

# John Taylor MAT

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Dear Parents/ Carers & Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that nominations are now open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award, which all John Taylor Multi Academy Trust pupils are eligible to be nominated for.

The award, which is open to all year groups in all JT MAT schools, is an opportunity for children to gain recognition for their achievements. Pupils may be nominated for the Exceptional Achievement Award at any point in the academic year, based on the following criteria:

Primary Aged Pupils (Early Years, KS1 & KS2)	Secondary Aged Pupils (KS3, KS4 & KS5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County, National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months</li><li>• Grade 1 or above at KS1, or Grade 3 or above in music or singing at KS2</li><li>• Performing in televised programme/ film or National stage production</li><li>• Fundraising for a charity over £2000</li><li>• Success in overcoming adversity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months</li><li>• Grade 8 or above/ Diploma in music or singing</li><li>• Performing in televised programme/ film.</li><li>• Fundraising for a charity over £5000</li><li>• Success in overcoming adversity</li></ul>

Parents, carers, staff, or peers can make a nomination using the above criteria.

**Please complete the online form via this link:**

[John Taylor MAT- Exceptional Achievement Award Nomination Form \(Spring & Summer 2026\) – Fill in form](#)

The form will ask you to complete a short paragraph (please work to a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 250 words) in order for the nomination to be fully considered.

Once you have made your nomination, please be advised that we will be in contact with you in the weeks leading up to the ceremony to request supporting evidence, which you should provide to the student's headteacher. Please be advised that you will be notified shortly after this process has taken place to let you know whether your nomination has been successful.

Please provide as many specific details about the achievement as possible, ensuring that you provide full details of which sport/ instrument for example, the achievement involves.

If successful, students will be invited to meet with their headteacher for a ceremony which will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 9:00am**, via a Teams call with Mike Donoghue OBE, CEO of John Taylor MAT, in which they will receive their very special gold pin badge award and certificate of exceptional achievement.

We very much look forward to seeing our school community embrace this opportunity and celebrate those who achieve the award. The deadline for nominations is **4pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** and winners will be announced shortly after that date.

If you have any enquiries, please email [jtmat-subjectexcellence@jtmat.co.uk](mailto:jtmat-subjectexcellence@jtmat.co.uk)

With Kind Regards,

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