

Ivybridge Community College

Year 8 and 9

Co Curriculum Programme





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Building Confidence

What is the Co-Curriculum Programme?

Starting in September 2026, we are excited to launch our Co-Curriculum Programme which sits under the Personal Development and Well-being umbrella. The programme is a structured learning experience, taking place outside the classroom, which complements the academic curriculum.

The Co-Curriculum Programme is designed to develop the "whole person" by striving for academic excellence, developing character and providing exceptional opportunities.

By integrating the values of Respect, Integrity, Aspiration and Compassion into our daily College life, we aim to provide students with more than just academic success; we are committed to building resilient individuals who take on new challenges.

The Co-Curriculum Programme's goal is to provide a vibrant range of activities (options) that **INSPIRE** our young people. Students will take part in activities linked to the following themes:

- Innovation (STEM)
- New Skills (Awards and Qualifications)
- Service (Belonging to something bigger)
- Performance and Creativity (Arts and Sport)
- Initiative (Leadership)
- Resilience (Character)
- Excellence (Academic and Skills)

When is it?

Every Wednesday, Block 5 is assigned to Personal Development and Well-being.

- The **CPSHE Programme** will be delivered to all students every Wednesday, Block 5, Week A.
- The **Co-Curriculum Programme** will be available to all students every Wednesday, Block 5, Week B.

How will it happen?

The Co-Curriculum Programme is designed to be a progressive journey, evolving alongside our students as they move from Year 7 through to Year 13. Each stage is tailored to develop students' Character Virtues, ensuring a continuous build-up of skills and experiences. The aim of this programme is to reflect the interests and aspirations of our students, empowering every student to thrive, belong and achieve.



Year 7 – Exploring Curiosity

All Year 7 students engage in a 16-week fixed Character Development Programme. This phase focuses on Outdoor Education, encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones, build resilience and develop teamwork from the very beginning.

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Students will select two options for the year (each running for 8 weeks) based on our INSPIRE themes. This choice allows students to deepen their interests or challenge themselves with something entirely new.

Year 10 – Leadership and Team Work

The Year 10 programme shifts focus toward future readiness. Students choose two 8-week activities centred on the INSPIRE themes. The primary goal here is gaining tangible experience, including:

- Work Experience placements
- Earning additional qualifications
- Targeted skill-building for life beyond College

Year 11 – Determination and Resilience

Recognising the importance of the final GCSE year, the Co-Curriculum for Year 11 provides additional study support sessions. These are designed to manage workload, refine revision techniques and ensure every student feels confident heading into their examinations.

Year 12 – Community and Volunteering

In Sixth Form, the programme offers maximum flexibility to support a student's specific career or university goals. Students have the opportunity to engage in:

- Service and Volunteering within the community
- Extended Work Experience or professional placements
- Competitive sport or additional study blocks

Purpose and Benefits of the Co-Curriculum Programme

- Create memories
- Provide opportunities for all
- Provide opportunities for alternative learning
- Increase attendance in College
- Provide enrichment within in the College week
- Increased participation in enrichment
- Provide opportunities for students to gain Charter points
- Sense of belonging throughout the year
- Develop friendships across Year Groups
- Stronger links to furfuture pathway opportunities

Please find overleaf a brief overview of the '**INSPIRE**' themed activities that are available to our Year 8 and 9 students for their Co-Curriculum. Please read carefully through the information about what each activity involves before making a choice. **Please select three options.**

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Option 1 | The Fairway Club

Experience the world of golf from the inside out with this exciting programme that allows students of all abilities to enjoy the game while developing practical skills, a strong work ethic and a sense of pride in their environment. Under the guidance of experienced staff, students will play and improve their golfing skills on the Central Park short course while also gaining hands-on experience in the day-to-day maintenance of the facility, including tasks such as raking bunkers, cutting grass, cleaning clubs and painting clubhouse areas. Through this active participation, students will build confidence, learn transferable outdoor skills and develop integrity and respect, making it a rewarding opportunity to stay active, understand the many roles involved in running a club, and discover a lifelong sport. Please note that choosing this option will involve returning to College outside of normal hours.

