



# EDUCATION AWARDS

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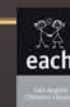
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**Welcome to the  
2015 North Essex Education Awards  
produced by Newsquest Essex Ltd.**

North Essex is a beacon of education and learning from our nurseries, schools and colleges, to other learning providers including the University of Essex - one of the top research universities in Britain.

These awards recognise and celebrate the hard work, achievements, passion and dedication of students, teachers, support staff and all those who contribute their time and effort into the invaluable education and training of our children.

So now is your chance - whether you are a teacher, school, student, parent or anyone involved in education - to highlight the effectiveness of what you/they do and receive recognition for it.

The winners will be announced at a black-tie gala event. The evening will include a reception, three course dinner including table wine, an awards presentation ceremony followed by a disco. Those chosen as finalists will receive 2 complimentary tickets and further tickets can be purchased for just £35.



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## Award Categories

### **Learner of the Year**

This award will recognise a learner of any age who can demonstrate a commitment to their own personal and professional development through learning. They should show that training and education has made a real difference to their life by improving their skills or qualifications. The learner may have overcome particular obstacles to succeed.

### **Early Years Award**

This award will go to an innovative and successful child-minding provider, nursery, school or organisation which stands out from the rest for their early years support or provision. They should be able to clearly demonstrate the impact their work has had on their users or the children in their care.

### **Community Involvement Award**

The judges will be looking for an organisation or scheme which has really benefitted its community and beyond. The winner could be a parents' association supporting their school; a school raising money for charity or an innovative scheme building bridges between communities.

### **Technology in Learning**

This award will go to an organisation or partnership which can demonstrate how the creative and innovative use of technology has had a positive impact on learning and teaching.

### **Teaching Assistant of the Year**

The winner will be a teaching assistant who makes an outstanding contribution to the life of a nursery, school or college.

### **Support Staff of the Year**

An award for a member of support staff, or a team of support staff, who always give exceptional service and make a real difference to their educational establishment through their work.

### **Innovation in the Arts Award**

This award will go to an organisation or educational establishment which can demonstrate a commitment to providing opportunities in the arts to its members or students. The winners will show they are not only raising standards in the arts but allowing students to fulfil their potential through exciting, innovative and creative projects. Appropriate areas could include dance, drama, visual arts, music, crafts, photography or creative writing.

### **Fit for Life Award**

Awarded to an educational establishment which demonstrates an outstanding commitment to both encouraging students to be active on a regular basis with a wide participation in sports and other physical pursuits i.e. Youth Clubs, after school clubs and achieving success in those activities.

### **Outstanding New Teacher**

An award for a teacher who has been in the profession for less than two years but has already shown outstanding promise in the classroom.

### **Teacher/Lecturer of the Year**

This award will recognise a teacher or lecturer who inspires and engages students to fulfil their potential and makes an exceptional contribution to the life of their school, college or university.

### **Headteacher / Principal of the Year**

This award will go to an inspirational headteacher or principal who has shown exceptional management and teaching skills and commitment to their school, college or university.





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### **Award for Youth**

This award will go to someone who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and enthusiasm while working with young people in Essex. The winner could be an individual volunteer, coach, leader or paid youth worker involved with organisations such as guiding and scouting, faith groups, sports teams, youth clubs, etc. Team entries will also be considered.

### **Apprentice of the Year**

This award will go to an apprentice who has completed an apprenticeship within the last academic year (2014/15) or is working towards an apprenticeship. Judges will be looking for apprentices who have made outstanding progress in both their practical work and in their studies, and who has made an exceptional contribution to their workplace.

### **College, University or Post-18 Education & Training Provider of the Year**

An award for an employer, education establishment or training organisation which has shown exceptional commitment to education, training and learning for their students or employees. The judges will be looking for nominations which can

demonstrate commitment to further and continuing education and a range of training opportunities available to learners aged 16 and above.

### **Special Education Needs (SENCO) Award**

This award will go to a teacher, department or organisation providing exceptional support for those with special needs or disabilities.

### **School Personality of the Year**

Awarded to the person in recognition of their outstanding personality and enthusiastic approach. A popular personality within the school. The winner could be a cook, caretaker or midday supervisor etc.

### **Primary School of the Year Award**

This award will go to an exceptional primary school which stands out from the rest. Has your school shone with outstanding achievements? Have you made improvements and seen great results? Using evidence to support your case, tell us the secrets of your success. Was it down to innovative ways of working; parental involvement; pure determination - or something else? However you did it, If you believe your school deserves this award for 2014-15, then we want to know.

### **Secondary School of the Year Award**

This award will go to an exceptional secondary school which stands out from the rest. Not only do we want to see academic achievement we also want the entries to demonstrate innovation, imagination and efforts to develop children in ways that go beyond the league tables. You should provide evidence to support your application, be it Ofsted reports, parent testimonials, data analysis or anything else you feel would be relevant.

### **The Gazette - Lifetime Achievement Award**

This prestigious award will go to someone who, in the view of the judges, has had a significant and positive impact on education in North Essex over a period of years. There will be no shortlist published for this award and only the winner will be invited to the presentation event.

