

WELCOME TO
A CELEBRATION OF THIS
YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS



FORRESTER HIGH SCHOOL
BGE
VIRTUAL ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY
JUNE 2021

S1 – S3

WINNERS

BGE AWARD EXCELLENCE WINNERS

Excellence in English
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Excellence in Maths

Excellence in Modern Languages

Excellence in Science
Bill Taylor Award

Excellence in Geography

Excellence in History

Excellence in Modern Studies

Excellence in Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies

Excellence in Art
Anna Burnett Award

Excellence in Craft, Design & Technology

Excellence in Home Economics

Excellence in Music
Graham Morrison Award

Excellence in Drama

Excellence in Computing/Information Technology

Excellence in Business Education
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Excellence in Physical Education

S1 – S3 Reading Achievement Award (Library/English)

Team of the Year

Macauley Quaich

BGE Excellence Award Winners

Excellence in English

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This year Mara has written extensively across a range of genres such as personal reflective, creative, persuasive, and informative. In all of them, her use of word choice, imagery and sentence structure is truly impressive; she quickly hooks readers into her writing and then makes them want to keep reading. Her creative short story at Christmas, about a mystery gift, had lots of tension and built up to an exciting climax. She also wrote an emotive poem as part of our anti-discrimination unit, calling for people to come together as a society and to stand up against discrimination. She not only writes well but is a positive influence on her peers, often giving them ideas to start their own writing pieces. Well done Mara.

This year's winner is: **Mara O'Kane 1T2**

Excellence in Maths

This young person is an excellent Mathematician. He always gives 100% effort in order to reach his potential and is an asset to those around him. He is incredibly polite and helpful, and a real pleasure to teach. He is a great problem solver and attacks problems in a variety of contexts. His work is always completed to a very high standard and I am confident that he will continue to do well as he moves into the senior phase.

The recipient of the Forrester High School award for excellence in maths in BGE is ... Nick Bregkou, many congratulations.

This year's winner is: **Nick Bregkou 3B2**

Excellence in Modern Languages

This is the award for excellence in Modern Languages. This pupil has been chosen for this award in recognition of her focus and dedication to Spanish. Spanish is a new subject at Forrester this year and this pupil has shown a real willingness to grasp a new language as well as demonstrating a natural ability and working to a very high standard. She thoroughly deserves this award and the pupil winning this award is S3/3rd year pupil, Chloe McIntosh. I have been very impressed by Chloe's motivation and progression in the Spanish language and am very pleased to announce that she is continuing with Spanish in S4 at National 5 level. Well done Chloe!

This year's winner is: **Chloe McIntosh 3R2**

Excellence in Science ***Bill Taylor Award***

This Award was initiated after the passing of a long standing and highly respected member of the Science Department – Bill Taylor. Of the many characteristics that Bill was always so keen to foster in his students was that of a determination to do their best, to learn from their mistakes and to make their next piece of work better than their last. Throughout S1 J. attended the lunchtime science club and with a group of other pupils where he took part in numerous activities from creating salts to burn for spectacular colours to creating (cheap) lava lamps from plastic bottles; he always showed enthusiasm, kind heartedness and his bright personality. During class J. is always asking great questions and kept the lockdown learning lively with his inquisitive mind and forthright manner. On his faster than light travels around the school, dashing from class to class he makes it his mission to brighten peoples day and gives them the cheer this year has been much in need of. It is for these reasons and more that J. has been nominated this year for the Broad General Education Bill Taylor Award: Live, Long and Prosper.

This year's winner is: **J Ramage 2T2**

Excellence in Geography

Since the beginning of S1, Mara proved from the outset that she was an absolute star in Geography. She shows great interest and motivation in everything she tackles and is always a willing contributor to class discussions. She shows great maturity and enthusiasm for her learning, and is always keen to find out more. This energy continued, despite lockdown learning, and Mara more than deserves this award for her hard work and cheery interest in everything. Well done Mara!

This year's winner is: **Mara O'Kane 1T2**

Excellence in History

Given the challenges this year has thrown up to our students, it has been a privilege to witness the commitment and dedication many of our young people in History have invested in the subject. In particular, Sampoorna has risen to the challenges presented and overcome these by quite some distance. Since the beginning of the year, Sampoorna has shown a flair in History, with an infectious passion for the subject. Sampoorna has taken every care in her written work, with her contributions to classroom discussion always worthwhile. Whether physically in class, or during the period of remote learning, Sampoorna has shown an admirable commitment to her learning in History and has reaped the rewards from this. Most recently, Sampoorna finished the year by producing a visual product on the 1960s, completed to an incredible level of detail and quality. Congratulations Sampoorna and we look forward to seeing you blossom further in History in S2.

This year's winner is: **Sampoorna Biswas 1T2**

Excellence in Modern Studies

Throughout S1 and S2, Daisy has shown a real interest in Modern Studies. She engages really well in class discussions, giving insightful thoughts and observations into some of the big issues in our society today. In her written work, her answers are always detailed, and you can tell Daisy has taken the time to really absorb and understand the information she has been given. This engagement continued throughout lockdown, where she was often offering answers via Teams! She has shown all the attributes to making an excellent responsible citizen in society, who cares about the issues that people around the world face and the way in which we can respond to these. Well done Daisy on a fantastic year, despite everything, and good luck for S3!

This year's winner is: **Daisy Tappenden 2B2**

Excellence in Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies

Throughout S1 and S2 Ruby has stood out for her maturity and natural thirst to learn and understand the world she lives in. She has contributed amazingly to all her topics and discussions in class as well as during remote learning. She has also been a fantastic team player among her classmates. During the difficult times of this year's lockdown and remote learning, Ruby's resilience and positivity encourages students and reassured teachers to go on. Thanks for being the amazing student and person that you are Ruby!