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 1.45 – 5.00pm **LOCATION:** Central Park (Meet at the Year 7 Quad area) **STAFF LEAD:** ESH and BFD **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and trainers **COST: £65.00**



Option 2 | Culture Collective

Embark on an 8-week global journey with the Culture Collective. Dive into the vibrant festivals, music, food, and art of cultures from around the world. You will expand your horizons through hands-on experiences, from food tasting to DJ sets. You will have the chance to meet incredible guest speakers who will share their stories and skills to support a deeper understanding of multiculturalism and equality. Grab your passport to culture and join the adventure today.

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** D0.01
STAFF LEAD: BLL and DXN



Option 3 | Gardening Club

Discover the joy of nature with our Gardening Group. Learn essential hands-on skills like seed sowing, propagating, mulching and everyday plant care. You will even get the chance to explore garden design as we work together to create a beautiful garden on College grounds. It is a wonderful way to relax, learn practical new skills, and leave a lasting, positive mark on our College environment. Grab a trowel and join us in making our outdoor spaces bloom.

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M1.08
STAFF LEAD: WTN **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE kit, gardening gloves and welly boots (optional)

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Option 4 | Drama Bronze Arts Award



Step into the spotlight with the Drama Bronze Arts Award. This exciting qualification lets you explore your creativity through acting, devising and theatre-making. You will participate in practical workshops, attend a live professional theatre trip for inspiration and collaborate to create your own original performances. Build your confidence, teamwork and communication skills while gaining a nationally-recognised qualification. Join us to discover the joy of theatre-making beyond the classroom. There will be an exciting opportunity for students to convert this hands-on experience into a formal qualification. The cost for this optional upgrade is £28.50 and you do not have to commit right away. The decision can be made partway through the programme once you have had a chance to try it out.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: C3.08
STAFF LEAD: ELS and LDN

Option 5 | Dance Roadshow



It is time to take the stage! Join us as we learn, rehearse and perform an exciting dance routine that allows you to express yourself through movement, build confidence and work together as a dynamic team. Through energetic rehearsals and inspiring sessions, you will develop your dance skills, stage presence and performance confidence while creating a truly memorable experience. Your hard work will culminate in a thrilling roadshow performance, where you will take your routine on tour to local primary schools and showcase your talents to an enthusiastic live audience.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: Studio 2
STAFF LEAD: GDN **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit

Option 6 | Master the Court: Volleyball Workshop



Dig, set and spike your way to success in our Volleyball Workshop. This energetic programme is the perfect way to develop your performance on the court. Whether you are learning the basics or refining your competitive edge, you will build coordination, teamwork and resilience with every game. You will gain valuable new skills and experiences as you work with your peers to master serving, passing and attacking. Grab your trainers and join us on the court to smash your goals and enjoy this fast-paced team sport.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: Sports Hall
STAFF LEAD: HTT **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and trainers

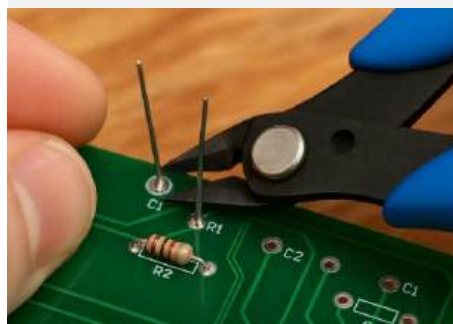
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Option 7 | Arts Award in Art and Design: Explore or Bronze

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification that celebrates creativity, artistic achievement and personal growth. Based on their current skill set, students will work toward either the introductory Explore level or the Level 1 Bronze award. Through both pathways, participants build a portfolio of evidence by engaging in creative activities, researching artists and reflecting on their progress, with Bronze students working more independently to share their skills with others. This programme is further enriched by specialised artist workshops and inspiring gallery visits. There will be an exciting opportunity for students to convert this hands-on experience into a formal qualification. The cost for this optional upgrade is £28.50 and you do not have to commit right away, the decision can be made partway through the programme once you have had a chance to try it out.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C2.10
STAFF LEAD: LYN



