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Dear Student Council,

Calling all School Councils – Nominate one of your teachers to be Buckinghamshire's Student Voice - Teacher of the Year for 2026!

Buckinghamshire Council are pleased to launch the fourth Buckinghamshire School Awards celebrating the wonderful work our teachers and school staff deliver across the county. To help celebrate, we are asking you to nominate one teacher from your school in the **Student Voice Award –Teacher of the Year** category!

Please make sure to check your group's participation in the awards and the nomination process you plan to use with both the staff member that supports your group ('staff facilitator') and the headteacher.

Who to nominate?

How your group collect nominations is up to you. You could consider:

- A nomination box accessible for all students,
- Student Voice members hosting conversations in form time,
- Student Voice members running a survey with all students.

If you decide to involve all the students in the school, you will need to agree on a process and communicate this clearly in a way that reaches all students. We have included a **poster** in this pack that you can edit, photocopy and use to communicate with students.

You will also need to collect the reasons why the teacher is being nominated to include all this information on your entry. We have also included a **template nomination form** in this pack, but please use whichever format works best in your school.

You will then need to agree how to judge the nominations received and decide which teacher your school would like to enter into the **Student Voice Award –Teacher of the Year**. The nominee must be selected by the young people in your Student Voice group. Please use a fair and transparent process.

Making the nomination

Once you have decided which teacher to enter, your Student Voice group will need to write the nomination. You will have up to 500 words to explain why you think your selected teacher deserves to win the **Student Voice Award –Teacher of the Year 2026**. The nomination must be written by the members of the Student Voice group; you can be supported in this by your staff facilitator, but the nomination must be centred around students' own words.

Entries must be submitted by your group's staff facilitator, and can be made online at [The Buckinghamshire Schools Awards Nomination Form](#).

Entries need to be made by **5pm on Friday 13 March 2026**. Please do look at the [judging criteria](#) and make sure your entry explains why your nomination meets these criteria. Only one teacher can be nominated per school. Judging for the Student Voice awards will be undertaken by the young people in our county-wide Youth Voice forum, the [Buckinghamshire Youth Voice Executive](#).

More details on the Buckinghamshire School Awards 2026, including all the above links, terms and conditions of entry and a privacy statement, can be found on the dedicated SchoolsWeb page. If you need any help or any more information, please contact us on buckinghamshireschoolawards@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

We hope that you will decide to take part and make an entry into the **Student Voice Award – Teacher of the Year** to say a big thank you to all the teachers in your school.

Kind regards and thank you for your help,

The Buckinghamshire Council School Awards Team

