

## **Information on Awards Presentations**

The Academy has 14 trophies to present every February. Where appropriate a runner-up may be selected for a Trophy, an average of 8 Progress Medals and 6 Rosettes are also presented alongside the Trophies.

There are over 250 pupils within the Academy so winning an Award is a true achievement.

The winners are selected by the teachers. They look at every student in class and base their decision over the past year of their training to determine whether they are worthy winners of an Award.

The teachers check the criteria for the trophy which is briefly explained before the presentation takes place.

The Rosettes were introduced as a way of recognising the progress of the youngest children within the school. It was noted that these young children didn't meet the criteria for the majority of trophies due to the level of commitment and maturity required. It was therefore felt that this would be a good opportunity to recognise them.

Progress Medals, Rosettes, The Little Cup and The Valentine Junior Examination Trophy are Awards that can be won by the younger children in the school. All other students are eligible for the remainder of the Awards.

It would be helpful to explain to your child about the Awards in order that they realise not everyone receives an Award and if they don't succeed this year, there is always next year.

The Awards are designed to recognise outstanding work, dedication, achievement and are presented to the minority of the school rather than the majority. Any winner of a KDA Award is a fantastic achievement. For those not winning this year it should inspire them to work to achieve an Award next year.