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# FOREWORD BY COUNCILLOR SUZY HORTON DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION



## Welcome to the virtual Teach Portsmouth Awards Live

While our third Teach Portsmouth Awards might look a little different than normal, I am thrilled we could get together online for what promises to be a fantastic event.

The awards are an opportunity to take stock of the last 18 months and consider the impact our schools, colleges and organisations have had on the Portsmouth community. Staff have come together to support children, young people and families in our city – going above and beyond in so many ways. The Teach Portsmouth Awards Live is a culmination of your efforts, giving everyone the chance to celebrate your achievements.

While there will inevitably be winners, everyone has done their bit to support those who need it most. You are all superstars!

During the filming for the virtual ceremony, I had the opportunity to meet some of our school teams who spoke about their experiences during lockdown and how they supported one another. These conversations showed people's unwavering commitment to education, despite the challenges you were experiencing personally.

Tonight's event is a chance to celebrate your achievements in 9 award categories. We are here to pay tribute to all our colleagues who have supported every child and young person to become the best versions of themselves.

I would like to thank all our sponsors for making tonight's event possible. I hope you will join me in celebrating everyone's successes wherever you are.

# YOUR AWARDS HOST THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES

I'm thrilled to be joining you tonight as your host for the Teach Portsmouth Awards Live. I know first-hand how hard school and college staff are working across the UK. While this is a virtual awards ceremony, the need to recognise your achievements have not lessened. In fact, it is vital we recognise and celebrate your achievements, during a time like no other.

The Teach Portsmouth Awards Live are an opportunity for us to take stock and look back on all you have done. I'm sure you would agree it's been a rollercoaster ride - but I can assure you there are brighter days ahead.

COVID-19 has shown us the role teachers play in society - going beyond the classroom. Learning and teaching is very much about community. The introduction of the people's choice award has given Portsmouth a voice, as local residents nominate their teachers, support teams and head teachers who have gone above and beyond.

I can't wait to reveal the shortlisted nominees and the amazing winners tonight. You all deserve recognition for what you have achieved over the last two academic years.



# INNOVATION IN TEACHING AWARD

This award goes to staff who have developed new approaches and innovative practices that have had a positive impact on teaching and learning in Portsmouth.

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## Nominations

- ▶ IT team - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Ayrton teaching team - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Ayrton support team - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Teaching team - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Claire King - Fernhurst Junior School
- ▶ Madeline Davis - Mayfield School
- ▶ Sally Dannock - Miltoncross Academy
- ▶ Marion Teiwes - Portsmouth College
- ▶ Rebekah Spalding - Priory School
- ▶ Charlene Simms - Trafalgar School

## Shortlisted nominations

### Mayfield School

**Ben Currier – Combined subject leader for international languages**

Ben was a pupil at Mayfield School but joined as a member of staff in 2014. Over the last 7 years, he has transitioned from a part time teacher to a combined subject leader for international languages. He has created a series of GCSE knowledge books which were designed to give pupils vocabulary and phrases for successes at key stage 4. To date, the booklet has been downloaded over 16,000 times. Ben has raised the profile of languages at the school, continuing his work on social media and developing his own blogs. His work is often showcased globally.

### Priory School

**Sian Farrell – English teacher**

Sian has made a significant impact on curriculum design and the way English is taught at the school. She encourages students to have 'big ideas,' creating a culture of discourse that empowers students to critique, question and develop their own ideas. Pupils are encouraged to challenge the status quo, and have a wider knowledge of the world around them, and how this can influence the texts they read. Sian is inspirational in her drive and passion to ensure every student has the opportunity to be successful. As a result of Sian's leadership, English is inclusive, yet challenging. She has an unwavering commitment to pupil's education at the school.

### The Portsmouth Academy

**Zackary Cross – English teacher**

Zackary has conducted action research into a new 'thinking hat,' developing the idea of the 'golden hat' used for silent work. This idea was adopted across the whole school as "golden hat time". Golden hat time is the most challenging part of the lesson where students are expected to work independently. His work has helped students develop skills of resilience and self-reliance, alongside reading, writing and problem solving.

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# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

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This new award recognises the efforts of teachers, support teams and leaders who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic. Local residents were asked to nominate a school or college staff member and provide a supporting statement for why they deserve the award.

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## Nominations

### Court Lane Infant Academy

**Emily Brown**

"Emily has been nominated for the people's choice award as she is very supportive, approachable and makes learning fun."

