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 pupils for the **IDL Pupil of the Year Award**.

This award recognises pupils who have shown an above and beyond commitment and dedication towards learning using IDL. They may have faced challenges and adversity, but their determination reflects on their achievements and personal growth they have made with the support of the IDL programme. Judges will assess pupils on evidence of outstanding effort, overcoming challenges and personal development – for example, having a positive attitude to learning, showcasing personal growth and a determination for success.

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

Criteria

The nominee should demonstrate the following:

1. **Evidence of outstanding effort** – How has the pupil showcased high levels of determination and effort whilst using IDL? How have they gone above and beyond to achieve their goals?
2. **Overcoming challenges** – How has the pupil showcased resilience and positivity? What were the challenges and problems they faced, and how has IDL helped them to overcome this?
3. **Wider impact** – How has the pupil demonstrated wider engagement? How have they developed their skills by using IDL (e.g. increased confidence and self-esteem)?

You may also wish to include:

- **Feedback or testimonials** – Comments from teachers, other teaching staff, or peers that demonstrate the pupil's outstanding commitment to learning. This could include an inspirational journey which demonstrates the impact of learning, or clear evidence of a learner going above and beyond during their studies.

The supporting statement should provide a detailed explanation of how the pupil meets the above criteria. It should clearly showcase a dedication to study, and the challenges and barriers the learner may have overcome.

Each school can nominate up to **five** pupils for this award.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations can be submitted via the IDL website here by **Friday, 18th December 2026**. Pupils 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.