

WELCOME TO
A CELEBRATION OF THIS
YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS



FORRESTER HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR PHASE
VIRTUAL ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY
JUNE 2021

S4 – S6

WINNERS

SENIOR AWARD EXCELLENCE WINNERS

Excellence in English

Julie Skedd Award

Excellence in Maths

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Excellence in Modern Languages

Excellence in Biology

Excellence in Chemistry

Excellence in Physics

Excellence in Geography

Excellence in History

Excellence in Modern Studies

Excellence in Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies

Excellence in Business Education

Menzies Dougal Award

Excellence in Computing

Scott McClymont Award

Excellence in Art

Anna Burnett Award

Excellence in Home Economics

Excellence in Craft, Design & Technology

Excellence in Music

Sponsored by Edinburgh Academy of Music

Excellence in Drama

Excellence in Physical Education

Rotary Shield

Sue Wilson Cup

Senior Excellence Award Winners

Excellence in English

Julie Skedd Award

Leah Kelly is a student who puts 100% into everything that she does and, despite the difficulties and pressures that two lockdowns have placed on us, Leah has remained positive and with her full focus on doing her utmost best. After achieving a B for Higher English, Leah has continued to grow in her confidence, showing a bravery when commenting on the language skills of others, while being unaware of the depth of her insight. Throughout the year, she has embraced the challenge of studying Shakespeare and has displayed a creative perspective on key themes and technical devices. While going from strength to strength, we are sure that Leah will be surprised to receive this award, as she is her hardest critic. Congratulations...

This year's winner is: **Leah Kelly 6B1**

Excellence in Maths

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This year the award for excellence in Mathematics in the Senior Phase is being given to two pupils. They are both excellent Mathematicians and have worked hard to achieve at a very high level this year in Higher Maths. They put in maximum effort and have reaped maximum rewards in their studies. During lockdown they continued to stick with their studies under very difficult conditions. Both have been an absolute joy to teach, perfect pupils in fact. But how are they different? One works quietly and the other likes to question and debate. I'll leave it to you to decide which is which. Congratulation...

This year's winner is: **Hannah Marshall 5R2**
 John Brand 5R1

Excellence in Modern Languages

In the Senior Phase for Modern Languages we nominated this person for their achievement and effort in French this year. This person has always displayed excellent manners and modesty in their ability in the language and throughout the year has kept motivation going despite all the challenges this year has brought to us all. In all aspects of the course this young person has shown a natural ability in grasping the language and coupled with a willingness to do well and improve, he has done very well indeed and passed all his assessments to date. So a big well done to Sasha Swinney and best of luck for the future!

This year's winner is: **Sasha Swinney 4T2**

Excellence in Biology

Rosie's achievements are nothing shy of extraordinary. She has consistently achieved her best and applied herself to her fullest despite the ongoing disruption to her studies. Rosie has faced every curveball this year has thrown at her with determination and positivity, and she should be extremely proud of herself. It has been a joy teaching Rosie this year and watch her reach her full potential. Congratulations....

This year's winner is: **Rosie Simmonds 5B1**

Excellence in Chemistry

Hannah has, throughout the year, been consistently enthusiastic in her chemistry studies, always completed any work set to an exacting standard and been so attentive to the myriad of changes we've had to respond to this session. Hannah has been motivated and determined to achieve her best outcome for Higher Chemistry and all this with such a great positive attitude to her teacher and her classmates. Really proud of the success she has made in such difficult circumstances - a credit to herself and to us!

This year's winner is: **Hannah Marshall 5R2**

Excellence in Physics

For a totally professional approach to his Physics studies. Ahmad consistently follows advice, plans ahead and achieves his aims to the highest of standards. All this, while seeming relaxed and at ease with those people he works with.

This year's winner is: **Ahmad Akasha 4B1**

Excellence in Geography

Chloe has proven to be a star student in Geography over the last couple of years. She always pushes herself to try her best, and this has certainly contributed to the outstanding success she has had in assessments and her qualifications overall. She is bright, bubbly and always has a smile despite any hurdles she faces on the way. Despite lockdown and online learning, Chloe soldiered on producing fantastic work and assisted with leading groups when sent into virtual break-out rooms. A new skill she adapted to readily. This award is well deserved for all the hard work, enthusiasm and motivation that Chloe has shown.

