



HARROW
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ONLINE

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HOUSE AWARD PROGRAMME



THE HOUSE AWARD

The Harrow School Online House Award is designed to encourage and empower pupils to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities outside of the classroom environment. Pupils are expected to be proactive and engage in a wide range of activities. We actively encourage pupils to create a collaborative environment and through their participation in the House Award to forge and cement friendships with fellow Online Harrovians.

BENEFITS OF THE HOUSE AWARD

Through the House Award we aim to develop character, foster friendships, and promote leadership, service and a sense of personal fulfilment. Harrow School Online is firmly committed to developing pupils' academic, social, moral and cultural potential. As well as supporting pupils to pursue their own passions we also encourage them to develop new and healthy interests.

Engaging in extra-curricular activities can be instrumental in developing the transferable skills and mindset for success both at our school and beyond. The evidence captured via the House Award scheme may also prove invaluable during the university application process.

ACHIEVING THE HOUSE AWARD

The House Award scheme encourages pupils' participation in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Pupils can take part in activities either online or in their local community. For activities which take place outside of the School community, a responsible adult must be able to complete a report on the pupil's involvement, and evidence of the activity, normally including photographs or a video, must be submitted.

Participation in the House Award scheme is compulsory for all full-time pupils at Harrow School Online and is monitored by their Success Coach. Pupils are all expected to achieve the House Award; what level they achieve will ultimately be down to the depth of their participation in the scheme.

Later in this document, there is a list of examples of attributes that pupils can work towards. This is not an exhaustive list. We want pupils to be recognised and rewarded for their passions and interests. Pupils should liaise with their Success Coach in order to determine whether any additional activities not included in the table below are suitable for recognition.

THE HOUSE AWARD ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA

There are three levels of achievement for this award; Pass, Merit and Distinction. In order to achieve one of these levels you must obtain a certain number of points for individual attributes spread across all of the four channels:

- Charity and Service;
- The Arts;
- Sport and Wellbeing; and
- Academic Development.

You can upload evidence and gain points for the same attribute multiple times. You will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction for each piece of evidence submitted.

- Pass = 10 points
- Merit = 15 points
- Points and Distinction = 20 points

At the end of your first academic year all of the points you have achieved will be added together and a final score and results will be awarded. You will be awarded a certificate of your achievement at the end of your first year of study with Harrow School Online. You will be able to further add to your points tally over the second year of the award.

In order to qualify for an Award, you must achieve attributes across all four channels, each attribute must be evidenced, and the evidence must be uploaded to the portal.

PASS To achieve a pass level you will need to be awarded 100 points.

MERIT To achieve a merit level you will need to be awarded 150 points.

DISTINCTION To achieve a distinction level you will need to be awarded 200 points.

The pupil's Success Coach manages the allocation of points within the House Award. For example, 'Visit to Museum' (attribute) falls with 'The Arts' 'channel' and the Success Coach, on the basis of the evidence submitted, awards a 'pass'. Therefore, this generates 10 points towards the House Award. These points and the pupil's progress are tracked within the learning management platform. In cases of exceptional achievement, the Success Coach, in consultation with the Principal, may award more than 20 points for a distinction level activity.

THE HOUSE AWARD CHANNELS

Channels	Examples of activities
Charity and Service	Volunteering Fundraising Study-Buddy programme Reading programme Engagement with environmental issues Advocacy Sponsored events Record books for the blind Learn sign language
The Arts	Music lessons Showcasing artwork Collaboration with the school magazine Photography club Visits to museums or art galleries etc. Creating a short film Culinary Arts
Sport and Wellbeing	Participation in a physical activity Competing in a sports or dance competition Participation in a wellbeing activity Participation in a team building activity Participation in a reading group Sports officiating
Academic Development	Essay Writing Debating Extra-curricular external challenge Horticulture Model United Nations Clubs/Societies Electives Participation in the guest lecture series

EXEMPLAR ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT AT THE THREE LEVELS**CHARITY AND SERVICE**

Activities	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Volunteering	Signed evidence that you have completed 10 hours of voluntary service.	Signed evidence that you have completed 20 hours of voluntary service.	Signed evidence that you have completed 30 hours of voluntary service.
Fundraising	Participating in a charity fundraising event for a charity.	Successfully planning and running a charity fundraising event.	Setting up or running a charity.
Study-Buddy Programme	Supporting a fellow student with their academic work for a single session.	Supporting a fellow student with their academic work for a single term.	Supporting a fellow student with their academic work for more than a single term.
Reading Programme	Reading with a younger student for a term.	Reading with a younger student for two terms.	Reading with a younger student for a school year.
Engagement with Environmental Issues	Attend a talk on an environmental issue.	Attend a talk on an environmental issue and submit a piece of writing about how you personally can make a positive change to the environment.	Join or create a group/society who engage with environmental issues e.g. Tide Turners. You will need to evidence your contribution.
Advocacy		Write a letter to a politician about a topic you are passionate about to try and effect change.	
Sponsored event	Take part in a sponsored event e.g., 10K challenge.		
Record books for the blind			Record books for the blind. The audio book charity 'Calibre' uses more than 80 volunteer readers to record books.
Learn Sign Language			Learn a Sign Language to Level 1 standard or equivalent.
Harrow School Online pupil leadership positions	Registering to be a school representative (e.g. talking to prospective Harrow School Online pupils and parents).	Attaining a House Leadership position at Harrow School Online.	Attaining a School Leadership position at Harrow School Online.

