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## Inspirational Hertfordshire Headteacher honoured in prestigious Pearson National Teaching Awards

Winner of Silver Award for Headteacher Of The Year In A Secondary School is honoured today in celebration on National Thank a Teacher Day. Further to the Award for Headteacher of the Year the school also celebrated receiving awards for a number of school staff for the following categories: The Unsung Hero Award, Secondary Teacher of the Year Award, Teaching Assistant of the Year and Outstanding New Teacher.

Robin Newman, Principal from Haileybury Turnford has been selected from thousands of nominations to win a Pearson National Teaching Silver Award. Robin Newman was honoured with a Silver Award for Headteacher Of The Year In A Secondary School for his outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children he works with every day.

Robin Newman joined Haileybury Turnford in September 2016 as Principal and began laying the foundations for positive change throughout the school and community. Haileybury Turnford is a welcoming, inclusive and supportive school where successes are celebrated and wellbeing, of staff and students, is key. Robin has led the change, creating a collaborative ethos throughout the school, with a focus on developing good teaching and learning through focused staff development and building a varied and ambitious curriculum for students. In March 2022 the school was rated Good by Ofsted for the first time in its history, reflecting the progress that had been made under Robin's leadership. Robin has also secured brand new state-of-the-art buildings for the school which are currently being developed with the Department for Education.

Robin Newman has now been shortlisted to win one of just 16 Gold Awards, which will be announced and celebrated at a gala ceremony in London on 25 November and televised on the BBC, with winners showcased on The One Show.

The honours have been announced on National Thank a Teacher Day, an annual event celebrating the role of educators across the UK for the valued role they play in communities and shaping young people. This year, students were joined by celebrities including Sir Michael Morpurgo, Edith Bowman, Bobby Seagull, Ore Oduba and Nadiya Hussain to mark their teachers' achievements.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in education run by the Teaching Awards Trust, an independent charity now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, that recognises the life-changing work that takes place in education, highlighting the vital role educators play and the work that's delivered in schools and colleges every day.

Michael Morpurgo, author, former Children's Laureate, and President of the Teaching Awards Trust, says: "I am inspired by the devotion of teachers and the huge impact they have on the lives of the young people they tutor, support, encourage and motivate day in and day out. The valuable role they play both inside and outside the classroom has inspired generations of young people across the country to achieve their potential. I am delighted to congratulate the winners of the 2023 Awards and thank them all for the amazing contributions they have made to our communities."

Sharon Hague, Senior Vice President of Schools at Pearson UK, says: "We would like to congratulate today's



Silver winners on their incredible achievements. We can't underestimate the huge contribution schools make to our young people's lives and Robin Newman is an inspiring example of the positive impact an individual can have on pupils and communities."

Paul Matthias, National Education Director at Hays, sponsor of The Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School says: "The remarkable dedication of educators in nurturing students across the UK is recognised through the Pearson National Teaching Awards. We are delighted to be associated with this celebration of educators and the profession's achievements and especially the Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School."

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