This year's winner is: **Chloe Hide 5B2**

Excellence in History

Niamh has been an extremely hard working and conscientious student this year in History. She has managed to stay collected and calm during an incredibly challenging time and not only continue to work hard but also improve her grades and performance. Niamh has impressed us with her high-quality written work, her critical skills, as demonstrated in her history essays, as well as with her gentle and friendly mannerism and this reassuring smile that cannot be hidden behind her face mask. With those qualities we are sure that Niamh will excel in any path she decides to take in the future. Well done Niamh !

This year's winner is: **Niamh Woodrow 4B1**

Excellence in Modern Studies

Bethany has demonstrated great resilience in National 5 Modern Studies this year. Despite significant barriers throughout the year, Bethany has made every effort to overcome these and has impressed with her dedication to the subject. Returning to the subject for the first time since the BGE, Bethany has shown a genuine interest in the content covered and has engaged fully with every aspect of the course. Bethany has responded well to feedback and has improved her approach at every turn. A model Global Citizen, well done Bethany.

This year's winner is: **Bethany Watters 6R2**

Excellence in Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies

Ruby has shown a very mature attitude towards her work in both RMPS and Philosophy. She has always known what she wants to do – Primary Teacher- and has been very driven to achieve her ambition. She found lockdown difficult, but she always showed a great attitude towards the work and was even willing to take part in live lessons – which helped my sanity. She shows a high work ethic. Ruby found some areas difficult, but she never gave up always trying her best to improve in both subjects. Going that extra mile, coming to class in her non-contact time to complete extra work and attended supported study. Keen to ask questions and develop her understanding of the subjects. Ruby has a bubbly personality, and it has been great teaching her this year. I wish Ruby every success and happiness in the future.

This year's winner is: **Ruby Southam 6R1**

Excellence in Business Education

This young person has been a great asset to the Business department, studying all three subjects on offer. She is a very bright, outgoing young person who has an excellent work ethic and always produces work to a high standard. She has a natural flair for business and has shown herself to be diligent in her studies and we would highly recommend her continuing her career in any of the three Business subjects. She has worked especially hard this year and was not deterred when having to work from home, as she completed all her work and attended online lessons. She continually strives to be the best and we look forward to hearing about all her successes in the future.

This year's winner is: **Ellie MacKay 6B2**

Excellence in Computing

Scott McClymont Award

This young person studied National 5 Computing Science in S4 but along with her peers had to deal with the challenges of the first lockdown and being given an estimated grade instead of having the opportunity to prove her ability in a final exam.

She began her S5 year studying and making good progress at Higher Computing, but then faced the challenges of a second lockdown and the difficulties which that presented. However, she attended every online lesson and always made sure to ask questions if she was unsure about any of the learning. She has excelled in class since we returned to school after lockdown, and as a result of all of her hard work and determination is performing to a high standard in her end of year assessments. So well done Amy for all of your hard work and effort.

This year's winner is: **Amy Millar 5T2**

Excellence in Art

Anna Burnett Award

Miluska has consistently displayed great commitment to her Art, working towards National 5 this session. A very high level of skill and technique is evident in all units undertaken by Miluska who produces outstanding artwork at every stage. Work is always completed ahead of target, featuring personal themes in both Design and Expressive units. Written critical work is also of a very high standard, Miluska is able to communicate her thoughts and feelings about artists and designers, and their work, to a very high standard. Exceptional considering English is her second language. Well done Miluska, we are very excited to see where you go with Higher next session!

This year's winner is: **Miluska Tarazon 4R2**

Excellence in Home Economic

Jordan's commitment to the N5 Practical Cookery course was evident right from the start of the session. His positive attitude and desire to work to a high level in all areas of the kitchen has been noticed. He is punctual and arrives prepared and ready for class. He listens carefully to instructions and has shown a real maturity in the way he conducts himself in the kitchen.

Jordan has developed excellent organisational skills in the kitchen, working safely and hygienically. He works quickly and efficiently, as his confidence has grown. He has made excellent progress with his practical skills, and can work confidently and independently through a recipe, creating dishes to a very high standard.

