

16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, let me wish you all a Happy New Year! I do hope that you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Many of you will have already seen from our social media channels that Thinking Schools Academy Trust is very proud to be one of the sponsorship partners for the *Kent Teacher of the Year Awards 2020*. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Awards, which aim to find and recognise the very best teachers, support staff and volunteers working within schools in Kent, Medway and Bexley.

As a Trust which runs 17 schools in total across the South East, including seven in Medway and one in Kent, we are committed to giving all the children and young people that we are privileged to serve the best start in life. We recognise that this would not be possible without all of our extremely dedicated and hard-working teaching staff, who every day go above and beyond to help our pupils succeed and fulfil their potential.

It is for this reason that I feel so passionately about the importance of recognising and rewarding teachers and school staff across Kent and Medway for their hard work and commitment to transforming life chances.

The Awards will take place in May 2020 and nominations are now open for award categories including: Primary School Teacher, Secondary School Teacher, Head Teacher, Team Award, Teaching Assistant and many more.

If you would like to nominate any member of staff within your child's school or another local school for their commitment and dedication to going above and beyond for you or your child, you can nominate them quickly and easily online at [www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk). The deadline for nominations is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Stuart Gardner



Chief Executive Officer