Option 8 | Making a Difference

Get hands-on with "Making a Difference". Dive into the exciting worlds of electronics, engineering and 3D art. You will learn to safely solder circuits, build complex mechanisms with Lego Technic and design incredible metal sculptures. Whether following expert guides or bringing your own unique ideas to life, you will gain amazing practical skills in a supportive, creative environment. Join us to unlock your potential, explore new talents and discover exactly what you can build.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M2.05
STAFF LEAD: CAN



Option 9 | Charity Eco Candle Making

Brighten up the winter season by joining our Charity Eco Candle Making project. In this innovative STEM workshop, you will take the lead in designing and marketing your very own eco-friendly candles. You will master the craft of candle making, from blending fragrant oils to creating professional label designs. Beyond the craft, you will gain experience in advertising and promotion as you prepare to sell the candles at College or a local market. With all profits going to a charity of your choice, this is a brilliant way to show initiative, help others and learn exciting new skills.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** B4.01
STAFF LEAD: PAR

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Option 10 | Walking Group

The Walking Group offers a chance to swap classrooms for the great outdoors. This activity focuses on well-being and the benefits of exercise. You will explore local landscapes and hidden gems, experiencing an endorphin rush while gaining new skills. It provides a perfect opportunity to clear your mind and realise how easy it is to stay active in nature.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** B3.01

STAFF LEAD: REE and SHW **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit, coat, trainers or walking boots



Option 11 | Foundation Project Qualification

Dive deep into a topic you love with this exciting co-curricular opportunity. Working towards a recognised Level 1 qualification (equivalent to half a GCSE), you will master vital research, ICT and project management skills. We are looking for ambitious students ready to step up to the challenge, work independently across both cycles and become experts in their chosen fields. With expert guidance and dedicated discovery time, you will build the resilience and initiative needed to produce an impressive final report of your own chosen topic area. This option is for Year 9 and 10 only. Please be aware there may be a cost of £46.55 for this qualification, but this can be decided when you sign up to the course and wish to obtain the qualification.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C4.07

STAFF LEAD: SEA



Option 12 | Street Band

Presented by the South Devon Street Band and led by Vincent Touret, this vibrant project is the perfect opportunity for musicians of any level and who play any instrument to experience the joy of making music together. Absolute beginners are incredibly welcome and we have a fantastic range of instruments ready for you to try. We focus on playing joyful music from around the world, learning entirely by ear and performing straight from the heart. Come along, try something new, and be part of a fun, welcoming musical community.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C3.07

STAFF LEAD: Vincent Touret **COST:** £36.00

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Option 13 | Girls in STEM – Greenpower

Rev up your future with Girls in STEM - Greenpower! Join the team to engineer, test and improve our electric endurance racing cars. You will get hands-on with practical Physics, Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering while analysing data to boost performance. Beyond the workshop, enjoy exciting trips and inspiring talks from motorsport and STEM professionals. It is the perfect way to build teamwork skills, unleash your innovation and experience the thrill of racing. Ready to enter the world of STEM? This option is for Year 9 and 10 only.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M2.04
STAFF LEAD: SBN



Option 14 | Care in the Community

Make a real difference in our community with Care Home activities. In this rewarding programme, you will alternate between planning engaging activity sessions and delivering them to residents at a local care home. This is a brilliant opportunity to showcase your initiative, board game skills, craft, creativity or performance skills, while brightening someone's day. You will develop deep empathy and you can even count this experience towards your Duke of Edinburgh volunteering or Scout/Guide badge. Step up, give back and gain unforgettable new skills and experiences.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C3.06
STAFF LEAD: WBR



Option 15 | Technical Theatre Group

Ever wondered how the magic actually happens on stage? Whether you are completely new to theatre or already attending an Enrichment club, this group is for everyone. Step into the spotlight behind the scenes and discover the art of production. In this exciting programme, you will dive into the worlds of staging, costume creation, set design and lighting technology. Best of all, students will have the opportunity to complete the School Theatre Support Award, walking away with a brilliant qualification at the end of the programme.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm
LOCATION: Performance Hall **STAFF LEAD:** WHN

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Option 16 | SDTC Tennis Academy Players: Solo Match Play



Please note this is for our Gold Academy players only.