Jordan is a perfectionist, and his keen eye and attention to detail, means his dishes are beautifully presented and garnished. Jordan has a lot of potential in the Hospitality Industry, if he was to choose it as a future career option. He learns quick and has the energy and drive to succeed in a busy professional kitchen. Jordan would be an asset to any professional kitchen and I wish him all the best of luck for the future. Very well done Jordan!

This year's winner is: **Jordan Smith 4R1**

Excellence in Craft, Design & Technology

The award for excellence in senior phase CDT this year has been awarded to Cai for a multitude of reasons. Cai has worked hard consistently throughout an unprecedented year of challenge. Further than this Cai has contributed strongly to the class ethos when we've been in the classroom. The is a personable young man who has shown huge talent in Graphic Communication this year. He has consistently achieved to a high level and pushes himself on even further when required. Cai has worked collegiately with other members of the class this year, particularly in the lead up to their assessments. I'm certain this has been of a great benefit to everyone involved. I look forward to following Cai's progress onwards and upwards as he moves through the senior school. Congratulations Cai - Mr Carter & Mr Watson

This year's winner is: **Cai MacNamara 4B1**

Excellence in Music

Sponsored by Edinburgh Academy of Music

This young person continues to work at an exceptionally high standard in all areas of Music. They are an outstanding guitar player, and a highly successful self-taught piano player. Their understanding of music is very developed for someone of their age and stage. They have worked incredibly hard this year to achieve well above the required standard. This year, the Edinburgh Academy of Music Award for Excellence in Music goes to Alexander Swinney.

This year's winner is: **Alexander Swinney 4T2**

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 have suffered significant interruption to learning but still achieved consistently throughout the year. They continue to support others in their learning and performing, frequently standing in for absent peers to help other groups. Their performing and theory work is of a very good standard, and they consistently push themselves to achieve their best. This year the Bank of Scotland Salver for Excellence in Drama goes to Kaitlin Grieve.

This year's winner is: **Kaitlin Grieve 4B1**

Excellence in Physical Education

Robbie has worked extremely hard this year. He has combined strong practical work with an enthusiasm to learn the theory element of National 5 PE. This has resulted in some excellent work, meeting deadlines and puts Robbie in a great position moving forward.

Robbie has also undertaken Leadership as a subject and is on course to achieve a Level 6 Leadership award. He has planned and led sessions that are tailored to develop specific aspects of fitness and even turned his hand to exercise to music in the process. Above all it's Robbie's willingness to improve and his ability to work well with others that make him an excellent recipient of the Excellence in Physical Education Award.

This year's winner is: **Robbie Beath 4R1**

Rotary Shield

The Rotary Shield is for services to the school and community (traditionally awarded to a senior student but open to BGE student who has shown exceptional attributes in this category).

Rotary Shield

Kieran was shortlisted in this year's Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards. Kieran was nominated in the Enhancing Education category for his work in coaching Football in the community. Kieran has represented the school football team throughout his time at Forrester and has inspired the next generation through coaching the S1 team. Kieran has achieved a Higher A in PE, achieved a level 6 leadership award and is on track to add an Advanced Higher in PE to his list of achievements. A role model who has overcome all obstacles to have an excellent time at Forrester. Well done, Kieran.

Rotary Shield

Bethany became the school's first Girls Ambassador and she has been an amazing role model for the girls in her school. Bethany was instrumental in helping to organise and promote the P7-S1 Active Girls Day. She inspires the primary pupils by leading the primary dance sessions and gymnastics club. She focuses on progression, demonstrates effectively and helps individual pupils learn. She is very enthusiastic and reliable and took part in Active School's Coach Academy. Bethany is currently undertaking her swimming Scottish Swimming Teacher Qualification and wants to complete her NPLQ. Bethany volunteers with primary and high school clubs across a range of activities and has signed up for a variety of CPD opportunities. She is a fantastic role model. Well done, Bethany.

This year's winners are: **Kieran Millar 6B2**
 Bethany Watters 6R2

Sue Wilson Cup

Overall Excellence and Commitment (throughout their school career, traditionally awarded to an S4-S6 student who has overcome adversity to succeed in Forrester)

Sue Wilson Cup

This pupil has impressed us all by what they have accomplished this year, and over the past 6 years in Forrester. This pupil has overcome so many challenges and obstacles and has been out of their comfort zone with work experience and college. We could not be prouder of this young person.

This year's winner is: **Jackson Scott 6T2**