



Rewards at The Thomas Hardy School



At The Thomas Hardy School we believe that students should be recognised, praised and rewarded for their good behaviour, effort and achievements – both academic and extra-curricular. This takes place on a variety of levels and with varying frequencies, with the overall aim of rewards being both meaningful and motivating. Examples include:

	Merit	Awarded for
Merits	Academic Excellence	High levels of attainment in classwork and/or homework.
	Academic Progress	High/sustained levels of progress in classwork and/or homework.
	Excellent Participation	Excellent verbal/physical participation in class.
	Outstanding Contribution	Excellent verbal contribution to class discussion.
	Excellent Independent Study	Excellent work completed outside of the classroom to support academic progress.
	Extra-Curricular	Excellent involvement in activities/clubs outside of the classroom.
	Pastoral	Students who have been commended by the year team for positive contribution to the school community.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutors keep a daily track of students' merits Numbers of merits received can be found via the portal
Postcards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent home via subject areas for excellent attainment or effort. Students will receive a postcard from the year team when they receive 25, 50, 75 or 100 merits. 	
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations with students/groups within the classroom. Contact with home via email or telephone. Displays of high-quality work around the school site. Praise at consultation evenings. Use of school website, newsletter and twitter feed to raise profile of achievements. Reward badges, sports ties, etc. 	
Presentation assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation assemblies happen at the end of each term and celebrate student achievements both in and out of the classroom. Subject 'shout-outs' are shared, where subject areas select students who they feel deserve recognition for their work in that subject area throughout the term. Recognition of merits (contributing to a tutor group competition where there are prizes for the tutor group with the most merits). 	
Celebration Breakfasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held after a review, where students who have been identified to have excellent attainment, or sustained progress, are invited to a breakfast in the canteen with the Year team and members of the senior leadership team. A raffle is also held. 	
Fortnightly tutor awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given to students for a range of reasons, such as excellent effort, progress, contribution to the tutor group or school community, consistently meeting expectations. Students receive a 'queue skip' for themselves and one friend which can be used in the canteen. 	
Presentation Evenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held for year 11 and 13 in July, where parents are invited along with members of the community to celebrate students' achievements across the curriculum. 	