You are all invited to the South Devon Tennis Centre, students will leave College during Break 2 to develop your outdoor match play on four all-weather courts, playing dummy matches or Champ Challenger squad match play. This is a unique opportunity to play independently and put into play all the systematic training you have received in your weekly squad sessions. This is guaranteed to improve your competition results especially outdoors. So grab this opportunity with both hands to elevate your game.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 1.45 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** Tennis Centre (meet in the Year 7 Quad) **STAFF LEAD:** Mr Butcher **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit, coat, and trainers

Option 17 | Plymouth Patriots Basketball Workshop



Elevate your game to the professional level with our Plymouth Patriots Basketball Workshop. In association with Basketball England, this elite session is led by the expert guidance of Coach Doug and Coach P.J. You will gain unparalleled new skills and experiences as you master advanced dribbling, shooting and tactical strategies. Whether you are aiming for sporting excellence or want to boost your physical performance, this high-energy workshop builds teamwork and resilience. Lace up your trainers and prepare to train like a true Patriot.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** Courts, meet at Studio 1 **STAFF LEAD:** Patriots Coaches **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit **COST:** £40.00

Option 18 | Booked and Busy



This is a relaxed and creative club in the LRC where students can enjoy stories while making something unique. During sessions, students can read their book or listen to audiobooks and take part in a range of crafts, including painting, decoupage, book folding, knitting and other seasonal or themed projects. The club provides a welcoming space to unwind, develop creative skills, discover new books and connect with others who enjoy reading and making. No previous crafting experience is needed, just bring your imagination and enthusiasm.

Read. Create. Relax. Be Booked and Busy

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** LRC
STAFF LEAD: SJH and HTF

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Option 19 | The Repair Shop



Become a master of restoration in our very own Repair Shop. In this hands-on STEM project, you will take the initiative to breathe new life into broken things. You will develop practical, real-world skills as you learn exactly how to fix a variety of items, building your resilience and problem-solving abilities with every challenge. This is a unique opportunity to combine creativity with technical expertise while providing a valuable service to others.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: D2.03
STAFF LEAD: KWL

Option 20 | Discovery of Dinosaurs



Step back in time and uncover the prehistoric world with The Discovery of Dinosaurs. In this exciting programme, you will explore how these incredible creatures were originally found and how our understanding of them has evolved over the years. You will have the unique opportunity to bring in your own fossils to share and consider with each other. Along the way, you will be taught the meticulous methods archaeologists use to unearth the past. Develop new skills, piece together the ultimate prehistoric puzzle and experience the thrill of discovery.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: B4.08
STAFF LEAD: TMN

Option 21 | Spitting Rhymes



Unleash your inner wordsmith with 'Spitting Rhymes', an exciting eight-week Performance Poetry workshop. You will master prosody, learn to memorise lines, and develop powerful dramatic skills to bring classic texts to life. This programme is the ultimate preparation for the 'Poetry by Heart' competition, building your confidence and teamwork as you get ready to step up to the mic. You will perform for parents/carers, staff and students, with the incredible opportunity to progress to regional or national finals in Plymouth or London at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Do not worry you will receive plenty of support along the way to help your creativity shine. There may be additional costs if students enter the competition. Further information will be sent to parents/carers.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: Studio 1
STAFF LEAD: ATN

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Option 22 | Climbing and Surfing



Get ready for the ultimate adventure with Surfing and Climbing. Learn to surf or improve your surfing skills and master essential water safety at Bigbury Beach. Then challenge yourself on indoor climbing walls at the Life Centre, learning how to safely tackle routes and support your teammates. This thrilling combo is perfect for meeting likeminded people, building strength, confidence and resilience. Whether you are catching your first wave or scaling a new height, join us to discover exciting new skills and unforgettable experiences. Please note that choosing this option will involve returning to College outside of normal hours. The cost involves lessons with instructors, equipment and transport.

