

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock



Honours Tie Policy

Policy Details

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Related Documents and Location

1. Positive Behaviour Policy
2. Pastoral Care Policy

All policies are available on the College Website and Private Folders.

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1. Introduction

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock aims to recognise and reward the success of our students, both academic and extra-curricular. Honours Ties are awarded for outstanding achievement in individual and team sports, both inside and outside the school setting. They are also awarded for outstanding achievement in music, Irish dancing, etc. Only students who are awarded an Honours Tie may wear it instead of their regulation College tie.

2. Aims

1. To recognise and reward the success of our students.
2. To promote extra-curricular success.

3. Criteria

The applicant for an Honours Tie should fulfil one of the following criteria:

He/she should have gained either **school** or **full** representative honours at any one of the following levels:

- Northern Ireland
- Ulster
- Ireland
- Great Britain
- European
- World

OR

He/she should have won a competition at the highest grade/standard at which our students are entered at one of the above levels.

* Honours Ties are not awarded for representation or success at District or County levels.

4. Application Procedure

Any student who thinks he/she meets the criteria for this award should notify her/his Tutor and collect a registration form from the Students Secretary. The form should be completed and returned to the respective Head of School at least one month before the relevant Awards Ceremony. Ties are awarded three times per year (Junior School Awards Ceremony - October, Senior School Awards Ceremony - November and Upper School Awards Ceremony - December) for achievements during the preceding school year, i.e., September to June.

5. How to Raise a Concern or Make a Complaint about the Administration of this Policy

If you have a concern or complaint about the administration of this policy please contact Ms McCarthy, Vice Principal, in the first instance. If necessary, you may then access and follow the College's Complaints Procedure which is available on the College website at www.knock.co.uk. Should you remain dissatisfied with the College's response after completing the internal complaints procedure, you can bring your complaint to the

Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman within six months. Contact details for the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman are provided on Page 8 of the Complaints Procedure.

Signed: **Mr Leo O'Reilly**
(Chairperson of Board of Governors)

Date: **3rd June 2026**

Signed: **Miss Deborah McLaughlin**
(Principal)

Date: **3rd June 2026**



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Honours Tie Registration Form

Please complete this form and return to your Head of School
at least one month before the relevant Awards Ceremony.

Student Details			
Student Name		Tutor Group	

I am applying for an Honours Tie on the basis of:

1	Representing (e.g. Northern Ireland, Ulster, Ireland).
2	Winning (insert competition name) in (insert sport/discipline) on (insert date).
	Competition Name: Sport/Discipline/Other: Date:

I confirm that the information given on this form is accurate and may be validated by
_____ (name of coach/teacher/tutor).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____