/students who have involved themselves consistently in many dimensions of the Music program over the expanse of their Senior School musical life. This prize can be deemed not eligible for awarding.

McKerihan Honour Board Prize for Creative Work in the School

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by the Heads of Drama, Music and Visual Arts and Design Technology. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 Art and/or Music and/or Drama student/s. The student/s must:

- study at least two of the above-mentioned subjects
- demonstrate creative ability at the highest level
- work effectively and cooperatively with teachers and peers, and display a positive attitude.

Eileen Teece Memorial Honour Board Prize for Debating

To receive this prize the recipients must be in Year 12 and must have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to debating over a least two years.

The Helen Grant Prize

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by Head of School in consultation with the Year 12 Coordinator, Year 12 Form Teachers and Year 12 Class Teachers. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student/s who began her/their education at Ascham in Hillingdon. It is awarded for consistent effort and cheerfulness. The student/s must be given the book *When We Were Very Young* by AA Milne and one other book (by request of Ms Grant).

The Thomas Honour Board Prize for Social Awareness

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the teacher responsible for the Social Justice Committee. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student who has exhibited outstanding social awareness through active involvement in Community Service and/or Charity and/or Social Justice activities. They should have:

- shown genuine compassion and concern for others
- given their own time to participating in and/or organising activities and events
- shown an innovative and creative approach to existing events and/or projects
- demonstrated leadership and/or organisational skills
- encouraged participation and delegated to other School leaders and other students, so that the wider School community is involved in Social Justice activities and events
- regularly attended and contributed to meetings.

Vi et Animo Cup and Prize for Outstanding All-Round Achievement and Team Spirit in Sport

This trophy is awarded to a Year 12 student who has achieved the highest number of awards—Highly Commended, Pockets and Trophies—in her time at Ascham. The tally of awards has the following weighting:

- Highly Commended: 1 point
- Pocket: 3 points
- Most Improved Player Trophy or Best Player Trophy: 5 points

The recipient is announced at Senior School Prizegiving.

Amelia Street Honour Board Prize for Dedication to Sport

This honour board is awarded to a Year 12 student who has participated in a number of School Sports each term; has performed at an advanced skill level; has demonstrated a passion and positive attitude; is a reliable team member; and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

- Any Year 12 student may be nominated by Head Coaches as long as they meet the criteria.
- A student must have played multiple sports throughout her School life and at least two sports in one term in Year 12.
- A student must have participated in the Senior 1sts, Ascham Representative team or a similar level in Year 12.
- A student must have demonstrated a positive attitude towards training and matches and demonstrated leadership skills in Year 12.
- A student must have consistently demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.
- Nominations to be submitted by Head Coaches to the Head of Sport.
- This prize is announced at Senior School Prizegiving.

Nicole Youdale Memorial Honour Board Prize

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Year 12 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 12 Form Teachers. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 12 who:

- meets every challenge with dignity, energy and persistence
- is enthusiastically involved in a wide range of School activities.

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to School Life Over Six Years

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by the Year 12 Coordinator in consultation with the Head of School. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student/s not on the School Committee who has been at Ascham from Year 7. It is awarded to a student/s who:

- is/are actively involved in co-curricular activities
- is/are actively involved in Sport, Music and Service Learning
- has/have upheld the values of the School.

The Year Coordinator's Prize for Contribution to the Year Group

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by the Year 12 Coordinator. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student/s who has/have contributed to the Year group. It is awarded to a student/s who:

- has/have embraced the values of the School when dealing with peers by showing respect, collaboration, responsibility, kindness and acceptance.

The Head of School's Prize for Outstanding Service to the School

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by the Head of School. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student/s who has/have:

- shown leadership in Community Service activities
- participated in Community Service activities either within or outside of School
- upheld the values of the School.

Honour Board Prize for Head of Boarding

The recipient of this prize is determined by the Head of Boarding. It is awarded to the Head of the Boarders' Committee.

North West Old Girls Prize for Senior Boarders

The recipient of this prize is nominated by the Head of Boarding. It is awarded to a Year 12 boarder who has set an excellent example to the Junior boarders through:

- leadership qualities, which include taking initiative and leading by example
- a love of learning and perseverance in study
- participating in activities that build the Boarding community.

Honour Board Prize for Secretary of the School Committee

The recipient of this prize is determined by the Deputy Head. It is awarded to the Vice-Chair of the School Committee.

Old Girls Honour Board Prize

The recipient of this prize is determined by the Deputy Head. It is awarded to the Chair of the School Committee.

The Chair's Prizes for the current School Committee

This prize is awarded to all members of the School Committee.

Prizes for House Chairs

This prize is awarded to all House Chairs.

Sport Honour Board Prizes

These Honour Board Prizes are awarded to all Sports Captains.

Year 12 Academic Prizes

All prizes and awards below are given in the Year 12 Prizes section at the annual Senior School Prizegiving. Prizes are nominated by staff as noted. Final selection is made by the Awards and Leadership Committee.

Subject Prizes

English

- Honour Board Prize for English
- Prize for Achievement in English (a student who has made a sustained improvement in her essay writing through diligence and her use of the Dalton Plan)
- Prize for Achievement in English Extension 1
- Prize for Achievement in English Extension 2

Drama

- Honour Board Prize for Drama

History

- Honour Board Prize for Ancient History
- Dr Richard Francis Memorial Honour Board Prize for Modern History
- Jill Lumsdaine Prize for Achievement in History Extension
- Prize for Achievement in Studies of Religion

Languages

- Honour Board Prize for Chinese
- Honour Board Prize for Chinese Extension
- Flora Scott Memorial Honour Board Prize for French
- Prize for Achievement in French Extension
- Marie Wallis Honour Board Prize for German
- Cornelia Sieck and Jane Sydenham-Kwiet Honour Board Prize for German Extension
- Honour Board Prize for Latin

Mathematics

- KC Gilman Jones Honour Board Prize for Mathematics
- Prize for Mathematical Insight

Music

- Honour Board Prize for Music
- Prize for Musical Composition
- Prize for Musical Performance
- Prize for Achievement in Music Extension