THE ARTS

Activities	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Music Lesson	Signed evidence that you have completed 10 hours of individual music lessons.	Signed evidence that you have completed 25 hours of individual music lessons.	Signed evidence that you have completed 40 hours of individual music lessons.
Showcase Artwork	Create a piece of artwork and present it to your House discussing what it represents.	Create a piece of artwork and write a piece for The Harrovian about what it represents.	
Collaboration with the School Magazine	Be interviewed by someone for The Harrovian.	Write an article for The Harrovian.	Join the editorial panel of The Harrovian.
Photography	Present a series of photos to your House, telling them about what the photos show and represent.	Write a piece for The Harrovian introducing a series of photos and explaining what they represent.	
Showcasing Craftwork	Showcase CAD, CAM, Interior Design, architecture, jewellery making, sculpture, carpentry, etc. Present your work to your House.	Write a piece for The Harrovian, accompanied by a photo, to explain what your craftwork represents.	
Visits to museums or art galleries, etc.	Visit to museums or art galleries – evidenced by photographs or notes of experience.	Write a review of a museum or art gallery you have visited for inclusion in The Harrovian.	
Horticulture	Growing and caring for plants or flowers. Photographic evidence of plant development and/or garden landscaping.	Present your horticultural skills to your fellow Harrovians in your House meeting.	
Create a short film			Produce a stop frame animation or short film, e.g., a House Christmas video.
Learn Sign Language			Learn a Sign Language to Level 1 standard or equivalent.
Culinary Arts	Learning to cook something new. Photo evidence required of finished products and signature of parental supervisor.	Submit a recipe you have created, adapted or translated to the The Harrovian with a photo of the finished product.	

SPORT AND WELLBEING

Activities	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Participation in a physical activity	Submit evidence that you have completed 40 hours of physical activity.	Signed or photographic evidence that you have completed 80 hours of physical activity.	Signed or photographic evidence that you have completed 160 hours of physical activity.
Competing in a sport or dance competition	Compete against others in an organised competition or tournament.		Place highly in your competition in comparison to previous success.
Participation in a wellbeing activity	Submit evidence that you have participated in 20 hours of a wellbeing activity e.g. mindfulness course or yoga session.		
Participate in a team building activity	Submit evidence that you have participated in a team building activity.	Write a piece for the Online Harrovian explaining your experience and whether your team building skills have improved.	
Participation in a Reading Group	Evidence of participating in a Reading group or 'book club'.	Joining the Harrow School Online Book Club and reading a book each half term.	
Sports officiating		Become qualified as a sports official.	Regular sports officiating e.g. refereeing a series of rugby games.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Activities	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Essay Writing	Submit your own creative writing to The Harrovian.	Take part in an internal Harrow School Online creative writing competition.	Take part in an essay writing competition such as The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, the Libra Essay Prize or the Dukes Education Essay Prize.
Debating	Take part in an internal Harrow School Online debate.	Take part in an inter-School debate on the Harrow School Online debate team.	
Take part in an extra-curricular challenge		E.g., The Young Engineers programme, UK Maths Challenge Extra, Mathematics/ Science Olympiad, The Wharton Global Investment Competition and/or Shares4Schools Competition, Join Cyber Discovery.	Take a leading team role in an extra-curricular challenge.
Model United Nations		Participate in the Harrow School Online Model United Nations conference.	
Clubs/Societies	Participate in a Harrow School Online club or society (N.B. this does not include Book Club, for which points are awarded in the Sport & Wellbeing area)	Take a leadership role in a Harrow School Online club or society for one term (10 points per term).	
Electives		Sign up to two or more Electives.	
Participate in Guest Lecture Series	Watch 5 lectures in the Guest Lecture Series and complete the post learning tasks.		

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

In order to register each of your achievements towards the House Award, you must provide your Success Coach with clear and reliable evidence of your engagement. Some of the activities within the House Award can be evidenced easily to your Success Coach, for example: "Participate in a Harrow School Online club or society" can be evidenced via your timetable. Some of the activities within the House Award though will require evidence from teachers, parents, mentors, coaches or other relevant, responsible adults. For activities that require "signed evidence" - for example, "Signed evidence that you have completed 30 hours of voluntary service" - proof must be provided in the form of an e-mail from a parent or mentor. Accompanying documents from other observers who can validate your voluntary service are also most welcome, for example: a short e-mail from the manager of the charity shop that you volunteered at would be useful. At Harrow School Online we feel it important to encourage and celebrate your extra-curricular achievements - the House Award is the perfect vehicle for us to do so.

Remember: your Success Coach will need to see clear and reliable evidence of any activities completed, prior to them logging any points in your Student Achievement Record. If you are unsure on how to evidence the successful completion of an activity within the House Award, your Success Coach will be able to guide you.