

Celebrating Teachers and Education Award

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to invite your school or setting to take part in our Celebrating Teachers Awards, an event dedicated to recognising teachers who help learners feel that they truly *belong*. In partnership with Notts County Football Club, we aim to celebrate the incredible work of teachers and education professionals across the region for the difference they make in the lives of children and young people.

Joe Palmer, Chief Executive of Notts County, said:

"Teachers play a vital role in shaping lives and communities, and we're proud to join forces with our partners, the University of Nottingham, to honour their dedication. By celebrating those who help young people feel valued and included, we hope to shine a light on the power of education and inspire the next generation of teachers."

We are inviting nominations across four categories:

- **Primary**
- **Secondary**
- **Further Education (FE)**
- **Alternative Provision**

Nominations are open to students, parents/carers, and colleagues, and are based on one simple question:

How has this teacher made you (or others) feel that you belong?

To ensure fairness and equity, nominations will be shortlisted by category and reviewed anonymously. This approach ensures that schools and settings of all sizes have an equal opportunity to be represented.

The four winners will be honoured as guests at the Sky Bet League Two home fixture against Cheltenham Town on Saturday, 21 March 2026. They will be introduced to the crowd and enjoy hospitality, and a number of match tickets will also be provided to local pupils and schools.

We would be grateful if you could:

- Share the nomination opportunity with your students, families, and staff
- Encourage nominations that highlight inclusion, care, and belonging

You can access the nomination form via this link [Nomination Form](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Nominations will close on **Friday 13 February 2026 at 5pm**.



Thank you for helping us celebrate those who make a real difference.

Best wishes

Helen

Helen Bowhay

Director of Initial Teacher Education

Associate Professor

Pronouns: she, her, hers

[hear name](#)

Please note that my role is part time (0.8) and, although I work flexibly to meet commitments, there will be times when there might be a short delay before I respond to your email. **My normal day off is Friday.**

Think wellbeing!

This email was sent at a time that was convenient for me. Please do not feel obliged to reply at any particular time.

University of Nottingham ITE Partnership

School of Education

University of Nottingham

Room B70, Dearing Building

Jubilee Campus

Nottingham, NG8 1BB

+44 (0) 115 9513721 | nottingham.ac.uk | [Partnership Gateway](#)

Follow us

[Facebook.com/UniofNottingham](https://www.facebook.com/UniofNottingham)

[Twitter.com/UniofNottingham](https://twitter.com/UniofNottingham)

[Youtube.com/nottmuniversity](https://www.youtube.com/nottmuniversity)

[Instagram.com/uniofnottingham](https://www.instagram.com/uniofnottingham)

[Linkedin.com/company/university-of-nottingham](https://www.linkedin.com/company/university-of-nottingham)

This message and any attachment are intended solely for the addressee and may contain confidential information. If you have received this message in error, please contact the sender and delete the email and attachment. Any views or opinions expressed by the author of this email do not necessarily reflect the views of the University of Nottingham. Email communications with the University of Nottingham may be monitored where permitted by law.