PDHPE

- Honour Board Prize for PDHPE

Science

- HJ Carter Memorial Honour Board Prize for Biology
- Honour Board Prize for Science: Chemistry
- Honour Board Prize for Science: Physics

- Prize for Achievement in Science Extension

Social Sciences

- Honour Board Prize for Business Studies
- Honour Board Prize for Economics
- Honour Board Prize for Geography

Visual Arts

- Walter Moffitt Marks Memorial Honour Board Prize for Art
- Prize for Achievement in Practical Art
- Prize for Digital Media

Margaret Bailey Prize

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by Year 12 Class and Form Teachers in consultation with the Dalton Co-ordinator and the Year 12 Co-ordinator. It is then determined by the Director of Studies in consultation with the Heads of Department. The prize is awarded to a student/s in Year 12 who has/have shown the most development in her years at Ascham through use of the Dalton Plan by:

- developing skills in independent organisation
- consistently using Studies effectively
- consistently seeking feedback on Assignments.

The Head of School's Commendation

The recipient/s of this prize is/are nominated by the Head of School in consultation with the Year 12 Coordinator. This prize is not always awarded. When it is awarded, it is to a Year 12 student/s who has/have shown dramatic overall academic improvement in Years 11 and 12, compared to academic performance and application in earlier Years (in particular Years 9 and 10).

Eva Fry Memorial Honour Board Prize for the Highest Aggregate for the Year's Work in Year 12

The recipient/s of this prize is/are determined by the Director of Studies, together with the Heads of Department, and is awarded to the Year 12 student/s with the highest aggregate.

Co-curricular Awards and Prizes

Chess Awards

Chess Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive the Highly Commended Award recipients must have achieved at least three of the following:

- Participated on a regular basis in the Ascham Interhouse Chess Competition
- Competed in the Metropolitan Chess Competition
- Competed in the NSW Girls Schools Competition
- Participated on a regular basis in the Ascham Chess Championships
- Demonstrated sound knowledge of the rules of Chess and can communicate its strategic objectives to the coach/peers.

Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

To receive this award the recipients must have exhibited exceptional achievement in Chess in at least 3 of the below competitions.

- Participated on a regular basis in the Ascham Interhouse Chess Competition
- Competed in the Metropolitan Chess Competition, with a proportion of wins
- Competed in the NSW Girls Schools Competition, with a proportion of wins
- Participated on a regular basis in the Ascham Chess Championships
- Contributed substantially to the promotion of Chess as an inclusive activity, via avenues such as assembly presentations.

Debating Awards

Debating Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive this award the recipients must have taken part in Archdale, ISDA, IGSA Festival of Speech or a similar competition.

Debating Pocket

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

To receive this award the recipients must be members of a Debating team that have progressed to an Octos Round or beyond.

Debating IGSA Representative Pocket

To be eligible for a Debating Representative Pocket students must be selected into the IGSA Debating Representative team and compete at the Representative Debating Competition.

Junior Debating Prize

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Eileen Teece Memorial Honour Board Prize for Debating

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Year 12 Special Prizes.

Drama Awards

Drama Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive the award the recipient must have participated as a cast member (ensemble) or crew member in one (1) Ascham performance/production within the nominated year. This may include (but is not limited to) the Senior School Production or the Middle School Production.

Drama Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

To receive this award the recipient must have participated in one of the following ways:

- As a lead/named cast in one (1) production in the nominated year. This may include (but is not limited to) the Middle School Production or the Senior School Production.
- As Stage manager in one (1) production in the nominated year. This may include (but is not limited to) the Middle School Production or the Senior School Production.
- As a crew member in two (2) productions in the nominated year. This may include (but is not limited to) the Middle School Production or the Senior School Production.
- As a cast member (ensemble) in two (2) Ascham performances/productions within the nominated year. This may include (but is not limited to) the Senior School Production or the Middle School Production.

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Drama

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Year 12 Special Prizes.

Musical Awards

Musical Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to a student who displays the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to the Ascham Musical.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive the award the recipient must have participated as a cast member (ensemble) or crew member in the Musical. They will display excellent contribution at the standard required and commit to all rehearsal and performance obligations.

Musical Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with the Ascham Musical.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award. They will clearly display an exceptional standard of performance within the context of the cast, crew or orchestra, foster mentorship of peers, lead by example and commit to all rehearsal and performance obligations.

To receive this award the recipient must have participated in one of the following ways:

- As a lead/named cast in the Musical.
- As Stage manager in the Musical.
- As a cast member (ensemble) or crew member in the Musical.
- As a member of the orchestra in the Musical.

Music Awards

The ensembles who are eligible for a Highly Commended Award or Pocket include:

- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- Piccoline Madrigal
- Voxia Madrigal
- Canzona Madrigal
- Chamber Choir
- Ascham Strings
- Sinfonietta Strings
- Camerata Strings
- Symphony Orchestra
- Wind Symphony
- Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Guitar Orchestra
- Rock Bands
- Chamber Ensemble
- Instrumental Ensembles

The criteria for these awards can be found below.

Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive this award the recipients must have been involved in ensemble work in the Senior School. They will display excellent contribution at the standard required of the ensemble and commit to all rehearsal and performance obligations.

Music Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

To receive this award the recipients must have been involved in ensemble work in the Senior School. They will clearly display an exceptional standard of performance within the context of the ensemble, foster mentorship of peers and commit to all rehearsal and performance obligations.

Music Honour Board Prizes

The majority of these awards are presented to students who achieve excellent academic and/or performance results in Music. Other awards are presented to students who have demonstrated a commitment to Music at Ascham and have encouraged high standards in these areas. Students will have demonstrated an exemplary attitude, attended rehearsals and activities punctually and fostered relationships across Year groups.

Deborah Angus Junior Prize for Contribution to Music in the School—Students 7–10

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Mysie Stephen Memorial Prize for Piano Sight-Reading

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Prize for Vocal Sight-Reading

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Honour Board Prize for Music

This prize is awarded to a Year 12 Elective Music student who performs at the highest level academically.