This year's winner is: **Ruby Coulter 2T2**

Excellence in Art ***Anna Burnett Award***

Amy has a natural flair for Art and Design, she has and will continue to develop as a young artist through her dedication and passion for the subject. Amy's love of sketching is clear to see and that practice really does make perfect. Her work is meticulous and expressive at the same time. She has mastered the use of various medias to a very high level. Her creativity in her illustrations are exceptional. Despite this Amy is very humble about her work allowing her artwork to speak for themselves. We believe she is one to watch! Well done Amy!

This year's winner is: **Amy Sutherland 3T2**

Excellence in Craft, Design & Technology

The award for excellence in the CDT junior phase this year has been awarded to Olivia for a multitude of reasons. Foremost of these must be the way she conducts herself around the department.

Olivia is polite and personable whilst also being studious and focussed in her work. Olivia is patient and understanding when sharing her knowledge with others, she also listens intently and follows the advice given by both her teachers and her peers. CDT as a whole, especially Graphic Communication has a focus on fractions of a millimetre and this is where Olivia's work ethic and attention to detail really shines. Neither of these character traits can really be taught but they are essential to success and not just in CDT. I'm sure Olivia will continue to be successful as she moves into the senior phase next year. Congratulations Olivia Mr Carter & Mr Watson

This year's winner is: **Olivia Leishman 3R1**

Excellence in Home Economics

This year's excellence in Home Economics award in BGE goes to Natasha Harrison in S3. Natasha is a friendly, courteous and well-mannered pupil. She always arrives on time and prepared for class and she is committed to striving for excellence in both her written and practical work. It is a pleasure to have Natasha in the classroom. She is a team player and a good listener. Well done Natasha and keep up the good work!

This year's winner is: **Natasha Harrison 3B2**

Excellence in Music

This young person has excelled in Music since starting at Forrester in S1. They are dedicated to the subject, always performing well above expectations for age and stage. They are committed to guitar lessons in school, demonstrating excellent attendance and motivation. In class, they are quiet, focused and determined to succeed. They have overcome many barriers to consistently perform to an outstanding standard in Music. This year, the Graham Morrison Award for Excellence in Music goes to Callum Watson.

This year's winner is: **Callum Watson 3B1**

Excellence in Drama

Despite many difficulties this year due to the global pandemic and staff shortages in Drama, this young person continues to perform to a high standard. They are enthusiastic about their work, and dedicated to the subject, always seeking to learn more. They engage with all elements of the subject and have demonstrated excellence in performance throughout their time at Forrester. This young person is always happy to support others and stand in wherever needed. This year the Excellence in Drama Award goes to Jessica Grant.

This year's winner is: ***Jessica Grant 3T1***

Excellence in Computing/Information Technology

The winner of this award has worked consistently hard throughout the course of the year and has shown a real natural flair for Computing. He brings great personality to the class and takes real pride in the work that he produces. He performed outstandingly during each unit of work and has shown himself to be really interested in programming using Python software to create several games in class.

He has been a real pleasure to teach this year, the winner of the award is Connor Crabbe.

This year's winner is: ***Connor Crabbe 3R2***

Excellence in Business Education

This pupil has shown a natural flare for Admin and IT in S3. She enjoys the challenge of learning the functions of new pieces of software and is able to use her initiative to solve problems for herself or peers. She engaged very well through out home learning with excellent attendance and regular contributions. She is always organised for lessons and arrives promptly. I am looking forward to seeing her develop her skills further as she progresses to N5 Admin and IT next year.

This year's winner is: ***Lailah Elmrabty 3T1***

Excellence in Physical Education

Since Forrester Football Academy went into lockdown way back in 2020 – Connor was engaged, adapted and worked hard behind the scenes. Since coming back into school in August, Connor has excelled in a challenging situation, showing leadership, confidence and a real desire to improve. Finally, the return to lockdown after Christmas meant Forrester Football Academy was back to more 1 vs 1 ball mastery moves, analysis tasks, podcasts and player projects which Connor faithfully signed in and worked hard every single Monday and Wednesday. It has been bittersweet only getting to work with him in short bursts, but really looking forward to seeing him back in the department next year – Well done Connor.

This year's winner is: ***Connor Crabbe 3R2***

S1-3 Reading Achievement Award (Library/English)

The pupils nominated for this award, have demonstrated their passion for reading throughout their first year at Forrester High School. Not only have they read many more books than their peers but have taken part in additional literacy projects such as The Lockdown Book Club, The Royal Society Young People's Book Award and The Teenage Book Prize as well as reviewing books for Teen Titles Magazine. I'm absolutely delighted to be able to give this award to Sampoorna Biswas and Mara O'Kane.

This year's winners are: ***Sampoorna Biswas 1T2***
Mara O'Kane 1T2

Team of the Year

Awarded to a team of young people who have achieved exceptional success over session 2020-2021 (not exclusively for a sporting team in the past Young Enterprise and S6 Mentors have been successful)

This year's YPI was a challenge but this team were amazing right to the end. Their selected charity supports mental health in young people and nothing could be more important at this time. This team were professional, mature, respectful and empathetic on this journey and were an absolute credit to their year group and their selected charity securing £3000 for their chosen cause.

This year's winners are: ***Katie Watson 3R1***
Declan McKnight 3R2
Megan Young 3R1
Sophie Hawkins 3R2