### Court Lane Infant Academy

**Rebecca Curtis**

"For going above and beyond to support our child, fully understanding and comforting them when needed, and making this tough and scary year more fun."

### Court Lane Infant Academy

**Sarah Evans**

"With regular story readings and phone calls, to being so amazingly positive and supportive through the struggles of home-schooling, Sarah was just amazing and went the extra mile."

### Court Lane Infant Academy

**Jade Houghton**

"Jade deserves this award because she is a fantastic teacher. She stayed at school looking after children during the first wave. She is so caring, loving and has an energy that children really engage with!"

### Court Lane Junior Academy

**Stephanie Knight**

"My child has come on in leaps and bounds during their time with Miss Knight. I am incredibly thankful that she is so attentive."

### Devonshire Infant School

**Jackie Collins**

"Ms Collins knows every name, deals with every query, every forgotten packed lunch and every tearful child. This daily undertaking is appreciated."

### Highbury Primary School

**Lucy Chaplen**

"Lucy always goes above and beyond to help families and gives continuous support."

### Highbury Primary School

**Ashley Howard**

"Thank you for supporting every child at the school, ensuring their safety comes first – even stepping in as a lollipop man."

### Highbury Primary School

**Susan Taylor**

"During these uncertain times, Mrs Taylor has shown what a true professional she is by making her class feel safe and valued."

### Langstone Junior Academy

**Anaiese Campell**

"Mrs Campbell works tirelessly to support pupils and parents alike and has consistently been available. She sends out regular and carefully thought out wellbeing exercises, resources and advice."

### Mary Rose Academy

"I'd like to nominate Mary Rose Academy for the excellent support they have given during each lockdown."

## **Mary Rose Academy**

**Jane Dutton**

"Jane has established excellent communication with us over the last 18 months during COVID-19. Our child always comes home happy after the school day."

## **Mary Rose Academy**

**Justine Rothwell**

"Justine supported our family throughout the pandemic when the world looked uncertain."

## **Milton Park Primary School**

**Wendy Fowler**

"Not only has Wendy led and supported the whole school, she has engaged and collaborated with the local community."

## **Miltoncross Academy**

**Joe Mersey**

"Joe is always one step ahead when it comes to the needs of young people and their parents."

## **Newbridge Junior School**

**Jack Jones**

"Mr Jones has been a fantastic support since my child has been at Newbridge Junior School, especially through the pandemic."

## **Newbridge Junior School**

**Joanna Teare**

"Joanna helped us so much in the first lockdown, she went above and beyond."

## **Newbridge Junior School**

**Anna Webb**

"Anna has recently become head teacher of Penhale Infant School along with Newbridge Junior School. She has led from the front across both schools during the pandemic."

## **Penhale Infant School and Nursery**

**Claire Filson**

"Mrs Filson has been kind, gentle, organised and adaptable during the last 18 months. She has made pupils feel safe."

## **Penhale Infant School and Nursery**

**Helen MacDonald**

"For making the transition into school - during a pandemic - as easy and as fun as it could be."

## **St Edmund's Catholic School**

**Karen O'Neil**

"Karen has been a nurturing presence to both students and staff during this difficult time, often going above and beyond to support them."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Amber Field**

"Amber has done an amazing job at keeping a smile on everyone's face – even when times got tough."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Jayne Joseph**

"Jayne has been very patient, supportive and kind when helping my child adapt to school."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Pauline Stanfield**

"My child would like to nominate Pauline because of her commitment to students at the school."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Lucy West**

"Mrs West is an absolute star, my child has built a great relationship with her."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Zoe Killick**

"Mrs Killick went above and beyond during the first lockdown and has ensured each child is looked after."

## **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

**Kate Baylis**

"Mrs Baylis has been very supportive in helping my child during the pandemic."

## **St Swithun's Catholic Primary School**

**Andrew Olive**

"Mr Olive was at the school gates every morning to meet my child while I rushed back to work. He reassured them and made them feel secure."

## **Trafalgar School**

**Grace Kemp**

"As a newly qualified teacher, Grace has gone above and beyond. She fosters a classroom environment that allows children to be themselves."

## **Trafalgar School**

**Grant Morris**

"For visiting my children at home and for keeping in touch throughout lockdown."

## **Wimborne Primary School**

**Carina Jacobs**

"For showing exceptional leadership. Mrs Jacobs and her team have been amazing since the word go."

