



“The Top Schools Awards are the most important awards for all those in education across the UAE. It is time that we now recognised teachers who play such a vital role in the education of all our children. For many, our Awards for outstanding teachers will be the most important awards of 2021.”

James Mullan, Co-founder of The Top School Awards

“We all remember that teacher at school that ‘rocked our world.’ We all remember those teachers that made school matter – and which made learning inspirational. It is those teachers that we will be recognising at the Top School Awards 2021.

David Westley, Co-founder of the Top School Awards



The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Awards, the UAE's **definitive** School Awards, recognising the region's most outstanding schools, teachers, and educationalists, today publishes full information for entering the eighteenth of this year's Awards:

The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Award for Best Secondary School Teacher in the UAE 2021

This is one of only three Awards being presented to the UAE's most outstanding teachers.

For clarification, this Award is open to teachers of children in Year 7 upwards in British schools, for teachers of the IB MYP and IB Diploma, Courses and Career Development Programme in International Baccalaureate Schools, teachers of children in Year 6 upwards in US/Canadian schools; and, Classes IX and above in Indian schools. For other curricular schools, we are looking for teachers of children of later phases of each child's education beyond Primary and early Years.

This Award can be entered for in two ways:

- **By Parents**
- **By Schools**

(1) Nominations by Parents

Nominating an outstanding Secondary School Teacher is simple.

Please send the name of the teacher you would like to nominate for the award of Best Secondary School Teacher in the UAE 2021 to

SCTSA@schoolscompared.com

Please identify the name of the School where your nominated Secondary School teacher currently works, together with how they have made an extraordinary impact on the education of your child and other children. All submissions will be treated in confidence.

Please send us as much information as you can on why you think that they are special.

(2) Nominations by Schools

We welcome nominations from Principals, Owners and Fellow Teachers of a Secondary School teacher who is extraordinarily gifted at your school - **please see the guidance below.**

FIRST STEPS

Please complete this application form to nominate your chosen teacher for The Schools Compared Top Schools Award for Best Secondary School Teacher in the UAE 2021. A PDF of the form can be downloaded at the end of this article.

Please note that not entering for this Award, does **not** preclude any Secondary School teacher from being considered for this Award. **All Secondary School teachers in the UAE** may be considered within the judging process, with nominations drawn from parents and expertise and data across Which Media.

Entering a teacher for this Award, however, does ensure that we have access to accurate, up-to-date information on your nominated Secondary School teacher – and information strengthened by your decisions on how to answer the following questions.

Please use the following questions as a guide; you may wish to draw out other strengths to support your case.

SECONDARY YEARS PRACTICE AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL CHILDREN

Aim for 200-500 Words

Provide the name and job title of the Secondary Years teacher you wish to nominate. Please, where possible, provide a full biography of the teacher including their education and experience. Please identify in what capacity you are making your nomination.

Support the case that your nominee has made an outstanding, *above and beyond*, contribution to the education of Secondary age children under their care. Focus on how they have, and do, respond to the different needs, personalities, and gifts of each individual child – ensuring that no child is ever “left behind.” Demonstrate how your nominee continually improves their education, training and knowledge of Primary Years best practice.

CHILD CASE STUDIES

Aim for 200-500 Words

Provide examples, reflecting the experiences of three different Secondary aged children, of how the nominated teacher has made his or her impact felt. Draw on examples of (1) educational best-practice, (2) innovation and (3) outstanding care for the child, in each case. Ideally one child should be in their final year of study at your school.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Aim for 200-500 Words

Provide an example of where your nominated teacher has acted in the interests of one or more Secondary age children, outside the requirements of their job specification and role. This might include an example of where an intervention by the nominated teacher has fundamentally transformed for the better the education received by all Secondary age children at your School. You may include an example of where the nominated teacher placed the interests of children *before their own*.

STRENGTHENING YOUR CASE

Aim for 200 - 500 Words

Please provide quotations supporting your nomination from fellow teachers, school Principal and parents at your school. Where possible, provide supporting quotations from Secondary age children themselves.

You should also include two inspirational photographs of your nominated Secondary Years teacher reflecting their teaching and relationships with children under their care.

COVID 19

Aim for 200 - 500 Words

Please provide information on how you your nominated teacher has responded to the many challenges of Covid 19.



MAKING AN IMPACT IN YOUR APPLICATION

As part of the following application, you will strengthen your case considerably by *sending the following survey links to your teachers and parents*, asking them to independently provide feedback on your School.

Teachers should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-teacher-survey>

Parents should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/school-survey>

Older students ONLY (Grade 10-12/Year 11-13) should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-student-survey>

The statistical results of these surveys are valued, shared with judges and used in our decision making.

In addition we use data provided to us under your school profile on the Which Media database. This can be accessed through our sister site *WhichSchoolAdvisor.com*.

In particular, if relevant to your Centre, please complete the following sections from the Admin:

- Facilities
- Sports offering
- Scholarships and Bursaries
- Details
- Demographics
- Memberships and accreditations
- General info
- Fees

It is critical that the data relied on by judges is accurate and up-to-date. If you do not have a school account on our sister site, *WhichSchoolAdvisor.com*, please request one so you can update your review and admissions data here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/school-signup>



COMPLETE ENTRY

Please collate the above information in a Word document. High resolution (inspirational) photography, relevant film, PDF(s), together with any audio files, that you may wish to submit, should be sent separately with the Word file. Please also include a School Prospectus if that has been produced.

When your application is completed, these should be sent, in a single email, titled "SCTSA21 Teacher SECONDARY" with both your, and your school's, name, to:

SCTSA@schoolscompared.com

Please note: unless you *specifically identify information that is confidential and sensitive and not for publication, any information sent to us may be published and become a statement of public record. It is vital therefor that information provided is accurate.*

Completed entries must be received no later than 7th July 2021.

