THEODOR HERZL HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC AWARDS POLICY

GRADE 8 AND 9

SUBJECT AWARDS

- The top achiever in each subject is identified and recognized at prize giving.
- The mark (out of 100), reflected on the term reports, will be used for this purpose, and will be calculated as follows: 25% of Term 1 result
  50% of Term 2 result
  25% of Term 3 result
- In the event that a pupil is absent for an assessment, the pupil will still be required to write the assessment at a later stage and the mark will be recorded.
- If such absence is due to medical reasons, or the death of a close family member, a doctor's certificate or guardians letter respectively, is required. In this case, only the first THREE replacement papers are considered for academic awards.
- If absenteeism is due to any other reasons, the pupil will automatically forfeit consideration of an academic award for that subject.

TOP THREE IN THE GRADE

The top three pupils in the grade will be identified and awarded 3rd, 2nd and 1st place.

- The total marks, accumulated from 10 different learning areas, will be used for this purpose.
- The same 25%, 50% and 25% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

JUNIOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A Junior Academic Merit award (blue pin) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 80% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

A Junior Academic Colours award (silver pin) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 85% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

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A Junior Academic Honours award (gold pin) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 90% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

If these awards are achieved in Grade 8, a re-award is given in Grade 9

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AWARD

This award is given to the Grade 8 and 9 student whose aggregate has improved the most since the start of the year.

GRADE 10 AND 11

SUBJECT AWARDS

- The top achiever in each subject is identified and recognized at prize giving.
- The mark (out of 100), reflected on the term reports, will be used for this purpose, and will be calculated as follows: 25% of Term 1 result
  50% of Term 2 result
  25% of Term 3 result
- In the event that a pupil is absent for an assessment, the pupil will still be required to write the assessment at a later stage and the mark will be recorded.
- If such absence is due to medical reasons, or the death of a close family member, a doctor's certificate or guardians letter respectively, is required. In this case, only the first THREE replacement papers will be considered for academic awards.
- If absenteeism is due to any other reasons, the pupil will automatically forfeit consideration of an academic award.

TOP ACHIEVERS

The **top three pupils in the grade** will be identified and awarded 3rd, 2nd and 1st place.

- The total marks, accumulated from 7 different learning areas, will be used for this purpose.
- The same 25%, 50% and 25% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

The **top achievers in the Sciences, Commerce, and Humanities faculties** will be identified and recognized.

- It is possible for a pupil to be the top achiever in more than one faculty.

Sciences

- In the Sciences, any combination of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Geography and Mathematics is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.

- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects over term 1, 2 and 3, in order to qualify for this award.
- The same 25%, 50% and 25% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

Commerce

- In the Commerce faculty, any combination of Accounting, Business Studies, CAT and Mathematical Literacy is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.
- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects in term 1, 2 **and** 3, in order to qualify for this award.
- The same 25%, 50% and 25% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

Humanities

- In the Humanities, any combination of Languages, Dramatic Arts, Visual Art and History is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.
- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects over term 1, 2 and 3, in order to qualify for this award.
- The same 25%, 50% and 25% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

SENIOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Grade 10 and 11:

A Senior Academic Merit award (blue pin) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 75% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

A Senior Academic Colours award (silver pin and gold braiding for arms of blazer) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 80% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

A Senior Academic Honours award (gold pin and gold braiding for entire blazer) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 85% or above over the three terms, using the same 25%, 50%, 25% formula as above.

Re-awards can be given for all of the above awards.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AWARD

This award is given to the Grade 10 and 11 student whose aggregate has improved the most since the start of the year.

GRADE 12

SUBJECT AWARDS

- The top achiever in each subject is identified and recognized at prizegiving.
- The mark (out of 100), reflected on the term reports, will be used for this purpose, and will be calculated as follows: 15% of term 1 result
  35% of term 2 result
  50% of term 3 result
- In the event that a pupil is absent for an assessment, the pupil will still be required to write the assessment at a later stage and the mark will be recorded.
- If such absence is due to medical reasons, or the death of a close family member, a doctor's certificate or guardians letter respectively, is required. In this case, only the first THREE replacement papers will be considered for academic awards.
- If absenteeism is due to any other reasons, the pupil will automatically forfeit consideration of an academic award.

TOP ACHIEVERS

The **top three pupils in the grade** will be identified and awarded 3rd, 2nd and 1st place.

- The total marks, accumulated from 7 different learning areas, will be used for this purpose.
- The same 15% ,35, 50% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

The **top achiever in the Sciences, Commerce, and Humanities faculties** will be identified and recognized.

- It is possible for a pupil to be the top achiever in more than one faculty.

Sciences

- In the Sciences, any combination of Physical Science, Life Sciences, Geography and Mathematics is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.
- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects over term 1, 2 and 3, in order to qualify for this award.
- The same 15, 35, 50% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

Commerce

- In the Commerce Faculty, any combination of Accounting, Business Studies, CAT and Mathematical Literacy is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.

- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects over term 1, 2 and 3, in order to qualify for this award.
- The same 15,35, 50% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

Humanities

- In the Humanities, any combination of Languages, Dramatic Arts, Dance Studies, Visual Arts and History is used.
- To qualify for these awards, a pupil must take at least two subjects in the faculty.
- The pupil must have achieved no less than a 75% **overall average** for each of these two subjects over term 1, 2 and 3.
- The same 15, 35, 50% formula will apply, as well as the absenteeism rule explained above.

SENIOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A Senior Academic Merit award (blue pin) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 75% or above over the three terms, using the same 15%, 35%, 50% formula as above.

A Senior Academic Colours award (silver pin and gold braiding for arms of blazer) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 80% or above over the three terms, using the same 15%, 35%, 50% formula as above.

A Senior Academic Honours award (gold pin and gold braiding for entire blazer) will be awarded to students who achieve an overall aggregate of 85% or above over the three terms, using the same 15%, 35%, 50% formula as above.

Re-awards can be given for all of the above awards.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AWARD

This award is given to the Grade 12 student whose aggregate has improved the most since the start of the year.