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**For working extra hard, for remote teaching, for learning new ways, for always engaging with students, and for putting our children first in quite possibly the hardest year in education we've experienced for a while.**

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# CREATIVITY AWARD

This award goes to the staff who have developed new approaches or adapted teaching methods that go beyond the conventional curriculum which support creative thinking and provides opportunities for all pupils to expand their creativity.

## Nominations

► Lisa Arthur - Portsmouth College

## Shortlisted nominations

### Bramble Infant School and Nursery

#### The year one team

The year one team have developed 'project discovery learning' in response to children who have missed out on in-classroom learning due to COVID-19. An EYFS continuous provision method has been fused with national curriculum subject disciplines to create a unique approach to teaching and learning. The initiative gives children the freedom of choice about how they apply what they do in the classroom. This is taught through cohesive and integrated projects, combined with high quality observation, interaction and environments that deepens learning and creative thinking. The scheme also takes into account the emotional wellbeing needs of children.

### Fernhurst Junior School

#### Jason Pew – Teacher

Jason continues to show his resilience despite the challenges of the last 12 months. Last year, his dedication to a particular child stood out. Jason got involved with the 'attachment aware project' and worked tirelessly to improve his own teaching strategies to overcome the blocked trust. Jason participated in VIG sessions, coming out of his comfort zone, to film his interactions with this pupil and adapt the strategies he used. Over time, the pupil stayed in class. Jason made them feel like they belonged and their attendance improved considerably.

# UNSUNG HERO AWARD

This award is to celebrate the members of the whole school community who rarely get a mention and are never in the limelight but who are invaluable to the school and who have a record of outstanding contributions.

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## Nominations

- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Premise and cleaning team
- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Sarah Merckel
- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Lynda Carden
- ▶ **Ark Ayrton Primary School**  
Ayrton operations team
- ▶ **Ark Dickens Primary Academy**  
Kim George / Tracy Brooks
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary School**  
The cleaning team
- ▶ **Castle View Academy**  
Pauline Sisk, Mike Aston, Shelley Richardson
- ▶ **Castle View Academy**  
Sharon Dodsworth
- ▶ **Court Lane Infant School**  
Kevin Elmes
- ▶ **Craneswater Junior School**  
Lucy Lynch
- ▶ **Highbury Primary School**  
Karen Crockford
- ▶ **Highbury Primary School**  
Gemma Pitts
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Daniel Page
- ▶ **Medina Primary School**  
Andrew Breen, Tracey Oughton and  
Clare Hiscutt
- ▶ **Meon Infant, Meon Junior  
and Moorings Way Infant  
(TSAT) James Fenlon**
- ▶ **Miltoncross Academy**  
Miltoncross Academy SEN team
- ▶ **Miltoncross Academy**  
Elaine Parsons
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Sarah Marsh
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Amanda Richards
- ▶ **Portsmouth College**  
Jack Beavan
- ▶ **Priory School**  
Lisa Murphy
- ▶ **Springfield School**  
Sharon Brookes
- ▶ **St Swithun's Catholic Primary School**  
Ros Wilding
- ▶ **Stamshaw Infant School**  
Alan Young
- ▶ **Stamshaw Junior School**  
Karen Palmer-Roach
- ▶ **Stamshaw Junior School**  
Marilyn Hogger
- ▶ **The Harbour School**  
Catherine Howard
- ▶ **The Portsmouth Academy**  
Helen Cheek
- ▶ **The Portsmouth Academy**  
Richard Smith

## Shortlisted nominations

### Admiral Lord Nelson School

#### Rebecca Britti

Rebecca ensures languages are front and centre of school life, which has been reflected in her work. She has been pivotal in increasing German results from 51% grade 4+ in 2017 to 91% in 2020. Her love of languages is clear and her individual impact and approach is woven through the fabric of her curriculum team. She has empowered her colleagues who share and model these values.

In normal times, Rebecca is keen for pupils to explore culture abroad with visits to Boulogne, Aachen and Paris. Her unwavering commitment to the school has not gone unnoticed. She never draws attention to her achievements and is often extremely modest and humble.

### Fernhurst Junior School

#### Caroline Thompson – Learning support assistant

Caroline has several roles in the school including after school club manager, learning support assistant and more. She brings a smiling face to everything she does and a positive attitude that was needed to keep spirits high during the lockdown period. Caroline checked in on staff by phoning them weekly, helping keep spirits high, watered the school garden as well as bringing her dog in to cheer people up.

