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Local Pearson Teaching Award Winner in line for UK Gold National Teaching Award

Nicola Turner of Glenthorne Primary School in the West Midlands is off to London to attend the prestigious UK grand final of the Pearson National Teaching Awards hosted by TV historian Dan Snow

Back in June of this year, Nicola was recognised for her exceptional contribution to the teaching profession as one of just 64 Silver Teaching Award winners in the UK, winning her award in the category The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Primary School.

On Sunday 18th October, Nicola and the other Silver Award winners will attend a glittering ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden to find out which of them has been selected to win a National Pearson Teaching Award, also known as a Gold Plato Award. The ceremony, hosted by Dan Snow and filmed by the BBC, will see the announcement of just 11 Gold Plato award-winners, representing the very best of the UK's teaching profession.

The Pearson Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching. Founded in 1999 by Lord Puttnam, they recognise the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach.

The ceremony will be broadcast on BBC2 at 6pm on Sunday 25th October as *Britain's Classroom Heroes*.

Oscar-winning actress Emma Thompson, president of the Teaching Awards said, "I am genuinely proud and honoured to be the associated with of the Teaching Awards. I owe so much of what I've done to my fantastic teachers at school and university and it is exciting to join in a celebration of the profession that's probably the most important of them all."

Rod Bristow, President of Pearson UK, said: "We are so proud to support the Teaching Awards and I'd like to offer huge congratulations to the 2015 winners. Whatever changes in education, it will always be the teacher with the ultimate power to engage and inspire. Great teaching makes the

biggest difference to learning and it's incredibly important that we take this moment each year to recognise this."

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Summary

The Pearson Teaching Awards are open to every school in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The awards were established by Lord Puttnam CBE in 1998 and are managed by the Teaching Awards Trust, an independent charity. The Trust's mission is to celebrate excellence in education.

The Teaching Awards are sponsored by Pearson, the world's leading learning company, with 40,000 employees in more than 80 countries working to help people of all ages to make measurable progress in their lives through learning.

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