Prize for Musical Composition

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving and is awarded to a Year 12 Elective Music student who displays innovation and originality in their composition work.

Prize for Musical Performance

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving and is awarded to a Year 12 Elective Music student who performs at the highest level on their instrument/voice.

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Music in the School

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Year 12 Special Prizes.

Prize for Head of Choir

This prize is awarded to the Captain of Choir.

Prize for Head of Orchestra

This prize is awarded to the Captain of Orchestra.

Speech and Drama | Communication Skills Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour. To be awarded a Highly Commended, students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour. To be awarded a pocket, students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

Speech and Drama Highly Commended Awards

To receive this award recipients must have participated in a performance opportunity and successfully completed a Speech and Drama examination.

Speech and Drama Pockets

To receive this award, recipients must have completed a Speech and Drama examination, demonstrating an exceptional level of achievement and taken part in multiple Speech and Drama events. Recipients will have been selected for a School Showcase event and/or represented the School and/or placed in an external competition. Year 12 students will have completed Grade 8 or above with Trinity College London, performed in the Year 12 Performance Evening and completed assessable components of the Year 12 Communications Course.

Communication Skills Highly Commended Awards

To receive this award recipients must have participated in a performance opportunity and successfully completed a Communication Skills examination.

Communication Skills Pockets

To receive this award, recipients must have completed a Communication Skills examination, demonstrating an exceptional level of achievement and taken part in multiple events. Recipients will have been selected for a School Showcase event and/or represented the School and/or placed in an external competition. Year 12 students will have completed Grade 8 or above with Trinity College London, performed in the Year 12 Performance Evening and completed assessable components of the Year 12 Communications Course.

Ascham Speech Representative Highly Commended

To receive this award, recipients must have been selected to represent Ascham at the IGSA Festival of Speech.

Ascham Speech Representative Pockets

To receive this award, recipients must have placed in the top five of their event at the IGSA Festival of Speech

The Lesley Curtis Sperry Scholarship for Speech and the English Language

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Special Prize for Achievement in Speech Training

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Special Prize for Consistent Effort and Achievement in Speech Training over four years

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Public Speaking Awards

Public Speaking Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour. To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive this award recipients must have been selected to represent Ascham at a Public Speaking or Communication Skills Competition.

Public Speaking Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To receive this award recipients must have fulfilled all criteria for a Highly Commended Award **and** progressed to a regional level or similar in a Public Speaking Competition and/or placed in the top third of the Sydney Eisteddfod Public Speaking events.

Prize for Public Speaking

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Ascham Regional, State and National Representative Pockets (Public Speaking)

Students who are selected by the Ascham Speech, Drama and Communication Department to represent the School at Regional, State and National Public Speaking Events under the Ascham School Banner will be eligible for a Regional, State or Representative Pocket if they meet the following criteria:

Regional Representative Pocket

Students who place first or runner up at a Regional competition and are eligible to compete in the NSW State Competition.

State Representative Pocket

Students who compete and place first or runner up a State competition.

National Representative Pocket

Students who compete for Ascham and place first or runner up at a National competition.

Theatresports Awards

Theatresports Highly Commended Award

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour. To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

To receive this award recipients must have been selected to represent Ascham as a member of a Theatresports Competition team.

Theatresports Pocket

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To receive this award recipients must have fulfilled all criteria for a Highly Commended Award **and** progressed to the semi-finals of the Theatresports Schools Challenge or similar.

Sports Awards

Sports Highly Commended Awards

Highly Commended Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate sustained commitment and consistent attendance to their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Highly Commended students will have exhibited outstanding effort and a positive attitude.

The Sports that are eligible for a Highly Commended Award include:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Diving
- Equestrian
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Indoor Hockey
- Netball
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Snowsports
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Water Polo

Sports Pockets

Pocket Awards are presented to students who display the School's core values and demonstrate exceptional achievement and engagement with their chosen co-curricular endeavour.

To be awarded a Pocket students will have met the criteria for a Highly Commended Award.

Ascham Team Pockets

To be eligible for an Ascham Team Pocket, students must have been selected into a Senior First and/or Junior A team. The student must have met the full training commitment and participated in all eligible fixtures.

Summer Season:

- Touch Football: IGSA (Term 4 and Term 1)
- Water Polo: IGSA (Term 4 and Term 1)
- Tennis: Tildesley Tennis Team (See Criteria under Carnival Team Pockets)
- Indoor Hockey: SEHA (Term 1 and Term 4)

Winter Season:

- Basketball: IGSA (Term 2 and Term 3)
- Football: IGSA (Term 2 and Term 3)
- Hockey: IGSA (Term 2 and Term 3)
- Netball: IGSA (Term 2 and Term 3)
- Dance: Sydney City Eisteddfod and Ascham Invitational (Terms 1–4)

Ascham Carnival Team Pockets

To be eligible for an Ascham Carnival Team Pocket students must be selected to compete as part of the Ascham Representative Team in the specified competition and finish in the top third of the field in their event unless otherwise stated.

- Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Diving, Gymnastics and Rowing - Competition: IGSA Carnival

N.B. Rowing: Only students who compete in both the IGSA and NSW Schoolgirls Head of the River will be eligible.

N.B. Gymnastics: Only students who compete in Artistic Level 3 or Rhythmic Level 4 or above will be eligible.

- Sailing - Competition: NSW State Teams Racing
- Tennis - Competition: Tildesley Tennis (Students must compete in the Fourth Round or higher)
- Equestrian - Competition: North West Expo **OR** both SIEC and ISHE

Ascham School Pathway Representative Pockets

Students will be eligible for IGSA, NSWCIS, NSW All Schools and School Sport Australia Pockets if they meet the following criteria:

IGSA Representative Pocket

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Diving, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rowing, Rugby 7's, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football and Water Polo: students who have been selected and compete in an IGSA Team at the NSWCIS Championships.

NSWCIS Representative Pocket

Athletics, AFL, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Diving, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby 7's, Rugby League, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football, Volleyball and Water Polo: students who have been selected and compete in a NSWCIS Team at the NSW All Schools Championships.