She is the first to put on a fancy dress costume or do what needs to be done to reach a child who is struggling. Caroline is a real asset to Fernhurst Junior School.

### Milton Park Primary School

#### Stephanie Hall and Grace Berry – Pastoral team

Stephanie and Grace are invaluable team members who offer guidance to families and provide emotional support when it is needed. Both are very modest. Whether it's offering guidance to our service families or providing social and emotional support through phone calls and text messages, they are always on hand to help. Parental engagement has never been so strong due to the impact of their work, furthermore parents have been empowered and can now confidently share their positive experiences. They have done an amazing job supporting parents and carers during lockdown.



We are delighted at Express FM to be invited to be part of the Teach Portsmouth Awards. It's incredible to see the amazing work that goes on in our schools across the city. The nominations this year in all the categories were a real credit to all those whose dedication, creativity and inspiration has added so much value to our students and community. It was a privilege to be involved in the judging process.

Express FM were sponsors of '**The Unsung Hero**' Award this year and we were impressed by all the incredible entries. Many congratulations to all of you nominated in the category, it was a tough decision however, we are happy that we have found a deserved winner!

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# LONG SERVICE AWARD

The long service award is for teachers, support staff or leaders who have worked in the city for over 20 years. There is no overall winner in this category and everyone who is recognised will receive an award.

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## Nominations

- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Steve Fenner
- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Davina Wise
- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Helen Blakeledge
- ▶ **Admiral Lord Nelson School**  
Julia Wisbey
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Caroline Watt
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Catherine Cohen
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Patricia Seale
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Pauline Yarker
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Sharon Spragg
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Steve Goodwin
- ▶ **Ark Charter Academy**  
Paula Jolly
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Kathryn Smith
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Kathryn Knight
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Anita Cawte
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Helen Pescott
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Gillian Heselden
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Nicola Brown
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Karen Bowie
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Clare Evans
- ▶ **Arundel Court Primary Academy**  
Lindsey Wells
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Pauline Anderson
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Jackie Anne Ladd
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Jacqueline Gregory
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Susan Charter
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Claire Bowden
- ▶ **Bramble Infant School and Nursery**  
Karen Elaine Lancaster
- ▶ **Cottage Grove Primary School**  
Joanna Lofts
- ▶ **Cottage Grove Primary School**  
Michelle Jane Murray
- ▶ **Fernhurst Junior School**  
Sarah Rayner
- ▶ **Fernhurst Junior School**  
Stuart Harrison
- ▶ **Fernhurst Junior School**  
Caroline Taylor
- ▶ **Fernhurst Junior School**  
Jacky Munn
- ▶ **Flying Bull Primary Academy**  
Elizabeth Anne Maplesden

- ▶ **Flying Bull Primary Academy**  
Lucy Gray
- ▶ **Highbury Primary School**  
Stana Boulton
- ▶ **Manor Infant School**  
Julie Cartwright
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Mary Read
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Matthew Stedman
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Michele John
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Sharon Rich
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Sally Anne Rowntree
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Marion Langdon
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Jackie Hamilton
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Stacey Vicary
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Stephne Manns
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Carole McCullagh
- ▶ **Medina Primary School**  
Carole Bonney
- ▶ **Medina Primary School**  
Tracey Oughton
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Karoline Aldridge
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Jennifer Ashton
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Pauline Medway
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Karen Moxham
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Angela Carter
- ▶ **Newbridge Junior School**  
Margaret Williams
- ▶ **New Horizons Primary School**  
Kim Broadbent
- ▶ **Penhale Infant School and Nursery**  
Sally Cake
- ▶ **Penhale Infant School and Nursery**  
Paula Johnson
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Sharon Ensor (Portage team)
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Sandra Vincent
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Ruth Nabholz-Duncan
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Azizunnessa Choudhury (Nahida)
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Yin Hung Leung
- ▶ **Portsmouth City Council**  
Louisa Tsang
- ▶ **Portsmouth College**  
Michelle Ferrett
- ▶ **Portsmouth College**  
Randolph Mallory Vince
- ▶ **Portsmouth Primary SCITT**  
Cate Worrall
- ▶ **Priory School**  
Michelle Chadwick

