## <u>Kirsty Williams wishes finalists of</u> <u>prestigious new teaching awards good</u> <u>luck</u>

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams has today sent a message of good luck to all those who have made it through to the finals of the prestigious new Professional Teaching Awards Cymru (Fri 5th May).

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17 outstanding education professionals and schools have been shortlisted with the winners being announced at a special event in Cardiff City Hall on Sunday 7 May.

The awards have been established by the Welsh Government to recognise the best in schools across the country and to celebrate the commitment, dedication and inspiration of the teaching profession in Wales.

A panel of Wales-wide judges have selected the 17 entries for the seven categories, which include:

- Teacher of the year.
- Headteacher of the year.
- Award for promoting pupil wellbeing and or inclusion in school.
- Award for supporting teachers and learners.
- Whole school award for promoting relationships with parents and the community.

Kirsty Williams said:

"These prestigious new awards are an opportunity to say thank you to our teachers and educational professionals and formally recognise the best leadership and teaching from across Wales.

"I am looking forward to meeting all the finalists at the ceremony on Sunday and I wish all of them the best of luck and hope everyone has a great day."

Winners will be presented with a 'Griff' in honour of Griffith Jones of Llanddowror, who turned the Welsh into one of the world's most literate nations during the 1700s.

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