NSW All Schools Pocket

Athletics, AFL, Basketball, Cross Country, Cricket, Diving, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby 7's, Rugby League, Swimming, Softball, Tennis, Touch Football, Triathlon, Volleyball and Water Polo: students who have been selected and compete in a NSW All Schools Team at the School Sport Australia Championships and/or NSW All Schools Honour Team for Teams where no school sport Australia event is held.

School Sport Australia Pocket

Athletics, AFL, Cross Country, Cricket, Basketball, Bowls, Diving, Football, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Rugby 7's, Rugby League, Swimming, Tennis, Softball, Touch Football, Triathlon, Volleyball and Water Polo: students who have been selected and compete in a School Sport Australia Team and either represent Australia at an International Schools Event or are selected as part of a School Sport Australia Honour Team.

Ascham Regional, State and National Representative Pockets

Students who are selected by the Ascham Sports Department to represent the School at Regional, State and National Events under the Ascham School Banner will be eligible for a Regional, State or Representative Pocket if they meet the following criteria:

Regional Representative Pocket

Snowsports: Students who place in the top third of the field at Sydney Interschools Regional Championships and compete in the NSW State Championships.

State Championship or a State Representative Pocket

Athletics, Diving, Gymnastics, Equestrian, Rowing, Sailing, Snowsports and Swimming: Students who compete and place in the top third of the field at a State Championships and compete in the Australian National Championships.

N.B. Equestrian: Students who have been selected into the Equestrian NSW Interschool Team to compete at the Australian Interschools Championships.

N.B. Rowing: Students who have been selected to compete for Ascham in the long course State Championship (not the State Sprint Championships)

National Championship or National Representative Pocket

Athletics, Diving, Gymnastics, Rowing, Sailing, Snowsports and Swimming: Students who compete for Ascham and place in the top three at a National Championships and/or are selected to represent Ascham (and Australia) at an International event.

Ascham Sport Honour Board

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Sport Trophies

Trophies are awarded within each Sport by the Head Coaches in consultation with the Head of Sport. All students receiving trophies must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures. Where applicable a 'Senior' trophy will be awarded to a girl from Years 10–12 and a 'Junior' trophy will be awarded to a girl from Years 7–9.

Individual Event Trophies

- These are awarded for each event at the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals.
- There are also trophies awarded for each event at the Junior, Intermediate and Open Tennis Championships.

Most Improved Junior or Senior Player

- This trophy will be awarded to a member from a Junior or Senior team that is not from the Junior As or Senior Firsts.
- The trophy will be nominated by team coaches and decided by Head Coach in consultation with Head of Sport.
- Ability, attitude and attendance will be taken into consideration when determining the award. The recipient needs to have shown a significant improvement throughout the duration of the sporting season.
- Students must compete in all internal and external competitions required by their Head Coach.
- Students who are nominated must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures.

Best Junior or Senior Player

- This trophy will be awarded to a member of either the Senior First team or the Junior A team for team sports and to an appropriate recipient for all other sports.
- The trophy will be nominated by team coaches and decided by Head Coach in consultation with Head of Sport.
- Excellence in ability, attitude and attendance will be taken into consideration when determining the award.
- Students must compete in all internal and external competitions required by their Head Coach.
- Students who are nominated must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures.

The complete list of trophies is on the following page.

Athletics

- Most Improved Athlete (Field Events)
- Best Athlete (Field Events)
- Most Improved Athlete (Track Events)
- Best Athlete (Track Events)

(Trophies for each event at the Athletics Carnival are not included in this list)

Basketball

- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Cross Country

- Most Improved Junior Runner
- Best Junior Runner
- Most Improved Senior Runner
- Best Senior Runner

Dance

- Most Improved Dancer
- Best Dancer

Diving

- Most Improved Diver
- Best Diver

Football

- Most Improved Goal Keeper
- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Gymnastics

- Most Improved Junior Gymnast
- Best Junior Gymnast
- Most Improved Senior Gymnast
- Best Senior Gymnast

Hockey

- Most Improved Goal Keeper
- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Indoor Hockey

- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Netball

- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Rowing

- Best Coxswain (Award)
- Most Improved Junior Rower
- Best Junior Rower
- Most Improved Senior Rower
- Best Senior Rower

Sailing

- Most Improved Junior Sailor
- Best Junior Sailor
- Most Improved Senior Sailor
- Best Senior Sailor

Snowsports

- Best Junior
- Best Senior

Swimming

- Most Improved Junior Swimmer
- Best Junior Swimmer
- Most Improved Senior Swimmer
- Best Senior Swimmer

(Trophies for each event at the Swimming Carnival are not included in this list)

Tennis

- Tildesley Encouragement Award
- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

(Trophies for each event at the Tennis Championships are not included in this list)

Touch Football

- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Water Polo

- Most Improved Goal Keeper
- Most Improved Junior Player
- Best Junior Player
- Most Improved Senior Player
- Best Senior Player

Prizegiving Sport Trophies and Awards

Templeton Cup for the Most Outstanding Annual Performance by a Sporting Team

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Special Prizes.

Vi et Animo Cup and Prize for Outstanding All-Round Achievement and Team Spirit in Sport

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Year 12 Special Prizes.

Amelia Street Honour Board Prize for Dedication to Sport

This prize is awarded at Senior School Prizegiving. The full criteria can be found under Year 12 Special Prizes.

Prizes for Sport—Honour Board Prizes

These prizes are awarded to the Sports Captains.

Additional Sport Honour Boards and Prizes

Judith Hislop-Stone Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) Tennis Prize

- This scholarship will be awarded to a member from a Senior Tennis team who is a current or aspiring Tildesley player, and who is partaking in Tennis lessons at Ascham.
- The scholarship will be nominated by Senior School coaches and decided by the Head Coach in consultation with the Head of Sport.
- This scholarship will be determined by the ability, attitude and overall commitment to Tennis. The recipient needs to have shown a significant improvement throughout her Senior School years.
- Students must compete in all internal and external competitions required by the Head Coach including school championships and Tennis Day.
- Students who are nominated must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures.
- Ability, attitude and attendance will be taken into consideration when determining the award.
- The recipient is announced at the annual Co-curricular Assembly.

