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 schools for the **IDL School of the Year Award**.

This award recognises schools who have gone above and beyond to support pupil progress and development through the use of the IDL programme. Judges will assess schools on their commitment to the development and education of their pupils, the effectiveness of how the IDL programme has promoted a positive learning environment, and the positive impact that has been made on pupil progress and achievements throughout the school.

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

Criteria

The nominee should demonstrate the following:

1. **Commitment to pupil development** – How has the school demonstrated an outstanding dedication to the development of their pupils' education, wellbeing and independence? What impact has been made on the progress and achievements of pupils using IDL?
2. **Practical action** – Is there an observable impact on have the school has used IDL to increase wellbeing and confidence in within their pupils? Have they clearly showcased their determination to help all pupils to succeed?
3. **Celebrating IDL success** – What IDL successes have the school celebrated this year and how? What has been the positive impact on pupils?

You may also wish to include:

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

The supporting statement should contain sufficient detail about how the school 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.

Schools can nominate themselves for this award, with one nomination per school accepted.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations can be submitted via the IDL website here by **Friday, 18th December 2026**. Schools 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 **£400 voucher.**
- The runner-up will receive a **£200 voucher.**

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