

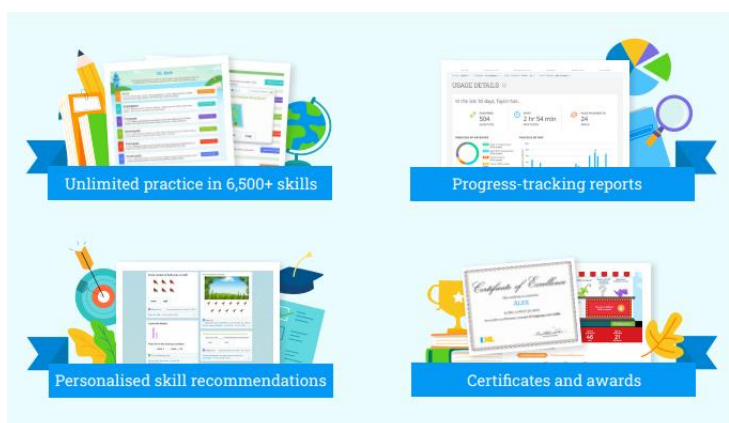


Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to introduce an exciting new homework programme that we are launching in English for our Key Stage 3 students called **IXL**. This programme has been carefully chosen to help students improve their reading and writing skills through targeted, bespoke activities.

What is IXL?

IXL is an interactive online learning platform that provides students with personalised exercises tailored to their individual learning needs. The platform covers a wide range of skills, allowing students to practise at their own pace and receive immediate feedback, helping them to build confidence and mastery in English.



How it works

Your child will soon receive a slip with all the necessary login details for IXL. We recommend encouraging your child to engage with IXL regularly, as frequent practice is one of the best ways for them to develop and reinforce their literacy skills.

An example login is attached below. All students' logins follow the same pattern based on their school email address:

Name	Tom Brown
Username	3brownt@cityofderbyacademy
Password	coda24
Sign in at http://uk.ixl.com/signin	



How you can support

Your support at home will be invaluable. Please encourage your child to make time for IXL each week and ask them about what they're learning. This tool is most effective when used consistently, and we have high hopes for the positive impact it will have on their progress.

We would like all students to aim to spend a minimum of 2 sessions of 15 minutes each per week.

Rewards

IXL will allow teachers to track how long students have spent on IXL and how much progress they are making. Each half term we will be issuing prizes for engagement and achievement.

TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

- 1 Explore personalised skill suggestions**
Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!
- 2 Stay in the loop**
Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.
- 3 Celebrate your child's accomplishments**
Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".

Should you have any questions about IXL or how to best support your child's learning with it, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's learning journey.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Emily Eatough
Head of English