Senior Tennis Players' Honour Board Prize

This Honour Board Prize is awarded to a Year 12 student who has participated in Tennis continuously throughout her Senior School years. This recipient has performed at an advanced skill level; has demonstrated a passion and positive attitude; is a reliable team member; and displayed excellent sportsmanship and leadership skills.

- This honour board will be awarded to a current or former Tildesley Team member.
- The honour board will be determined by the Head Coach in consultation with Head of Sport.
- Ability, attitude and attendance will be taken into consideration when determining the award. The recipient needs to have shown a significant contribution to the Sport of Tennis across a wide range of activities and events.
- Students must have competed in all internal and external competitions as required by their Head Coach including school championships and Tennis Day.
- The grades and results from participation in the two-term IGSA competition are taken into consideration when determining this award.
- Student performances in School Championships are taken into consideration when determining this award.
- Students who are nominated must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures.

- The recipient is announced at the annual Co-curricular Assembly.

Ken Richardson Tennis Prize

- This scholarship will be awarded to a member from a Senior school Tennis team who is a current or aspiring Tildesley player.
- This scholarship will be awarded to someone in Year 8 who is currently partaking in Tennis lessons at Ascham.
- The scholarship will be nominated by Senior School coaches and decided by the Head Coach in consultation with the Head of Sport.
- This scholarship will be determined by the ability, attitude and overall commitment to Tennis.
- Students must compete in all internal and external competitions required by the Head Coach including School Championships and Tennis Day.
- Students who are nominated must have attended all eligible training sessions and fixtures.
- The recipient is announced at the annual Tennis Day.

Historical Information on Prizes

Junior School Special Prizes

Carol Lane Prize

First awarded in 2007. Awarded to a girl in Year 3 who always works to the best of her ability.

Banjo Paterson Prize

Donated by the family of Banjo Paterson in appreciation for the education that his daughter and two granddaughters received at Ascham.

Anna Jane Vaile Mathematics Prize

Awarded for the first time in 2018, to honour Mrs Anna Jane Vaile's dedication and contribution to teaching at Ascham over 33 years.

Contribution to Music Prize

Awarded for the first time in 2009 and donated by Mrs Carolyn Williams.

Deacon Debating Prize

Donated by Emma and Victoria Deacon in 2008, originally called 'Debating Prize', awarded to a skilled debater in Senior Primary.

Margot Duncan Prize for Creativity

This prize was first awarded in 2017 and donated by Georgia Zweep, Cameron Duncan and Stella Duncan in memory of their daughter and sister Margot. It was awarded in honour of Margot Duncan, a Fiona student who displayed great creativity and flair in all forms of communication.

Head of Junior School Prize

First awarded in 2007.

Anabel Busby Prize

This prize was awarded to a Year 6 girl who has made an all round contribution to life in Fiona.

Carolyn Williams Vi et Animo Prize

This prize was presented by the Ascham Parents' Association to honour the work of former Head of Junior School, Mrs Carolyn Williams. It was first awarded in 2008.

Dalton Scholars Prize

First awarded in 2022.

The Judith Butcher Spirit of Ascham Prize

This prize was presented by Ascham Old Girls for the first time in 2023.

Special Prizes | Awarded at Prizegiving

Academic Special Prizes

The Amy Molineaux Memorial Honour Board Prize for English Essay

First awarded in 1910 as the Amy Molineaux English Prize. Amy Molineaux was an English teacher and Senior Mistress and Deputy to Miss Wallis and Mr Carter between 1891–1909.

The Margaret Lundie Honour Board Prize for Creative Writing

First awarded in 1987. Margaret Lundie was an Ascham Old Girl (1932) and niece to Miss Bailey. She taught French and Latin at Ascham for a short period of time.

Naomi Robinson Bursary and Prize

First awarded in 1992, in memory of Dr Naomi Robinson who was a senior English teacher at Ascham between 1990–1992.

The Judith Reed Library Prize

First awarded in 2000, in memory of Mrs Judith Reed, the Head of Library between 1978–1992.

Betty Winn Ferguson Memorial Honour Board Prize for Mandatory History

First awarded in 2003, presented by her family in memory of Mrs Betty Winn Ferguson, Ascham Old Girl (1936), who had a particular interest in (Australian) History. She is also one of the authors of *Ascham Remembered*. The prize is awarded to a student in Year 9 who over the year has achieved a high standard in Mandatory History.

Honour Board Prize for Geographic Research

First awarded in 2005 and presented by Miss Patricia Johnston, Geography Teacher, Head of Geography and Senior Mistress between 1956–1993 and Mrs Carolyn Howard, Geography and Economics Teacher and Head of Geography and Economics between 1986–2004.

Special Prizes

Junior Debating Prize

A prize for Junior Debating was first awarded in 1927. From 1931 onwards this prize was presented by Miss MW Fergusson, a senior History teacher and close friend and colleague of Miss Bailey's, who was in charge of Debating for many years. Miss Fergusson acted as Deputy and Acting Headmistress at various stages. She was at Ascham between 1926–1966 and was a member of Ascham's Council of Governors between 1953–1969.

Special Prize for Consistent Effort and Achievement in Speech Training

First awarded in 1977 and presented by Mrs Anne Stevenson. Mrs Stevenson was a teacher of speech training at Ascham between 1967–1996.

Prize for Achievement in Speech Training

First awarded in 1977 and presented by Ascham Old Girl Mrs Melanie Currie (Buttenshaw 1975), who was Chairman of the 1975 School Committee.

Lesley Curtis Sperry Scholarship for Speech and the English Language

First awarded in 2002; Lesley Curtis Sperry was an Ascham Old Girl (1937), who left this prize as a bequest.

Prize for Public Speaking

First awarded in 1977.

