

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of your child's Computing curriculum this term, we are launching iDEA <https://idea.org.uk/>, an international digital enterprise award that allows students to develop and demonstrate digital, enterprise and employability skills. The award is made up of badges that are gained on completion of short interactive online modules, created in consultation with industry experts. Badges contribute to both the bronze and silver certificated award. Whilst all badges will develop students understanding of the digital world, modules that link closely to our Computing curriculum at IGS include:

- Fake news
- Safe online
- What is the cloud?
- Digital ethics
- E safety
- Cyber security
- User interfaces
- User experience
- Coding solutions
- Making websites
- Big data
- Social media in business

Students that are aged 13 or under must have permission from either a parent, guardian, carer or teacher. Could I ask that you create a free account with your child and enter your e-mail address to indicate they have been granted permission. There is no communication facility within the website, although students can download a 'how to set up a social media account' guide as part of their social media set up badge. This badge can still be achieved without creating an account outside of iDEA and we would not advocate that any student should create an online account as part of this award. Students should be aware of the age restrictions when creating social media accounts, which this badge will re-iterate, should a student select this module.

When students have created an account, they should click their user profile in the top right-hand corner, edit profile and then in the organiser code enter their tutor group and teacher initials e.g. 8NAVEB, 7AMBJWK, 7ACKKH, 8HEDDJU, this will allow their Computing teacher to track the badges that have been successfully achieved. Students are encouraged to spend 1 hour per week in line with their timetabled lessons working towards the successful achievement of a range of badges. Students can direct any questions about a module to their class teacher via e-mail.

If you have any further questions about set up or would prefer your child not to have an iDEA account, please contact myself using victoria.brides@ilkleygs.co.uk

Many thanks

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