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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: iDEA awards (The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award)

I would like to introduce myself as the new Computing Teacher at King Richard School. Having started in January I have found it a pleasure getting to know staff and pupils here. I am excited to be able to make changes that will give Computing a fun and interesting curriculum with a high level of challenge.

As part of the changes we are now introducing our Key Stage 3 students to the Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA.

This is an international programme that helps young people develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Through their series of online challenges, students 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 the Bronze Award level. Students will receive online badges and once they have achieved 250 points they will receive their bronze award certificate.

We will be setting badges as **home learning** for your child to complete in their own time and further enhance their use of ICT. They can be completed on a range of devices. It will be expected that pupils will spend a minimum of 15 minutes a week of home study to complete badges that accumulate to their points. If access to computers is an issue we have a school run home learning club every Wednesday from 14:00-15:00.

Pupils are already being introduced and modelled on how to access and complete these homelearning tasks in class. If you require further information regarding the iDEA awards, please click the following link <https://idea.org.uk/>

Please contact me via email at kai.lau@modschools.org if you have any queries regarding your child taking part in these challenges.

Yours faithfully
Mr Lau,
Computing Teacher