- ▶ **Priory School**  
Barbara Page
- ▶ **St Jude's Church of England Primary School**  
Amanda Martin
- ▶ **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**  
Patricia Martin
- ▶ **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**  
Sharon Dorrell
- ▶ **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**  
Joanne Bass
- ▶ **Stamshaw Infant School**  
Josephine Cooper
- ▶ **Stamshaw Infant School**  
Jo Watson
- ▶ **Stamshaw Infant School**  
Elaine Rosemary Black
- ▶ **Stamshaw Junior School**  
Mary Fountain
- ▶ **Stamshaw Junior School**  
Amanda Bushell
- ▶ **Stamshaw Junior School**  
Samantha Cantini
- ▶ **Westover Primary School**  
Debra Bennett
- ▶ **Westover Primary School**  
Sue Hattersley
- ▶ **Westover Primary School**  
Rosie Brown
- ▶ **Westover Primary School**  
Karan East
- ▶ **Westover Primary School**  
Sarah Harris

# THANK YOU

On behalf of Portsmouth National Education Union, I and the officers would like to say a huge “thank you” to all involved in Education in our city. It has been a busy 12/18 months for all of us. Despite the challenges faced, the profession has come together to support pupils, their families, colleagues and the wider community. Portsmouth NEU is extremely proud to sponsor the Teach Portsmouth Long Service Award again. This recognises those who have contributed to education in the city over the last twenty years. It is a real shame that we cannot all be together to share the many amazing stories and experiences you have all had over the years. Whether you've helped students in a support role, been involved in the day-to-day workings or have progressed through to senior leadership, colleagues who are recognised in this category have gone above and beyond during the last two decades. The NEU has been privileged to be with many of you on this journey. Each one of you deserves all the thanks in the world not just from us but from the thousands of people whose lives you have made a difference to.

Amanda Martin Portsmouth NEU - Branch & District Secretary

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# INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY AWARD

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This award celebrates the work of staff who have implemented a strategy or project that has made a difference to inclusive practice and diversity. In this category, schools, colleges and organisations need to tell us how it has affected pupils and the wider community.

## Nominations

- ▶ **Castle View Academy**  
Eliza-Kate Beck and Carl Beck
- ▶ **Flying Bull Academy**  
Megan Palamidas
- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Clare Swinson
- ▶ **Miltoncross Academy**  
Miltoncross Academy victory suite team
- ▶ **Portsmouth College**  
Sarah Hume
- ▶ **Stamshaw Infant School**  
Maria Broad and Shelley Baldwin
- ▶ **The Portsmouth Academy**  
Student engagement department

## Shortlisted nominations

### Flying Bull Academy

**Emma Darbyshire – PSHCE teacher**

Emma has worked on a number of diversity initiatives across the school including our equality policy, focus weeks and re-envisioning the PSHCE curriculum. She has developed our new relationship and education policy as well as 'love has no labels' scheme at the academy. These are special weeks focusing on LGBTQ+, race, gender and disability. Recently, Emma has also become involved in citywide initiatives. This includes developing primary resources for assemblies which were sent to all schools during LGBTQ+ history month.

### Priory School

**Helen Blachford – Head of faculty**

Helen is a national leader in citizenship education, championing this curriculum area and supporting colleagues in PSHRSE. She works across the Bohunt Education Trust and is the go-to representative for all things citizenship. Prior to COVID-19, Helen visited Washington DC on behalf of the Association for Citizenship Teaching as well as being a guest editor for the Teaching Citizenship journal. She has also recently worked with Oak National Academy last summer. She is truly exceptional!

## Stamshaw Infant School

### Anna Fancey – Senior leader (Pastoral)

Anna is a true 'magic weaver.' As head of the pastoral care and wellbeing team, she delivers high quality training to teachers across the city. She shows an astonishing level of commitment, expertise, passion and skill, supporting children and parents when they need it most. She has enriched the lives of so many people with significant improvements to the life chances of generations of families and harnessing their strengths and achievements. Her specialist skills have resulted in significant improvements in the attendance of families and her restorative techniques weave like a thread through every area of school life.

## The Portsmouth Academy

### Laura Hudson – Curriculum lead (History)

Laura has worked tirelessly to decolonize the curriculum. She has led the way through her leadership of the history department and setting the example of designing new schemes of work. This includes: the struggle for rights around gender, race and sexuality. She has introduced a new "Black and British" scheme of learning, and supported leaders across the trust to ensure they have the training to diversify the curriculum effectively. Her work has made the curriculum more inclusive in a variety of ways and has influenced our students by broadening their historical and cultural knowledge.