The Vivienne Blunt Prize

First awarded in 1991; Vivienne Blunt was the Head of Boarding throughout the 1980s until 1990 and was a trained teacher. She had a particular interest in the Dalton Plan and worked closely with the Year 7 boarders, helping them getting used to the Dalton Plan. This prize is awarded to a Year 10 boarder whose attitude and effort in the School and in the boarding house show that she has understood and applies the principles of the Dalton Plan.

AJ Macintosh Memorial Honour Board Prize for Boarders

First awarded in 1925 in memory of Mrs Annie Macintosh, who was a Senior Teacher and acting Headmistress at various stages between 1914–1925.

Mysie Stephen Memorial Prize for Piano Sight-Reading

Miss Mysie Stephen was a Music and Piano teacher between 1903–1937. Miss Stephen started presenting Music prizes in 1915. She first presented a prize for Piano Sight-Reading in 1930. It became the Mysie Stephen Memorial Prize for Piano Sight-Reading in 1938, after her sudden death. It was initially presented by her sister Miss Janet Stephen.

Prize for Vocal Sight-Reading

First awarded in 1994.

The Deborah Angus Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Music in the School for Junior Students Years 7–10.

First awarded in 1982. Deborah Angus's three daughters attended Ascham: Catriona (1982), Georgina (1984) and Penelope (1986).

The Honour Board Prize for Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

First awarded in 2007 and presented by Ascham Old Girls Lavinia Chrystal (2006) and Fiona Crawford (2006), Ascham's first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awardees.

The Templeton Cup for the Most Outstanding Annual Performance by a Sporting Team

First awarded in 2003 and presented by Ascham Old Girl Alexandra Fehon (Templeton 2002) and Sports Captain.

Ascham Sport Honour Board

First awarded in 2024.

Roger Ascham Shield for Inter-House Competition

First awarded in 1954 and presented by Form 6 of 1954.

Emerging Leader Prize, in memory of Dr Esther Chong

First awarded in 2023 in memory of Ascham Old Girl Dr Esther Chong (2014).

Spirit of Ascham Prize, presented by Ascham Old Girls

First awarded in 2023, presented by the Ascham Old Girls' Union.

Prize for Student Mentorship and Support

First awarded in 2017 and presented by Gabrielle Stricker-PHELPS, Chair of the 2017 School Committee.

The Melissa Coghlan Roberts Prize

First awarded in 2010, in memory of Melissa Coghlan Roberts, Ascham Old Girl (1975).

The Laura Reid Honour Board Prize for Contribution to School Life for Junior Students Years 7–10

First awarded in 2006 and presented by the Ascham Council of Governors in recognition of the contribution of Laura Reid, president of the Ascham Parents Association between 2003–2005.

Susan Jolly Memorial Honour Board Scholarship

First awarded in 1965, in memory of Susan Jolly, Ascham Old Girl (1964), donated by her parents. In 1988 this became a scholarship.

The Centenary Honour Board Prize

Instituted in 1988 to celebrate Ascham's Centenary.

The Sarah Cohn Honour Board Prize for Environmental Awareness

First awarded in 2009. Sarah Cohn, Ascham Old Girl (2009), was instrumental in setting up various Environmental Awareness programs during her time at Ascham.

Ampol Best All Rounder Award

This is an external award that was first presented in 2014.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

This is an external award that was first presented in 2006.

This is an external award that was first presented in 2020.

Year 12 Special Prizes

The Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Drama in the School

First awarded in 2005.

The Honour Board Prize for Contribution to Music in the School

First awarded in 1979 and presented by Ascham Old Girls Jane Rogers (Litchfield 1970), Sarah Body (Litchfield 1972) and Bettina Litchfield (1978).

The McKerihan Honour Board Prize for Creative Work in the School

First awarded anonymously in 1974 and presented by Dr RHK McKerihan, husband of Ascham Old Girl Gillian (Scott Stevenson 1940) and father to Susan (1967), Sara (1969), Mary Jane (1974) and Anita Lau (McKerihan 1977), and grandfather to Edwina Munns (Lau 2003) and Isabel Lau (2009). The Honour Board was established in 1978.

Eileen Teece Memorial Honour Board Prize for Debating

This prize was first awarded in 1925. Eileen Teece was an Ascham Old Girl (1905). It is presented by Eileen Teece's nieces and Ascham Old Girls Mrs WH Cullen (Barbara Littlejohn 1925) and Mrs TK Abbott (Patricia Littlejohn 1930) and her nephew Mr R Littlejohn. The prize was originally presented by their mother and Eileen's sister, Ascham Old Girl, Mrs Albert Littlejohn (Linda Teece 1901).

The Helen Grant Prize

First awarded in 1998 and presented by Miss H. Grant, Mistress-in-Charge of Hillingdon 1978–1998, Head of Fiona and Hillingdon, Deputy to Rowena Danziger - Primary School 1984 - 1995

The Thomas Honour Board Prize for Social Awareness

First awarded in 2005 and presented by Ascham Old Girls Lena Spark (Thomas 1994), Sian Khuman (Thomas 1997), Kyra Reznik (Thomas 2002) and Davina Thomas (2005).

***Vi et Animo* Cup and Prize for Outstanding All-Round Achievement and Team Sport**

First awarded in 1961 as the Prize, and later the Gollan Cup and Prize for Outstanding All-Round Achievement in Team Sport, and presented by Mr A Gollan. In 1965 it was renamed the *Vi et Animo* Cup and Prize and was presented by Ascham Old Girl Michele Wearn (Gollan 1960).

Amelia Street Honour Board Prize for Dedication to Sport at Ascham

First awarded in 2008 and presented by Amelia Street, Ascham Old Girl (2008).

The Nicole Youdale Memorial Honour Board Prize

For courage, first awarded in 2006 and instituted by the Class of 1980 in memory of Ascham Old Girl Nicole Youdale (1980).

Honour Board Prize for Contribution to School Life over Six Years

First awarded in 1988 and presented by the Class of 1988. It is also in recognition of Mrs Ilana Dubb's contribution to student leadership. Ilana Dubb was a Mathematics teacher and member of the School Executive from 1988 to 2012.

