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What does good teaching
look like in 2024?

A reflection on the 2024 Teaching Awards

Welcome



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Overview of the Teaching Awards

- Student-led at every stage
- Created 15 years ago
- First of their kind in the UK
- Aim to recognise and celebrate excellence in teaching and support across the university

How does it work?

→ Students submit nominations across several categories:

- Teacher of the Year (one per College)
- Outstanding Course
- Supervisor of the Year
- Cohort Lead of the Year
- Student Tutor of the Year
- Support Staff of the Year
- Outstanding Commitment to Social Justice and Sustainability
- Sabbatical Officers' Student Voice Award

How does it work?

- Students submit nominations across several categories
- We let nominees know what their student has said about them, anonymously
- Our Sabbatical Officers review nominations and decide a longlist
- A panel of over 100 students review and score each nomination on the longlist
- The top-scoring nominations are then reviewed by a panel of Elected Representatives, who decide on a shortlist of 3 per category and their overall winners
- We announce the winners at our Teaching Awards ceremony



Since launch, the Teaching Awards have:

Received more than

29,000

nominations...

...recognising over

8,000

members of staff



Don't take it from me...

“Knowing that the passion and energy I pour into teaching resonate with you is profoundly gratifying. It is a clear signal that we can achieve remarkable things when we come together, supporting and uplifting one another. It highlights the collective effort and the shared values that guide us.”

Nominee in the 2024 Teaching Awards

Don't take it from me...

“Teaching is about collaborating with students, trusting one another, and embarking on a learning journey together. This is why being nominated 'Teacher of the Year' by students is perhaps the most meaningful form of validation.”

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“It feels wonderful, fabulous - like a ray of sunshine on a dreich day. And what brilliant sunshine. Knowing a student took the time to nominate me is itself a gift. Reading what they wrote – what they learned, what inspired them - is itself the most inspiring form of feedback I can imagine.”

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Dawn Livingstone

CMVM Teacher of the Year 2023/24

**What do students tell
us when they
nominate?**

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Changing priorities – 2019 vs 2024



Innovative teaching practices



Inclusive and supportive classrooms



Thinking things through



Varied and innovative assessment



**Support,
support,
support**



**Making
students feel
at home**



It's the little things

(other brands are available)



Don't take it from me...

Claire Haggett

Cohort Lead of the Year 2023/24

Things to focus on

Innovative
teaching
practices

Varied and
innovative
assessment

Inclusive and
supportive
classrooms

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through

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Thank you.

Any questions?

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