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# Join our search for a school star

The search has begun for the London Teacher of the Year. Organisers of the prestigious annual awards event are now accepting nominations from the public, professionals in the education sector and from school staff.

The event aims to find the very best teachers, support staff and volunteers working within schools in London. The judging panel is searching for individuals and teams of people who go above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of their pupils and school community. Making a nomination is easy. Visit [www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk) and complete the nomination page.

The launch for the 2019 contest – organised by the educational charity Inspire Schools – was held at the Royal Aeronautical Society's Mayfair headquarters, which will also host a glittering awards event in June 2019. The event is endorsed by celebrity Terry Waite.

***(Insert your organisation name here)*** is proud to be supporting the awards night.

Academic categories include: literacy, maths, sport, foreign languages, science – biosciences, physics, chemistry, forensics, drama and performing arts, history, citizenship and politics, fine art and music and early years foundation stage leader, as well as the major categories of primary school teacher of the year, secondary school teacher of the year, team of the year, senior leadership team and head teacher of the year.

For volunteers and non teaching staff there are also categories to trumpet their contribution to the school. Everything from career advisers, those involved with pastoral care, school secretaries, dinner ladies and caretakers will be recognised through the event, as will members of the PTA, school governors and volunteer readers.

A panel of judges select winners from each local authority area, and then have the tough task of picking the capital's overall champions. All will be revealed at the awards event this June at the Royal Aeronautical Society's headquarters in Mayfair.

Terry Waite, humanitarian and author, said: "The Teacher of the Year Awards is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to a member of school staff who has helped shape a child's life. What I am particularly pleased with is that support staff and volunteers - as well as teaching staff - can receive recognition through the event. I do hope you consider submitting a nomination.

London Teacher of the Year is staged by Inspire Schools and is supported by multiple London boroughs. Nominations are accepted from January 1 to March 7 each year. Visit [www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk) to submit your entry. Follow Teacher of the Year on Twitter @InspireSchools1 and #LToTY

Letter to your education sector clients

Dear

**Re: London Teacher of the Year Awards 2019.**

My organisation is playing a leading role in helping to stage the 2019 London Teacher of the Year Awards. Because of the connections we have to your school I wanted to make you aware of the event and to encourage you personally to submit a nomination for an individual or team who have helped make your school such a happy and successful environment for learning.

The scope of the awards are very broad so I would defy you to name a star in your school – whether they be volunteer, support staff or member of the teaching team – that cannot be recognised through the event.

So please, take five minutes to submit a nomination and help me to raise the profile of your school. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to act as a champion for your good work – and I passionately believe that submitting a nomination to the London Teacher of the Year Awards is the right way to achieve this.

Can I ask you to do three things for me:

- 1) Visit [www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk) and check out the details and see how simple the nomination page actually is.
- 2) Raise this at your next staff meeting and encourage your team to nominate their peers.
- 3) Maybe also ask your IT person to pop the London Teacher of the Year logo on your website with the following line of text so parents can be encouraged to trumpet your good work?

*“The London Teacher of the Year Awards accepts nominations from January 1 to March 7 each year. If a school volunteer, member of support staff or teacher has impressed you, why not nominate them? Click here to find out more.”*This should link to [www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.londonteacheroftheyear.co.uk). Your IT person can download the logo at the same website.

Everyone here would love to see a nomination or two from you. Good luck – I’m keeping my fingers crossed for you!

Yours sincerely,

**(Your name)**  
**(Your organisation)**