The Year Coordinators Prize for Contribution to the Year Group

First awarded in 2009.

The Head of School Prize for Outstanding Service to the School

First awarded in 1961. Since 2015 this prize has been presented by The Katrina Dawson Foundation in memory of Katrina Dawson, Ascham Old Girl (1994).

The Honour Board Prize for Head and Secretary of Boarding

First awarded in 2004 and presented by Mr David and Mrs Amanda Archibald, Ascham Old Girl (McCallum 1978).

The North West Old Girls' Honour Board Prize for Senior Boarders

The North West Old Girls' Prize for Senior Boarders was first awarded in 1982. The Honour Board was established in 2018. This prize is supported by the North West Old Girls.

Honour Board Prize for Secretary of the School Committee

First awarded in 1994 and presented by Ascham Old Girl Jackie Baron (Slezak), Chairman of the 1994 School Committee.

Old Girls' Honour Board Prize

The Honour Board was established in 1902 and it is the School's oldest continually awarded prize. The Ascham Old Girls' Union was founded in 1899 and there are records of the AOGU donating a prize from that year onwards.

The Chair of School Council's Prize for the School Committee

First awarded in 1959.

Prizes for House Chairs

First awarded in 1998.

Year 12 Academic Prizes

English

Honour Board Prize for English

First awarded in 1932 and presented by Mr and, later, Mrs WJ Baldock, Ascham parents at the time.

Prize for Achievement in English

First awarded in 2006 and presented by Ascham Old Girls Georgina Darling (2003), Camilla Edwards (2006) and Lucy Darling (2006) in recognition of their English teacher.

Prize for Achievement in English Extension 1

First awarded in 2020.

Prize for Achievement in English Extension 2

First awarded in 2014 and presented by Elena Roberts, Ascham Old Girl (2013).

Drama

Honour Board Prize for Drama

First awarded in 2004.

History

The Honour Board Prize for Ancient History

First awarded in 1953 and presented by Miss Catherine MacLean. Miss MacLean, Ascham Old Girl (1947), was a History teacher and Deputy Headmistress at Ascham between 1952–1957.

Dr Richard Francis Memorial Honour Board Prize for Modern History

First awarded in 1943 and presented Mrs R Francis in memory of her husband. Their daughter Angela, Ascham Old Girl (1943), was the first recipient of this prize.

Jill Lumsdaine Prize for Achievement in History Extension

First awarded in 2010. In 2022, this prize was renamed for Mrs Jill Lumsdaine who was a History Teacher at Ascham from 1976–2022. During her time at Ascham, Mrs Lumsdaine also served as Head of History, a Form Teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Prize for Achievement in Studies of Religion

First awarded in 2023.

Languages

Honour Board Prize for Achievement in Chinese

First awarded in 2004.

Honour Board Prize for Chinese Extension

First awarded in 2023.

Flora Scott Memorial Prize for French

First awarded in 1942 when the already existing Senior French Prize was named after Mrs Flora Scott in her memory. Mrs Scott was the Senior French Teacher between 1933–1942. In 2011 this prize was endowed by Ms Ruth Sear, Ascham Old Girl (1942) in recognition of the excellent teaching and kindness of Mrs Scott.

Prize for Achievement in French Extension

First awarded in 2020.

Marie Wallis Honour Board Prize for German

First awarded in 1906. Marie Wallis was the German-born founder and first owner of Ascham between 1886–1902. This prize was originally awarded for achievement in German. Between 1917–1932, when there was little interest in studying German, the Marie Wallis Prize was given to the student with the highest aggregate in Form VI (Year 12). This became

the Eva Fry Prize from 1933 onwards, when the Marie Wallis Prize returned to being awarded for German. Since 2018 this prize has been endowed by Ascham Old Girl Angela Kent (Saunders 1978), a former recipient of this prize.

Cornelia Sieck and Jane Sydenham-Kwiet Honour Board Prize for German Extension

First awarded in 2020. Cornelia Sieck taught German at Ascham between 1985 and 2017. Jane Sydenham-Kwiet is an Ascham Old Girl (1972) and has been a German Teacher at Ascham since 1984; she also served as Head of Modern Languages for several years. Together they ran the highly successful German language program with great dedication and care for their students. This prize is donated by Mrs Rowena Danziger, Headmistress of Ascham 1973–2003.

Honour Board Prize for Latin

The Honour Board Prize was first awarded in 1928 and presented by Miss Mary CG Davis, Ascham Old Girl (1914). The prize was endowed recently by an Ascham parent and former recipient of this prize.

Mathematics

KC Gilman Jones Honour Board Prize for Mathematics

First awarded in 1946. Kathleen Gilman Jones was a Mathematics teacher and, together with Margaret Bailey, the co-owner of Ascham between 1914–1916. She left Ascham to become the Head of Melbourne Girls' Grammar until 1938. Ms Gilman Jones left a bequest for the establishment of this prize. Since 2012 this prize has been endowed by the family of Ascham Old Girl Rachael Fung (2006), a former recipient of this prize.

Prize for Mathematical Insight

First awarded in 2013 and presented by the Ascham Parents' Association.

Music

The Honour Board Prize for Music

First awarded in 1953 and presented by Mrs JD Collins, Ascham Old Girl (Anne Balzer 1952).

Prize for Musical Composition

First awarded in 1998 and presented by Mr Richard Charlton, who taught at Ascham from 1982 until 2023. Over this time, Mr Charlton served as a Music teacher, performer, Composer-in-Residence, Director of Performance, Coordinator of Guitar Studies and Head of Music.

Prize for Musical Performance

First awarded in 2004.

Prize for Achievement in Music Extension

First awarded in 2020.

PDHPE

The Honour Board Prize for PDHPE

First awarded in 2015.

Science

HJ Carter Memorial Honour Board Prize for Biology

First awarded in 1939. This prize was originally called the HJ Carter Memorial Prize for Science. In 1961 this became the HJ Carter Memorial Honour Board Prize for Biology. Mr Herbert Carter was the second Head and owner of Ascham between 1902–1914. He purchased Glenrock, thus assuring Ascham a permanent home.

