

## NEWS FEATURE

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# Best of the best: Golden Apples finalists revealed

Excellence in education at all levels is being rewarded once again at Newsquest Cumbria's Golden Apple Awards - showcasing amazing achievements and dedication

**J**UDGING has taken place and the finalists can now be revealed for The Golden Apple Awards 2019.

The awards will showcase true excellence in education across all levels of learning in Cumbria, highlighting everything from outstanding care to young children to amazing academic achievement.

Finalists feature inspirational figures from classrooms and lecture theatres, as well as those who go above and beyond to make us achieve our very best.

They also highlight collective and individual successes which, quite rightly, fuel hope for an innovative and bright future for the county.

Finalists in the awards, which will be presented during a celebration at Enerqus, Lillyhall, in October, can be revealed as students receive their A-level results.

The Golden Apple Awards, presented by Newsquest Cumbria in association with the University of Cumbria and Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, are a firm favourite on the county's education calendar.

Hundreds of nominations were received. The task of judging them was carried out by former winner Cherry Tingle of Energy Coast UTC, Dr Singy Hederson, dean for student services at the University of Cumbria, Karen Thomson, of accountancy firm



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Armstrong Watson - who are among the event's sponsors - and Newsquest Cumbria journalist Pamela McGowan.

Pamela said: "The standard of nominations was high and really did showcase the great talent and potential we have in Cumbria. Judging was a real difficult job."

Newsquest Cumbria publishes *The Cumberland News*, *Times & Star*, *The Whitehaven News*, *News & Star* and *The Mail*.

## Meet the finalists

### BEST SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Energy Coast UTC
- Furness Academy
- Walney School

### BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Stanwix Primary School
- Bishop Harvey Goodwin
- North Walney

### BEST LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND



**TOUGH TASK:** Three of the awards judges, from left, Cherry Tingle, Pamela McGowan and Dr Signy Henderson

### TRAINING PROVIDER

- System People
- Cumbria Learning and Improvement Collaborative

### BEST INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

- LLMAC, Beaconhill
- UTC/Morgan Sindall
- Primary Business Partnership

### BEST INCLUSION INITIATIVE

- Cumbrian Academy for Autism
- People First
- Kick Start, Furness Academy
- Kiddlywinks

### BEST NEWCOMER

- Jonathan Carswell, Carlisle College
- Jamie-Lee Robinson, Lakes College
- Hope Redmond, UTC

### BEST EDUCATION AND LEARNING LEADER

- Andrew Beattie, Pennine Way
- Judith Schafer, Cumbria Futures Federation
- Clare Render, Good Shepherd

### BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School
- North Allerdale Development Trust Limited

### BEST TEACHING PROFESSIONAL

- Mark Bailey, Netherhall School



**BRIGHT FUTURE:** Some of the 2018 winners. Successes from the class of 2019 will be toasted in style at a celebration in October

- Jo Atkinson, Caldew School
- Paul Slater, North Walney

### Primary

### BEST EARLY YEARS PROVIDER

- Hunter Hall Pre-School

### BEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

- Kiddlywinks, Penrith
- St Peter's Nursery, Carlisle
- Energy Coast UTC
- Furness Academy - Academy Calling

### BEST APPRENTICE

- Cumbria Constabulary and Ewanrigg Junior School
- Girls Gang CCC and UoC
- Daniel Jackson, Innovia
- Chloe Wagstaff, Furness

- College
- Benjamin McKenna, Glaxo SmithKline
- Matthew Tognarelli, People First

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Cockermouth School
- University of Cumbria

- Active Cumbria, Cumbria County Council
- Chance Camp

- Bike Club Beacon Hill

Winners of the eagerly-anticipated awards for Against All Odds and Person of the Year will be announced on the evening.



**CELEBRATING SUCCESS:** The Golden Apple Awards will once again be hosted by popular Cumbrian journalist and broadcaster Julie Clayton