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# The Pearson National Teaching Awards 2021

## Frequently asked questions

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### **Does the person I want to enter need to be sent a thank you card first?**

**No.** The entries are a standalone process. The senior leader manager of a person who has received a thank you card is invited to enter the person thanked in to the Awards, but any staff member in a school can enter a colleague working in the same school / MAT for an award without the prior need for a thank you.

### **Are the awards free to enter?**

Yes, our awards are completely free of charge to enter.

### **Who can enter?**

School teaching staff, headteachers and teaching assistants in schools and FE Lecturers and teaching teams in FE colleges are invited to enter our Awards. Additionally, we have two whole school awards (primary and secondary), and new in 2020 is The Award for Impact through Partnership, open to schools, trusts or partnerships working together for positive impact. We accept entries from school or MAT staff and external school stakeholders, including PR and marketing teams. We ask on every entry form that a Headteacher / principal or senior manager is aware of and has given permission for the entry to be submitted. We currently accept entries from schools and FE colleges in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### **Can Scottish schools enter?**

We are delighted that with the support of Education Scotland, Scottish schools are now part of our public Thank A Teacher campaign. Scottish schools can participate in the Teaching Awards as follows. We partner with Education Scotland so that the winners in three categories of the Scottish Education Awards (teacher, headteacher of the year and lifetime achievement) become automatic Pearson National Teaching Award silver winners. This means they join with the other silver winners from Wales, England and Northern Ireland as finalists in the running to win the Gold award in those 3 categories. [www.scottisheducationawards.co.uk](http://www.scottisheducationawards.co.uk)

### **How do I enter?**

Please head to <http://www.teachingawards.com/categories/> to choose the most relevant category for your nominee and complete the entry form online. Please read the entry guide to assist you. Once you have completed your entry please ensure you click the submit button at the end of the entry form. You will be sent an automated email confirming submission of your entry.

**Can I start an entry and complete it later?**

You can begin an entry form and choose to save and continue later. A link will be sent to the email address you enter, or you can copy and paste and save the link provided. This will allow you to continue your entry at a time that is convenient to you.

**Can I enter more than one colleague into a category?**

Yes, but the entries must be different i.e. personalised to the nominees. If we consider any entries for nominees from any one school or college to be identical except for the names, those entries will not be shortlisted.

**Can I enter a colleague in to two different categories?**

You may only enter an individual in to one individual category. However, if that person is also part of an FE Team or a whole school team, then they can be entered into the relevant award categories, but they must not be the primary contact.

**Can I enter a teaching team or a support team into the Awards?**

No, I am afraid that we do not have a small teams award for schools, but we do have the whole school awards in our making a difference categories. We do not have a category for support teams at this time.

**When is the deadline for entries?**

All entries must be submitted online by midnight on Sunday 28th February 2021.

**When do we find out if we have been successful?**

Results will be announced by the end of June 2021.

**When is the awards ceremony?**

The UK Ceremony, where all category Gold winners are announced, will be held in October 2021.

**I have a question that hasn't been covered here – who can I speak to?**

You can either email [info@teachingawards.com](mailto:info@teachingawards.com) or call Kate Micallef on 07399 497 6098 who will be able to help.