Honour Board Prize for Science

First awarded in 1961 for Chemistry and in 1963 for Physics and presented by Miss Julia Richards, Ascham Old Girl (1954). Miss Richard's father, Mr Frederick Richards, donated this prize in her name. He was a Governor on the Ascham School Council between 1957–1972.

Prize for Achievement in Science Extension

First awarded in 2020.

Social Sciences

Honour Board Prize for Business Studies

First awarded in 2021.

Honour Board Prize for Economics

The prize for Achievement in Economics was first awarded in 1978. The Honour Board Prize was established in 1982. As of 2017 this prize is endowed by Mrs Sevi Sinclair, Head of Social Sciences between 2005–2016.

Honour Board Prize for Geography

First awarded in 1950 and presented by Ascham Old Girls Mrs Margaret McDonald (Robinson 1949) and Mrs Patricia Houston (Tomlinson 1951).

Visual Arts

Walter Moffitt Marks Memorial Honour Board Prize for Art

First awarded in 1958 presented by Mrs PG Sloane, Ascham Old Girl (Joan Marks 1929), in memory of her father Walter Marks and grandfather William Moffitt.

Prize for Achievement in Practical Art

First awarded in 1980.

Prize for Digital Media

First awarded in 2015. There were earlier prizes for Photography (1980–2013) and Photomedia (2014).

Other

The Margaret Bailey Prize

First awarded in 1992 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Dalton Plan. Margaret Bailey was the third owner and longest serving Headmistress of Ascham between 1914–1948. She introduced the Dalton Plan in 1922.

The Head of School's Commendation

First awarded in 2008. Since 2015 this prize has been presented by the Class of 1980 in memory of Fiona Gardiner-Hill, Ascham Old Girl (1980).

Eva Fry Memorial Honour Board Prize for Highest Aggregate for the Year's Work in Year 12

First awarded in 1933 and originally called the Sixth Form Prize and presented by Una Saunders, Ascham Old Girl (1932). It was named the Eva Fry Prize in 1935. Eva Fry was a Latin and the Senior Mathematics Teacher from 1917 to 1941.

Additional Special Prizes

Judith Hislop-Stone Intermediate Tennis Prize

First awarded in 2008 and presented by Dr FGA Stone in memory of his wife, Judith Hislop-Stone, Ascham Old Girl (1945).

The Senior Tennis Player's Honour Board Prize

The Tennis Honour Board Prize was established in 1917 and presented by Miss Marjorie Capel, later Mrs Middleton, Ascham Old Girl (1916). Miss Capel had been a prefect and the Captain of Tennis.

Additional Honour Board Prizes

Sports Captain

First awarded in 1984, the Honour Board was established in 1986.

Athletics Captain

The Honour Board was established in 1996.

Basketball Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2001.

Cross Country Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2018.

Dance Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2009.

Diving Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2001.

Equestrian Captain

First awarded in 2004, the Honour Board was established in 2009.

Football Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2010.

Gymnastics Captain

First awarded in 1995, the Honour Board was established in 1996.

Hockey Captain

First awarded in 1995, the Honour Board was established in 1996.

Netball Captain

First awarded in 1995, the Honour Board was established in 1996.

Rowing Captain

First awarded in 1997. The Honour Board was established in 2002 and presented by Ms Sarah Murdoch, Ascham Old Girl (2001) and Captain of Rowing.

Sailing Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2013.

Snowsports Captain

The Honour Board for Skiing Captain was established in 2003. It was changed to 'Snowsports' in 2016.

Swimming Captain

The Honour Board was established in 1992 and presented by Mr R Berryman, father of Ascham Old Girls Lara (1986) and Sarah (1992), who was the Swimming Captain.

Tennis Captain

The Honour Board was established in 1996.

Touch Football Captain

The Honour Board was established in 2001.

Water Polo Captain

The Honour Board was established in 1998.

Prize for Head of Choir

First awarded in 1995.

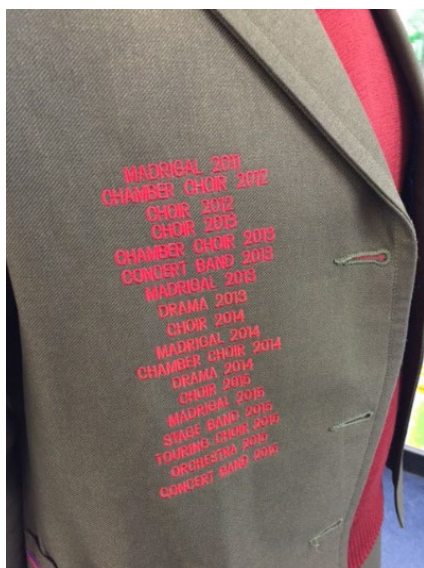
Prize for Head of Orchestra

First awarded in 1995.

External Awards

There are occasionally external awards that Ascham students are eligible for each year. The nominees/recipients of these awards will be determined by the Awards and Leadership Committee.

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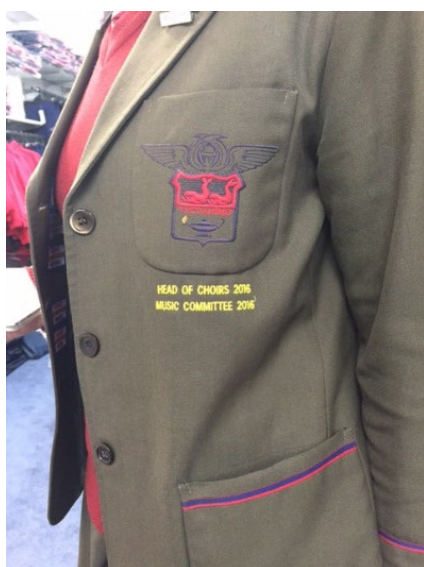
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Highly Commended Awards: these are sewn to the inside of the blazer.



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Leadership positions: these are sewn in gold thread embroidered on the left hand side of the blazer, underneath the crested pocket.



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School Committee Braiding: red and blue ribbon with gold thread embroidered above the crest