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**It all starts with an amazing teacher!
2014 Pearson Teaching Award Winners announced**

**Scott Wieprecht of Saltash.net Community School, has been announced as a
Silver Teaching Award Winner in the category,
The Award for Outstanding use of Technology in Education**

Selected from over 20,000 nominations received by the Pearson Teaching Awards in 2014, Scott's celebration is one of just 55 taking place in schools and colleges across England, Ireland and Wales on **Thank a Teacher Day**, 16 May 2014, when prestigious Silver Pearson Teaching Awards will be presented to outstanding local heroes of education.

The Pearson Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching, founded in 1999 by Lord Puttnam, they recognize the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach.

About **Mr Scott Wieprecht**

Scott is an exceptional teacher who is driven by the desire to provide young people with opportunities that build their self-confidence and self-belief in order for them to fulfil their full potential in life. Before he qualified as a teacher he set up a theatre company for children which he still runs and he regularly arranges educational trips and runs projects which have resulted in exciting opportunities such as students presenting on the local radio and making presentation to industry. He was nominated by students who said, "he uses different technologies to make learning fun and it is really paying off!" His talent is such that he works closely with Microsoft, who provide him with support and to whom he provides significant feedback with the aim of improving their product and its application in a learning environment; but best of all, students say, "he makes learning fun". He is a very worthy winner of this prestigious Award.

Oscar-winning actress Emma Thompson, president of the Teaching Awards said, "I am genuinely proud and honoured to be the president of the Teaching Awards. I owe so much of what I've

done to my fantastic teachers at school and university and it is exciting to join in celebrating what is probably the most important profession of them all.”

Scott will now join fellow Silver Award winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards at London's Guildhall on 26th October, where 10 Silver Award winners will receive a Gold Award. The ceremony will be filmed and broadcast by the BBC.

Rod Bristow, President of Core Markets at Pearson, said: “Everyone can remember a teacher who inspired and challenged them so it's important to say thank you. It is great teaching that makes the biggest difference to learning and that's why great teachers must be recognised”.

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Summary

The Pearson Teaching Awards is open to every school in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The awards were established by Lord Puttnam CBE in 1998 and are managed by the Teaching Awards Trust, an independent charity. The Trust's mission is to celebrate excellence in education.

The Teaching Awards is sponsored by Pearson, the world's leading learning company, with 40,000 employees in more than 80 countries working to help people of all ages to make measurable progress in their lives through learning.

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