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 1.45 – 5.30/6.00pm **LOCATION:** Discovery Surf School, Bigbury and Life Centre, Plymouth **STAFF LEAD:** BDE and RBS
EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Separate letter will be sent once booked **COST:** £189.00

Option 23 | Enterprise Club: Make your mark with a Tenner



Ignite your inner entrepreneur with Enterprise Club and make your mark with a tenner! This club gives you the chance to show real initiative by setting up and running your own mini-business. You will gain fantastic skills in finance, marketing and leadership, with the exciting opportunity to enter a national competition in February 2027. If you take on the challenge, you will have £10.00 to make and sell a product. Join us to launch your business journey!

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** TBC
STAFF LEAD: BKS

Option 24 | The Beacon – Horticulture



Ready to get your hands dirty and make a real impact? Join our Horticulture project at The Beacon here at Ivybridge Community College and bring nature to life. This is your chance to get hands-on by creating a vibrant pollination garden and growing your own seasonal veg. Along the way, you will pick up incredible, real-world skills like land management and build your confidence by pitching directly to local businesses for support. It is a unique opportunity to cultivate personal resilience, collaborate with local farmers and create a serious buzz in our community. Step outside, grow something amazing, and watch your confidence flourish!

KEY DETAILS: **DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** The Beacon
STAFF LEAD: AWN and ZTW **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE Kit or outdoor clothes, welly boots (optional).

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Option 25 | Film Club



Step into the world of cinema with our official Film Club. Backed by the British Film Institute, this club offers a unique opportunity to explore a diverse range of films, from cult classics to modern masterpieces. You will develop a deeper love for film while building essential literacy and oracy skills through lively discussions and reviews. This is more than just watching movies, it is about learning to analyse storytelling and finding your own creative voice. Join us to gain new skills and experiences while celebrating the magic of the silver screen.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M1.01
STAFF LEAD: CMW

Option 26 | Photography Club



Capture the world through your own lens with our Photography Club. Designed specifically for Key Stage 3, this course offers a hands-on introduction to the art of photography. You will master essential camera skills and composition techniques before diving into the creative possibilities of Photoshop. Beyond digital, you will also explore the magic of traditional darkroom techniques to develop your own prints. Whether you want to tell a story or capture a stunning moment, come and build your creative flair and gain fantastic new technical skills. No camera is needed for this activity.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C2.04
STAFF LEAD: FSR

Option 27 | Youth Alpha Course



Explore life's big questions with our 8-week Youth Alpha Course. This is a welcoming, judgement-free space to discuss life, faith and purpose from a Christian perspective. Through engaging video episodes, we will spark honest, open conversations. Regardless of your background or beliefs, you are invited to connect, ask anything without pressure and explore at your own pace. There is no expectation to agree, just come as you are for great discussions and personal discovery.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C4.05
STAFF LEAD: HLE

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Option 28 | Strategy Board Games

Master the art of strategy with our Strategic Board Games Club. Dive into exciting games like Carcassonne and 7 Wonders in a supportive, enjoyable environment. Through structured play and discussion, you will develop sharp critical thinking, teamwork and decision-making skills. Learn to think several steps ahead, manage resources efficiently, assess risks and adapt to any challenge. Build your resilience when facing setbacks and strive for excellence. Ready to make your winning move?

