

Inspiring Teacher of English Teaching Award (2026)

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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 well.

We are looking for teachers who:

- **exemplify** the use of good spoken and written English;
- **enact** learner-centred approaches during English lessons to develop English Language/Literature in English/General Paper Learner Outcomes aligned with the relevant national syllabuses;
- **select** pedagogical approaches and strategies, as well as use materials and EdTech, which are underpinned by knowledge bases appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles; and
- **develop** their teaching competencies to enact classroom practices in alignment with the syllabuses and curriculum, as well as classroom-based innovations.

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, 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 23 March 2026. (Please refer to "Rules and Terms of the Award" on the last page.)

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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

How has the teacher you have nominated inspired students or raised their interest in the competent use of English? Please give concrete examples of what this teacher has done to enable students to learn and improve their use of English.

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Rules and Terms of the Award:

1. Nominations will open on **2 February 2026**. 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 23 March 2026.** 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 in developing and implementing a school-based curriculum for English Language/Literature in English/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 Language/Literature in English/General Paper in that year. For example, teachers who were nominated in 2024 could be re-nominated in 2026. Previous Teaching Award winners will not be eligible for repeat nominations in this same category.
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 6 April 2026** via email to nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg with the following subject: Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2026.
7. Classroom observations will be conducted in July/August 2026 for shortlisted nominees. Award recipients will be announced in October 2026.
8. A maximum of 10 "Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching and Leadership Awards" will be presented every year. Award recipients 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 recipients should be in service at the time they receive the award and must be teaching English Language/Literature in English/General Paper during the year of nomination.
10. Each award recipient will receive a trophy and a cash award. The award recipients' approaches to teaching English Language/Literature in English/General Paper may be published in SPH Media Trust publications.
11. All endorsed nominees will be eligible for a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership.