



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2021**  
**(Nomination Period: 16 February to 9 April 2021)**

From 16 February to 9 April 2021, students, parents and teachers are invited to nominate extraordinary teachers of English Language, Literature in English or General Paper for the **Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2021**. The award recognises teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a passion for English and are effective in teaching their students to communicate better.

Jointly presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times, with support from the Ministry of Education for the 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Inspiring Teacher of English 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 nominate teachers for the Teaching Award. The nomination forms must be submitted to the Principal of the nominee’s school for final endorsement.**

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, Literature in English or General Paper Programme.

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

All winners will receive a cash award of \$2,000 and a trophy at an award ceremony in October 2021. All nominees endorsed by their Principals, will also receive a certificate and a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership valid for two years.

View the inspiring stories of past award recipients online at [www.youtube.com/goodenglishmovement](http://www.youtube.com/goodenglishmovement).

### **Nomination Details**

- a) Nomination forms can be found on <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>.
- b) Each school is limited to one nomination for the Teaching Award and one nomination for the Leadership Award.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Award winners will be announced in October 2021.

### **About the Inspiring Teacher of English Award**

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award acknowledges educators who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the English language and are effective in helping their students speak and write better. These teachers are passionate about making English interesting and relevant, and are innovative in engaging their students in the language learning process. The Award salutes these teachers for their constant efforts to improve themselves so that their students and schools can benefit.

Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times, with support from the Ministry of Education, the award has recognised a total of 111 Inspiring Teacher of English awardees (as of 2020) since its inception in 2008.

### **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](http://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, the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics and universities. More information on the MOE can be found at [www.moe.gov.sg](http://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.

Launched on July 15, 1845, The Straits Times has been moving with the times in its efforts to engage and grow its audience and exploring innovative ways of storytelling, as well as continuously refreshing its products to maintain quality and stay relevant to the changing needs of its readers. Its integrated newsroom operates round-the-clock, providing content as it happens on all platforms, from its website at [www.straitstimes.com](http://www.straitstimes.com), Apple and Android apps to social media.

The Straits Times is a member of two media networks - the Asia News Network and the Impact Journalism Day alliance of newspapers - and it has won multiple international media awards, including from the Society of Publishers in Asia, the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), the Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (Panpa) and Society of News Design. Its multimedia newsroom and innovative projects were recognised at the Asian Digital Media Awards 2020 presented by the WAN-IFRA, when it clinched a Gold for Best in Lifestyle, Sports, Entertainment Website or Mobile Services. The Straits Times also won the INMA Global Media Awards in 2020 for its campaign that tailored news on COVID-19 for students.