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** D0.03
STAFF LEAD: NMN



Option 29 | The MasterChef Way

Step into the kitchen for The MasterChef Way Skills Challenge. Elevate your cooking to fine-dining standards by mastering high-level culinary techniques. You will learn the art of sauce-making, deboning chicken, artistry and tantalising flavour combinations. Discover how to create food that you can re-create at home and apply decorative finishes that make simple dishes look spectacular. Build your resilience, unleash your creativity and strive for excellence in every bite. Ready to finesse your food? Please note that all ingredients will be purchased for this programme.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C2.02
STAFF LEAD: NCL and ZEN **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** Apron **COST:** £20.00



Option 30 | Stitching Comfort: Make your Own Pyjamas

Get cosy with "Stitching Comfort: Make Your Own Pyjamas". Whether you are a beginner or a sewing enthusiast, this fun project is perfect for you. You will learn essential garment construction techniques, from reading patterns and measuring to safely using a sewing machine. Choose your fabric, cut and stitch together a fantastic, wearable pair of pyjamas. Build your confidence, unleash your creativity and take home a practical, custom-made outfit that you will love relaxing in.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M2.01
STAFF LEAD: NTY **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** Bring your own fabric or **COST:** £15.00

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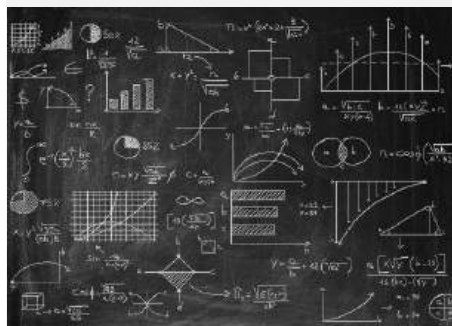
Option 31 | Gig Rowing



Experience the thrill of traditional Gig Rowing. You will master rowing fundamentals on Concept 2 machines, building strength, technique and teamwork. Then, we take to the water for an unforgettable experience rowing a real gig on the beautiful River Tamar. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn a unique local sport, develop new physical skills and bond as a crew. Grab an oar and join us on the river for the ultimate team challenge! We aim for students to go out on the water for three afternoons. Therefore, please note that choosing this option will involve returning to College outside of normal hours on those occasions.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** Fitness Suite
STAFF LEAD: PPT **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and trainers

Option 32 | Mathematic Curiosities



Mathematic Curiosities is an engaging STEM workshop that explores the creative side of Mathematics through intriguing problems, Mathematical art and strategy games. Students will develop problem-solving skills, strengthen their Mathematical communication, and investigate ideas inspired by mathematicians and artists such as Pythagoras and M.C. Escher. Along the way, they will discover surprising patterns, tackle thought-provoking challenges and explore Mathematics from a fresh perspective in a supportive and enjoyable environment. This option is for Year 8 only.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** H2.04
STAFF LEAD: PNE

Option 33 | Life Uncovered



Learn dissection techniques and microscopy and use your skills to gain a unique perspective of the living world, including insects, sea creatures and the organs of larger animals. Not for the squeamish, but a fantastic opportunity for anyone considering a career in Biological Science, Medicine or Animal Care. Each session will involve a one-hour dissection and study of a new specimen, followed by an optional one hour, after College Scientific Drawing (Sci-Art) session where participants will have an opportunity to produce drawings of their specimens to keep.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** D1.03
STAFF LEAD: SWL

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Option 34 | Bee Keeping

Introduction to Bee Keeping. How do bees actually make honey? What exactly happens inside the bee hive? What is that funny suit you are wearing? To answer these questions, we will have you wearing a bee suit, explain how bees make honey and open up our own College bee hive to show you first-hand what is happening inside. Handling 30,000 bees can be intimidating, so bring a positive can-do attitude and you will be buzzing by the end.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** B4.03
STAFF LEAD: SLD



Option 35 | Ad Agency

Step into the fast-paced world of marketing with Ad-Agency. This cross-curricular course blends Business and Media to show you the power of effective advertising. Working from a real Business Brief, you will explore the meaning and purpose of ads, dive into target markets and master the art of branding. You will gain hands-on digital skills using Canva to bring your creative visions to life. If you are ready to be a creative powerhouse and learn how to make brands stand out, start building your portfolio.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** TBC
STAFF LEAD: SBR



Option 36 | Green Guardians: Environmental Stewardship

Make a real difference to our College environment with the Environmental Stewardship Workshop. This hands-on outdoor programme is perfect for students who want to take pride in their surroundings. You will gain valuable new skills as we walk the grounds to identify areas needing care, taking action through litter picking, weeding and planting vibrant new flowers. It is a fantastic way to build teamwork while directly improving our community spaces. Step outside, get your hands dirty and help our College bloom!