*The judges will be looking at the quality of the nomination received rather than the quantity for one nominee. However, if a large number of nominations are received they will take this into account.*



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### FAQs

#### **Who can make a nomination?**

We would encourage everyone who has contact with schools to think about submitting an application form. Nominations can be made by anyone - headteachers, teachers, classroom assistants, parents, governors, pupils, businesses and employers working with schools, and the general public - simply by completing the application form by post or online.

#### **Who can be nominated?**

The Education Awards are open to all North Essex government funded and independent private educational establishments including primary, secondary and special needs schools. Registered childminders, nurseries and those linked with education, whether a football coach, youth club leader or brownie leader etc, can all be put forward for these awards.

#### **Do I have to ask permission before nominating a school or teacher?**

No, we will check with headteachers in schools if the nomination gets to the final stages.

#### **Where can I make the nomination?**

By post to Kelly Roast, Events Manager, Newsquest Essex Events Team, Unit 1, Brunel Court, Brunel Way, Colchester, CO4 9XP or online by filling in the nomination form at [www.gazette-news.co.uk/education](http://www.gazette-news.co.uk/education)

#### **Do I need to send anything else in or provide evidence?**

Our experienced judging panel will make decisions based on the information provided on your nomination form. You may send up to six A4 sheets of additional information included with the entry form. We can also accept brochures or DVDs as supporting material.

#### **How much work is involved in nominating someone?**

All you need to do is complete both the nomination form and upload your Word document/photos online or post your nomination to Kelly Roast at the address above.

#### **How many nominations can I make?**

You can make as many nominations as you wish. Please note however that nominations will be sifted, and finalists short-listed based on the content of the nominations rather than the number of nominations received.



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### What happens next after I have nominated?

Once nominations close, on July 24, all entries will be assessed by a panel of judges against the relevant category criteria. From this, nominations will be shortlisted in each category. Following the completion of the judging process, the judges will determine the winner and two runners up in each category. At this stage the three finalists in each category and representatives of their school will be informed and invited along to the final awards ceremony.

### Who organises and sponsors them?

The Awards are organised by Newsquest Essex Limited, publishers of several local newspapers which include the Essex County Standard and Gazette, as well as digital websites and events. Each category is sponsored by a local business within the area.

### How are they judged?

An independent panel of expert judges will select the winners for each of the Awards.

Please note: The judges' decision is final. The judges will place an entry in a more appropriate category if they think it is applicable. The organisers reserve the right to change deadline dates and categories as appropriate. Entries will not be returned.

### When will the winners be announced?

Winners will be announced at a gala event to be held at The Colchester Community Stadium on Friday November 6, 2015.

The black-tie gala event, which will be open to anyone who wishes to attend, will include reception, three course dinner including table wine, awards presentation ceremony, entertainment throughout and followed by a disco and charity auction.

*Although we cannot guarantee that you will win an award, we can promise you a memorable evening! Those chosen as a finalist will receive 2 complimentary tickets each and further tickets can be purchased for the price of just £35.*

*If you have any questions relating to this form, or the evening, please contact Kelly Roast on 01206 508374 or email: [educationawards@nqe.com](mailto:educationawards@nqe.com)*

*For information relating to sponsorship of awards please contact Jo Johnson on 01206 508396 or Lynda Clark on 01206 508230 or e-mail: [educationawards@nqe.com](mailto:educationawards@nqe.com)*

# Nomination Form

**Please tick your chosen award category for nomination:**

- ☐ Learner of the Year
- ☐ Early Years Award
- ☐ Community Involvement Award
- ☐ Technology in Learning Award
- ☐ Teaching Assistant of the Year
- ☐ Support Staff of the Year
- ☐ Innovation in the Arts Award
- ☐ Outstanding New Teacher
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- ☐ Secondary School of the Year Award
- ☐ The Gazette - Lifetime Achievement Award

**Name of nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nursery/School/College:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If an individual, you must include the school name or establishment they attend/belong.*

**Their Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Their Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach documents with no more than 6 A4 sheets of additional information.  
Brochures, photos and DVD's can also be accepted.*

**Your name & Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

All entries must be received by July 24, 2015.

**Please post your nomination form to  
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### Award Entries Rules and Conditions

- All entries must be received by July 24, 2015.
- Submitted material cannot be returned and will be disposed of as confidential waste.
- By submitting your entry you accept the editor's decision regarding publication and promotion of details of finalists and winners.
- The judges will select up to three finalists in each category who, in their opinion, best meet the criteria listed.
- Employees of all Newsquest companies and their immediate families are not eligible to enter this competition.
- The judges' decision is final in all matters.
- We are unable to enter into any individual correspondence regarding entries received, judges' comments, finalists or winners.
- Judges reserve the right to move an entry into a different category if they deem it appropriate.
- As part of our safeguarding policy, shortlisted finalists may be subject to a verbal reference from their current employer.
- Up to six A4 sheets of additional information can be included with the entry form. We can also accept brochures or DVDs as supporting material.