Nominations Guidance

Introduction

The IDL Learner Awards are an opportunity for users of IDL to recognise the achievements of schools, pupils and educators who have engaged with the programme as part of their curriculum.

We are encouraging teachers to submit nominations of other educators for the **IDL Educator of the Year Award**.

This award recognises educators who have gone above and beyond to support their pupils through the use of the IDL programme. Judges will assess educators on their commitment to the development and education of their pupils, the effectiveness of how the IDL programme has been implemented into the curriculum, and the positive impact that has been made on pupil progress and achievements.

Please provide a supporting statement telling us why the educator deserves to win the award.

Criteria

The nominee should demonstrate the following:

1. **Commitment to pupil development** – How has the educator used IDL to increase progression, ability, wellbeing and confidence in pupils? How well have their pupils engaged with the IDL programme?
2. **Attitude to learning** – How has the educator demonstrated an outstanding positive attitude to using IDL within their classroom? What has the educator done to demonstrate a dedication to learning?
3. **Practical action** – How has the educator helped their pupils to become more independent by using IDL?

You may also wish to include:

- **Feedback or testimonials** – Comments from other teaching staff or peers that demonstrate the educator's commitment to learning and have witnessed the positive impact made throughout the classroom by engaging with IDL.

The supporting statement should contain sufficient detail about how the educator has used the IDL programme to have a positive impact on the education of their pupils, and how the skills they have learnt in doing so has made an impact on their confidence, independence and dedication to learning.

Each school can nominate up to **two** educators for this award. Educators cannot nominate themselves for this award.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations can be submitted via the IDL website here by **Friday, 18th December 2026**. Educators must have confirmed their consent before the nomination is submitted. By submitting a nomination form, you agree to share the information with the judging panel.

Judging of Nominations

All nominations will be anonymised before being submitted to the panel of judges. This ensures that prize winners will be selected solely on the information provided within the supporting statement.

Prize winners and runners-up will be contacted via email sent to the nominating member of staff. Once all winners have been notified, the final results will be made available to the public and shared with those who submitted nominations.

Prizes

- All valid nominations will receive a **Certificate of Recognition**.
- The overall winner will receive a **£100 voucher.**
- The runner-up will receive a **£50 voucher.**

For further information or support relating to the IDL Learner Awards, please contact marketing@ascentis.co.uk.