

# Promoting Positive Behaviour Using Merits and FAITH Tickets

## Rationale

At Brechin High School all staff, learners and parents have high expectations of standards of behaviour. These standards are clear and shared by all. A positive behaviour system will support children and young people demonstrate our school values. We want our young people to show understanding and empathy towards each other. Positive behaviour approaches should be applied consistently. Appropriate behaviour is reinforced and praised and inappropriate behaviour is always challenged and discussed.

## Expectations of Staff Using Merits

Merits should be awarded each lesson and shared with pupils. The **conversation between staff and pupil regarding the award of merits is vital** and should be used as a motivational tool to reinforce good behaviour.

There are four categories of merit: behaviour, effort, uniform and punctuality.

Criteria for awarding merits:

**Behaviour.** Did the child enter into the behaviour management flowchart? If yes, then do not award a merit.

**Effort.** Has the child displayed effort relative to their ability? If yes, then award a merit.

**Uniform.** Is the child wearing suitable school uniform in your class? If yes, then award a merit

**Punctuality.** Has the child arrived on time? If yes, then award a merit.

**Preparation.** Is the child prepared for your class with the relevant equipment? If yes, then award a merit.

At certain times during the term, 'spot checks' of merits will take place. The times of spot checks will only be known to staff. The data collated from 'spot checks' will be used in part for rewards and pupil league tables which will be communicated with pupils and parents. The reason for using spot checks is to ensure fairness to the pupils when collating the number of merits.

## FAITH tickets

Behaviour within and outwith the classroom which is commendable will be rewarded by staff issuing FAITH tickets. The reason for using FAITH is to tie in with the school values and aim to improve the overall positive ethos within the campus. When staff witness exceptional behaviour, they can complete a FAITH ticket and give to the pupil directly. The pupil will then place the ticket into their house specific box in the library. FAITH tickets will be collated and used as part of our system to recognise good behaviour.

Examples of this include pupils staying behind to help you tidy up, picking up litter, helping a member of the community etc.

Award of a FAITH ticket is generally up to the staff member's discretion.

An example of a FAITH ticket can be found in appendix 1, it will be printed on blue paper.

## Appendix 1

Congratulations you have received a FAITH ticket;

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff member: \_\_\_\_\_

Our School Values: Friendliness,  
Achievement, Inclusion, Trust &  
Respect, Honesty

Brechin Community  
Campus.

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