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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 7 and 8 iDEA Awards

This year we are going to be piloting the iDEA awards (The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award) as homework activities. iDEA is an international programme that helps people develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Through the series of online challenges, they can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry recognised awards that help them stand out from the crowd.

We will be entering students at Bronze Award level. Students will receive online badges as they complete each challenge. Each challenge is worth a differing number of points, and once they have achieved 250 points they will receive their bronze award certificate. We will be setting badges as homework for your child to complete in their own time and further enhance their use of develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.

As your child will be under 13 when they sign up I will be operating as their guardian to give them permission to start the course. Please contact me if you do not wish your child to take part in these online challenges.

Click here to find out further information: <a href="https://idea.org.uk/">https://idea.org.uk/</a>

Yours sincerely

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