## Trafalgar School

### Catherine Seal and the inclusion team

Cathy and the inclusion team are incredibly passionate and work tirelessly to ensure every student is an active member of the school community. The ARC is a resource for SEN students, ensuring they have access to excellent learning, social and sensory spaces enabling them to achieve. Children can now transition into mainstream education as a direct result of the support and provision the team have offered. The Compass Centre has also transformed access to mainstream education for vulnerable students. The cultural capital for our students has been massively enhanced and their eyes opened to life beyond school.

# COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION AWARD

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This award is to celebrate the work of teams or an individual in a school, college or organisation that has made a significant impact on the local community. Nominations should include an outline of the work and how it has affected the community.

## Nominations

- ▶ **Mayfield School**  
Mayfield (Strand 5) Governors (Elizabeth Crook, Jason Crouch, Lee Nolan, Richard Buchan)
- ▶ **Priory School**  
Kay Coghlan
- ▶ **The Portsmouth Academy**  
George Stevens and the administration team
- ▶ **TSAT**  
TSAT Portsmouth Hub
- ▶ **TSAT**  
Sara Paine

## Shortlisted nominations

### Miltoncross Academy

#### Miltoncross community support team

The Miltoncross community support team helped key workers throughout the pandemic. This included giving them access to the academy's car park to ensure they could get to work easily.

Many key workers struggled to find spaces during the pandemic with Miltoncross Academy being one of the first schools/businesses in the city to offer a service like this. The team also co-ordinated an activity for students to design Christmas cards which thanked NHS workers. The artwork was used to decorate sweets and biscuits which were sent to staff at St Marys Hospital, St James Hospital and other key workers in the city as a thank you for their hard work.

### Milton Park Primary School

#### Layla Gover – Higher level teaching assistant

Layla has brought a little ray of sunshine to Milton Park Primary School by spearheading the response to COVID-19 with the addition of colourful posters on the school railings. Layla led the way in transforming their school playground into a positive environment

for everyone. She also felt children needed some festive cheer. A small team of helpers put out an appeal via The News for Christmas trees and decorations. Within days, she had created a winter wonderland that was enjoyed by all who saw it. One parent said: "The squeals of excitement I heard and happy faces I saw as I walked through the gates this morning was so touching."

### Portsmouth College


#### Darren Sharkey – Health and safety director

Darren has made a significant contribution to the local community collecting over 38,000 pieces of personal protective equipment including gloves, eye protection, aprons, protective clothing and face masks for Southern Health NHS Trust and Portsmouth NHS Trust. He was also fundamental in approaching local organisations including colleges as well as several hairdressers across Portsmouth and Gosport in the donation of PPE. This voluntary role went way beyond Darren's day job as health and safety director at Portsmouth College. He put countless hours into gathering and distributing everything.

### Priory School

#### Katherine Hughes – Pastoral outreach worker

Katherine introduced a project aimed at supporting the health and wellbeing of students whose parents are key workers and attended school every day over lockdown. To help support NHS staff, a fundraising challenge involving a sponsored run at the school was organised. The fundraising activity soon extended to pupils at home. Students chose to skip, run, cycle and skate their way to various goals. Students and staff collectively ran the equivalent of 4 marathons in 3 days, raising £3000 for NHS staff at QA hospital. Katherine spearheaded the project in collaboration with pupils at the school. She is a wonderful and caring colleague who led the way in supporting a very worthy local cause.



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# PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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The partnership award requires two organisations or partners who have worked together on a project or initiative that has made a difference in their school or college. This is different from the community and collaboration award as nominators must tell us who the organisation is and why their actions have left a lasting impression on the school or college but not the wider community.

## Shortlisted nominations

### Fernhurst Junior School

**Barry Clarke – Site manager**

Barry has gone above and beyond as site manager for two schools who share a playground. He works really hard to make sure both sites are managed well – nothing is ever too much. Barry has recently co-ordinated major building work to the school roof while ensuring a safe working environment for staff and pupils. He is always positive and easy to talk to, he communicates between schools and makes sure everyone is happy. During the pandemic he worked through bank holidays without complaining, ensuring the site was open and safe for staff.