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** D0.02
STAFF LEAD: SHR **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE Kit or outdoor clothes and gloves

Option 37 | Girls Football



Calling all Year 8 and Year 9 girls! Elevate your game with our exciting Girls' Football sessions. Welcoming both new and experienced players where we will focus on ball mastery and teamwork. Whether you want to boost your fitness, build resilience, or simply enjoy a fantastic sense of belonging, this is for you. Develop your confidence and creativity on the pitch in a supportive, fun environment. All sessions led by UEFA qualified Football Coaches.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: AW1
STAFF LEAD: STB **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and football boots

Option 38 | Mixed Netball



Step onto the court with Mixed Netball. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone, regardless of experience, to play and have fun in a welcoming, inclusive environment. You will learn the official rules of the game, develop new skills and discover how to work effectively as a team. Whether you want to strive for excellence, improve your fitness, or simply enjoy a great game with friends, come along and experience the joy, creativity and teamwork of Netball!

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 2.20 – 3.20pm LOCATION: Courts, Meet at Studio 1. **STAFF LEAD:** SCM **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and trainers

Option 39 | Join the Pickleball Craze



Discover the fastest-growing sport in the world with our exciting Pickleball Workshop. A fun, fast-paced mix of Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis, this programme is perfect for all skill levels from beginners to students looking for a new competitive challenge. You will gain valuable new skills, learn the rules, master the famous 'dink' shot and you will be playing singles and doubles from the get go. So grab a paddle and join the craze for an unforgettable sporting experience.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday TIME: 1.45 – 3.20pm LOCATION: Tennis Centre, Meet in the Year 7 Quad area **STAFF LEAD:** Mr Butcher **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** PE or Academy kit and trainers **COST:** £40.00

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Option 40 | Jam Slam: Band Skills



Are you ready to Jam? This is your chance to develop high-level pop and rock performance skills by rehearsing as part of a live band and then recording your very own EP. You will sharpen your instrumental or vocal technique, master the art of ensemble playing and build essential musicianship skills. From learning professional live performance techniques, to developing your session skills in the studio, find out what it takes to become a professional musician. Perfect for budding guitarists, bass players, keyboard players, drummers and vocalists, come and build your resilience and creativity. It is time to turn up the volume!

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C3.05
STAFF LEAD: STN **COST:** £36.00

Option 41 | The Creative Pallet



Turn "trash" into treasure in The Creative Pallet! In this hands-on project, you will take reclaimed pallet wood and transform it into something truly unique and useful. Whether you want to build small furniture, clever storage solutions, garden objects or even games, this is your chance to showcase your creativity and performance. You will follow a professional design journey, exploring existing reclaimed wood objects, sketching innovative ideas and planning your dimensions and tools with precision.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M2.02
STAFF LEAD: SFD

Option 42 | Micro:bit STEM Workshop



Dive into the exciting world of coding and electronics with our Micro:bit STEM Workshop. Perfect for students in Year 7 and Year 8, this hands-on programme will teach you how to program your very own BBC micro:bit, a pocket-sized computer packed with lights, sensors and endless possibilities. You will gain valuable new skills as you design interactive projects, solve problems and bring your digital creations to life. Whether you are a complete beginner or a tech enthusiast, come and explore the power of programming and see what you can innovate.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** M2.09
STAFF LEAD: TRM



Option 43 | What did the ancients do for us?

