

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2019 (Nomination Period: 11 February to 5 April 2019)

Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to nominate exceptional English Language, English Literature or General Paper teachers for the Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2019 from 11 February to 5 April. The award acknowledges teachers who demonstrate a passion for the English Language and are effective in helping students speak and write better.

Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times, with the support of the Ministry of Education for the 12th year, the Inspiring Teacher of English Award has recognised more than 90 teachers from primary, secondary and integrated programme schools, Millennia Institute and junior colleges. The award has two categories – the Teaching Award and the Leadership Award.

The **Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award** recognises teachers who make lessons exciting and relevant to their students.

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to submit nominations for the Teaching Award to the School Principal of the nominated teacher.

The **Inspiring Teacher of English – Leadership Award** acknowledges Heads of Department, Subject Heads and Level Heads who are leading their schools in the development and implementation of an effective English Language, English Literature or General Paper Programme. Teachers who had previously won the Teaching Award and are currently leading the English programme in their school can also be nominated for the Leadership Award.

Principals are invited to submit nominations for the Leadership Award by completing a nomination form with a brief recommendation of the nominated teacher.

All winners will receive a cash award of \$2,000 and a trophy at an award ceremony in October 2019. All nominees endorsed by their Principals, will also receive a certificate and a membership to the Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics.

Inspiring stories of past winners can be viewed online at the Inspiring Teacher of English Award's YouTube Channel – <u>https://www.youtube.com/goodenglishmovement</u>.

Nomination Details

- Nomination forms can be found on:
 - o <u>http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information</u>
- Award winners will be announced in October 2019.
- A maximum of 10 teachers will be awarded across the two award categories Teaching Award and Leadership Award.
- A Head of Department, Subject Head and Level Head can be nominated for the Teaching Award only if s/he is not eligible to be nominated for the Leadership Award.
- Each school is limited to one nomination for the Teaching Award and one nomination for the Leadership Award.
- Teachers who have been nominated for either award categories can be re-nominated after a lapse of a year, on account that s/he spends the year teaching the English Language/English Literature/General Paper. For example, if a teacher was nominated in 2018, s/he can be re-nominated in 2020.

About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement encourages Singaporeans to speak grammatically correct English that is universally understood, with the help of partners who run interesting programmes and develop learning content for the Movement. For more information, visit www.goodenglish.org.sg.

About the Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education (MOE) formulates and implements education policies on education structure, curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment. It oversees the management and development of Government-funded schools, and the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics and universities. More information on the MOE can be found at www.moe.gov.sg.

About The Straits Times

The Straits Times, the English-language flagship daily of Singapore Press Holdings, is the most-read newspaper in Singapore and is followed widely in the region for its comprehensive multimedia coverage of local, regional and world news, provided by its correspondents in 12 bureaus in major cities worldwide.

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