### Bridging Portsmouth's Digital Divide team

**Portsmouth City Council / Shaping Portsmouth / Thinking Schools Academy Trust / The Hive**

Bridging Portsmouth's Digital Divide is a partnership between four groups, Portsmouth Education Partnership, Shaping Portsmouth, Thinking Schools Academy Trust and The Hive who have been responsible for creating a scheme where students and vulnerable adults can access digital services. This has been a vital service during the pandemic when the focus on digital technology has become important. While the scheme supports children learning at home, it seeks to ensure anyone who is disadvantaged through digital poverty can bridge the gap and have access to a device and the internet for free.

### Claire Copeland (Head teacher at Trafalgar School) and Nys Hardingham (Head teacher at Admiral Lord Nelson School)

Claire and Nys have been working closely together under the partnership of Salterns Academy Trust in a bid to offer educational opportunities for pupils at Admiral Lord Nelson School and Trafalgar School. As part of their dedication in driving both schools forward, they have invested heavily in bringing their senior leadership teams together to share skills and work collaboratively on various projects. This includes: improving access to cultural capital, enhancing communication and engagement with parents and raising literacy standards in both schools. This work is really bringing the schools together, strengthening the opportunities for students in both schools.



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# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

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The outstanding contribution award recognises the sustained and substantial impact an individual has made on the education of children and young people in Portsmouth. Individuals in the shortlist may have had long careers in education, not just in Portsmouth but have made a significant impact in the city.

## Nominations

- ▶ **Ark Dickens Primary School**  
Luke Clarke
- ▶ **Copnor Primary School**  
Ben Pearce
- ▶ **Court Lane Junior Academy**  
Emma Carter
- ▶ **The Portsmouth Academy**  
Rachel Grey

## Shortlisted nominations

### Fernhurst Junior School

**Roberta Kirby – Head teacher**

Roberta has been head teacher at the school for 15 years. Described as a strong leader by OFSTED, she is a prominent voice in the Portsmouth primary heads meeting and the Southsea cluster. She sits on the inclusion support panel for the city and is regularly involved with working groups to review education policy and practices in Portsmouth. Roberta is a local leader of education and supports other schools, giving her time to help other head teachers when the going gets tough. She is committed to supporting the next generation of teachers, working across several initial teacher training programmes.

### Mayfield School

**Fiona Rogers – Head of primary**

Fiona has worked at the school since 2003. Her teaching has been consistently rated as excellent. She played a leading role in establishing a behaviour management system that directly led to the school's first ever Ofsted good rating for behaviour and safety in 2014.

Fiona has spearheaded restorative approaches in the school, gaining local recognition that is well deserved. She has been promoted to the role of head of primary and has overseen the opening of our key stage 2 provision.

### Miltoncross Academy

**Joe Mersey – Assistant head teacher (Inclusion and wellbeing)**

Joe is a founding member of staff at the school since it opened in 1999. His dedication to the academy over the last 22 years has significantly impacted the lives of those students who have attended this school. His roles have varied, from head of history to his current role of SENCO. His work has included supporting EAL students, raising the standards of teaching in history, religious studies and art, working with young carers, developing diversity programmes, improving literacy and safeguarding to name just a few areas. Joe is always calm and professional, providing stability and a safe environment for pupils to flourish in.

### The Harbour School

**Jacqueline Foster – Pastoral lead**

Jackie started working with pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs in 1999. Fondly known as 'Nana Jacks' to pupils past and present, she is the 'go to' safe adult, where pupils know they will have space, time and a listening ear. Jackie works with a marvellous sense of humour. She meets pupils at the school gates as they arrive and waves them off with a smile at the end of the day. She has an enormous impact on the emotional wellbeing of students and is very much the heart and soul of the school.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Thank you for watching the Teach Portsmouth Awards Live on Thursday 8 July at 5pm.

We had a fantastic time celebrating with you!

After the awards ceremony, we'll be sharing video extracts on the Teach Portsmouth website for schools, colleges and organisations to share with their audiences. Specific category videos will be made available to watch again and embed on your website. You can also share the video on social media too.

Please use the hashtag **#TPA21** wherever possible.

More information will be made available in the next edition of the Portsmouth Education Partnership newsletter (W/C 12 July).

If you have any questions, please email **[teachportsmouth@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:teachportsmouth@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)** and one of the team will respond in due course.

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Alison Jeffery, director of children, families and education.

Mike Stoneman, deputy director of children, families and education.



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