



MEDIA RELEASE

**THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2018
NOMINATIONS OPEN 5 FEBRUARY 2018
(Closing date: 6 April 2018)**

Nominations are now open for the Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2018 and will close on 6 April 2018. Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to nominate English Language, English Literature or General Paper teachers who demonstrate a passion for the language and are effective in helping students speak and write better. All winners will receive a cash award of \$2,000 and a trophy at the award ceremony in October 2018.

Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and *The Straits Times* with the support of the Ministry of Education, the Inspiring Teacher of English Award has two award categories – the **Teaching Award** and the **Leadership Award**.

Over 70 teachers have received the Teaching Award since its inception in 2008. These teachers are recognised for their efforts at making lessons exciting and relevant to their students.

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

Introduced in 2014, the Leadership Award acknowledges Heads of Department, Subject Heads, Level Heads and Level Coordinators who have led 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 Language programme in their school can also be nominated for the Leadership Award.

All principals are invited to submit nominations for the Leadership Award by filling up a nomination form with a brief recommendation in favour of the nominated teacher.

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

Nomination Details

- Nomination forms can be found on:
 - <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>
- Award winners will be announced in October 2018.
- A maximum of 10 teachers will be awarded across the two award categories - Teaching Award and 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 English. 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 is a nationwide movement to encourage Singaporeans to speak Standard English that is universally understood. Standard English is English with correct grammar and pronunciation, and not about accent. The Speak Good English Movement and its partners provide programmes to help people learn to speak good English in fun and interesting ways. If you want to learn more, 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 on 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 coverage of local, regional and world news, provided by its correspondents in 20 bureaus in major cities worldwide.

Launched on July 15, 1845, The Straits Times underwent a major redesign across all platforms in July 2015, when it celebrated its 170th anniversary. This revamp is part of its continuing efforts to refresh its products, maintain quality and stay relevant to the changing needs of its readers. Its integrated newsroom operates round-the-clock, providing readers with news as it happens on all platforms, from its website at 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, the Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (Panpa), Society of News Design and Wan-Ifra. In 2017, it was conferred the silver award for best news mobile service and the bronze award for best use of online video by the World Association of Newspaper at the Digital Media Asia Awards.