



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2026
(Nomination Period: 2 February to 6 April 2026)

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 2026** from 2 February to 6 April. This award recognises teachers who demonstrate 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 19th 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 have been instrumental in igniting a love for English and are effective in teaching their students to communicate well.

Students, parents and teachers are invited to nominate teachers for the Teaching Award. The nomination forms must be submitted to the school Principal for final endorsement.

The **Inspiring Teacher of English – Leadership Award** acknowledges Heads of Department, Subject Heads and Level Heads who are effectively leading their departments and schools in the development and implementation of an effective English Language/Literature in English/General Paper curriculum.

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

All award recipients will receive a trophy and cash award at an award ceremony in October 2026. All eligible nominees endorsed by their Principals will also receive a certificate and be eligible for a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership that is valid for one year.

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 2024 could be re-nominated in 2026.
- e) Award recipients will be announced in October 2026.

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 151 Inspiring Teacher of English awardees (as of 2025) since its inception in 2008.

About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement encourages Singaporeans to speak standard English, 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, 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 SPH Media, is the most-read publication in Singapore and is followed widely in the region for its comprehensive coverage of local, regional and world news, provided by its correspondents and journalists in Singapore and 11 bureaus in major cities worldwide.

First published on July 15, 1845, The Straits Times is known for its in-depth and extensive coverage, and dedication to public service journalism. The newsroom has continually explored innovative forms of storytelling, and aspired to regularly refresh the delivery of its content, all while maintaining the highest levels of journalism and staying relevant to both the established and changing needs of all its readers across print, digital, social and other emerging platforms.

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