

Inspiring Teacher of English Teaching Award (2021)

A national award for teachers of English in Singapore schools

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The Straits Times and the Speak Good English Movement, with the support of the Ministry of Education, present the **Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award**. This award recognises teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for English and are effective in teaching their students to communicate better.

We are looking for teachers who:

- exemplify the use of good spoken and written English;
- promote learning-focused interaction during English lessons; and
- choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles.

If you have a teacher in mind, please complete the nomination form with reasons to support your nomination.

This award is open to all in-service teachers of English Language, including teachers of Literature in English and General Paper, from primary, secondary and integrated programme schools, centralised institute and junior colleges.

All students, their parents and fellow teachers are invited to send in nominations to the principal of the nominee's school by 6pm on 29 March 2021. (Please refer to "Rules and Terms of the Award" on the last page.)

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee

Name of Teacher:	Salutation	Dr / Mr / Ms / Mrs / Mdm
	Name	
Present Class & Level:		
School:		

Nominated By

Full Name:	
Designation:	
School (if applicable):	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Relationship to Nominee:	Student / Parent of Student / Fellow Teacher / HOD

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Reasons for Nomination

Tell us what you think is special about the teacher you have nominated. Please give concrete examples of what this teacher has done to enable students to enjoy their learning and improve their use of English.

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Rules and Terms of the Award:

1. Nominations will open on **16 February 2021**. Nomination and endorsement forms can be downloaded from www.goodenglish.org.sg.
2. **Nomination forms prepared by students / their parents / fellow teachers / HODs should be submitted to the principal of the nominee's school for collation and endorsement no later than 6pm on 29 March 2021**. Supporting documents, including thank you messages from students or their parents, press reports and other relevant materials, can be included.
3. Heads of Department (HOD)/Subject Heads (SH)/Level Heads (LH) can be nominated for the Teaching Award only if they are not eligible for the Leadership Award. To be eligible for the Leadership Award, teachers should have led school-based programmes for English Language, Literature in English or General Paper for **at least two years** in the school in the capacity of HOD/SH/LH.
4. Teachers who were previously nominated can be nominated again after a lapse of **one** year on condition that they continued to teach English in that year. For example, teachers who were nominated in 2019 could be re-nominated in 2021.
5. **Endorsement forms** must be **signed by the principal of the nominee's school**. A nominee will not be considered for the award if the principal does not submit a write-up as part of the endorsement requirements for the nominee.
6. Schools should submit both the nomination and endorsement forms to the Speak Good English Movement by **5pm on 9 April 2021** via email to nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg with the following subject: Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2021.
7. Classroom observations will be conducted in July/August 2021 for shortlisted nominees. Winners will be announced in October 2021.
8. A maximum of 10 "Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching and Leadership Awards" will be presented every year. Winners may come from primary, secondary and integrated programme schools, centralised institute and junior colleges. The judges reserve the right to award fewer than 10 prizes.
9. The award winners should be in service at the time they receive the award and must be teaching English Language, Literature in English or General Paper during the year of nomination.
10. Each winner will receive a \$2,000 cash award and a trophy. Their approach to teaching English, where relevant, will be published in Little Red Dot and IN.
11. All endorsed nominees will receive a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership.