



# Walton Hall Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will be attending parent's evening this Wednesday to discuss your child's progress.

## **Interventions**

I would like to make you aware of two programs we have purchased and are using at the academy to support your child's learning in English and maths. Both programs are available for you to use at home and will form part of homework for these subject areas.

### **IDL - a tool to improve literacy skills**

IDL is a multisensory resource which uses sight, sound, touch, and voice to improve reading and spelling. Links are made between the visual, auditory and tactile pathways.

IDL is individually tailored. It automatically generates a starting point for pupils based on their individual reading and spelling ability. The program can also meet individual visual needs – pupils can choose their own page background and text colours to make tracking and place finding easier, helping to combat visual stress.

IDL encourages pupils to learn independently, allowing for larger intervention groups. The cloud is used to store pupil progress so they can work from any location - picking up where they left off.

### **Conquer Maths- a tool to improve mathematical skills**

This resource has many of the features of IDL but is used to close the gaps in mathematical attainment.

We will be running a demonstration of both programs on Wednesday night throughout parents evening and giving you the opportunity to access these. All students have an individual log on and if you are not aware of this we can provide the log on for you.

### **Intervention programs for identified students – Toe by Toe**

We have a number of students who have identified specific difficulties with reading. In order to improve their confidence and increase their attainment we are running 6 week programs of individual tuition. The parents of students who are on this course will be notified and I am available to speak to parents on Wednesday evening to discuss this.

**Amanda Cameron.**