Step back in time and discover how the ancient world still shapes our modern lives. This fascinating programme takes you on a journey through the lasting legacies of ancient civilisations, exploring how their ground breaking ideas, architecture and technological marvels continue to influence the world we live in today. Plus, we will be connecting these global empires to the incredible history right on our doorstep, diving into local heritage with a special focus on Roman Exeter. Do not miss this chance to walk in the footsteps of the ancients. There may be further opportunities for students to visit museums and historical sites, therefore there will be a cost for this option. Further details will be sent to those who are interested.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C4.06
STAFF LEAD: WTE



Option 44 | Eco Warriors

Feel a little overwhelmed by the challenges that face our planet? Well don't be, because you are the solution. Join Mr White on an 8-week programme to discover how you can become a champion for your local environment. Designed around five key themes; your land, your river, your soil, your food, your College. You will gain the knowledge, but more importantly the confidence to go out and change your community. A combination of classroom and outdoor activities to develop the next generation of 'eco warriors'.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C4.03
STAFF LEAD: WHE



Option 45 | Documentaries and Debates

Why is SeaWorld no longer allowed to breed killer whales? Discover the answers to this and other big questions in Documentaries and Debates. This club is your chance to watch topical, thought-provoking and sometimes controversial scientific documentaries. You will enrich your cultural capital while developing crucial analysis and debating skills. Learn how to critically evaluate information, distinguish fact from fiction and confidently discuss complex, real-world issues. Expand your mind, challenge your perspectives, and gain powerful new skills and experiences.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** B2.02
STAFF LEAD: WGT

Year 8 and 9 Co-Curriculum Programme Building Confidence

Option 46 | Rethread Textile Design



Explore sustainable textile design by transforming old denim and textiles scraps into a collection of functional and creative products. You will develop a range of textiles skills including machine sewing, garment construction and fabric printing, while experimenting with creative design techniques. Learn the importance of sustainability in fashion and build a portfolio of creative designs demonstrating how practical making skills can transform unwanted materials into unique new products. This is also a great opportunity to prepare for taking textiles at GCSE.

KEY DETAILS: DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 2.20 – 3.20pm **LOCATION:** C2.05
STAFF LEAD: WYT

The Sign Up using Applicaa

The sign-up for a Co-Curriculum option choice must be made **Online via Applicaa Options Online**.

Applicaa can be accessed via a link which will be sent to each student's email account on **Monday, 6 July 2026**. Once logged on each student **must** remember their own password which they will be asked to create so that they can log in and out until they are ready to submit. Please follow the instructions very carefully, this should be completed by the student by **9.00am on Monday, 13 July 2026** having discussed this with their parent/carer.

All choices submitted from **Monday, 6 July 2026 to Monday, 13 July 2026** will be treated in exactly the same way; to reassure you, this is **not** run on a first come, first serve basis.

Over the course of 16 weeks, students will have the opportunity to participate in two different activities, with each rotation lasting for an 8-week block. This structure allows students to gain a variety of experiences and develop new skills across the academic year.

While we strive to accommodate everyone's preferences, we cannot guarantee that all students will receive their first-choice options. Every effort is made to allocate students to their preferred choices wherever possible. To assist with our planning and guarantee a smooth transition between blocks, we appreciate your cooperation in submitting selections promptly.

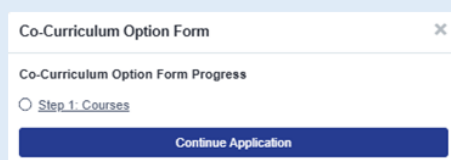
To ensure a structured and meaningful experience for everyone involved, all option selections for the year are made in advance. Allocation of options for Programme 1 will be in September and allocation for Programme 2 will be in December.

Students will be asked to choose a total of three ranked options for each programme.

What does Applicaa Look Like?

Applicaa Login Process:

- 1) Receive email inviting you to log in to system to make choices
- 2) Click on the link within the email and access the system using login details provided
- 3) Once you have logged in, click the 'Continue Application' button to access your options form



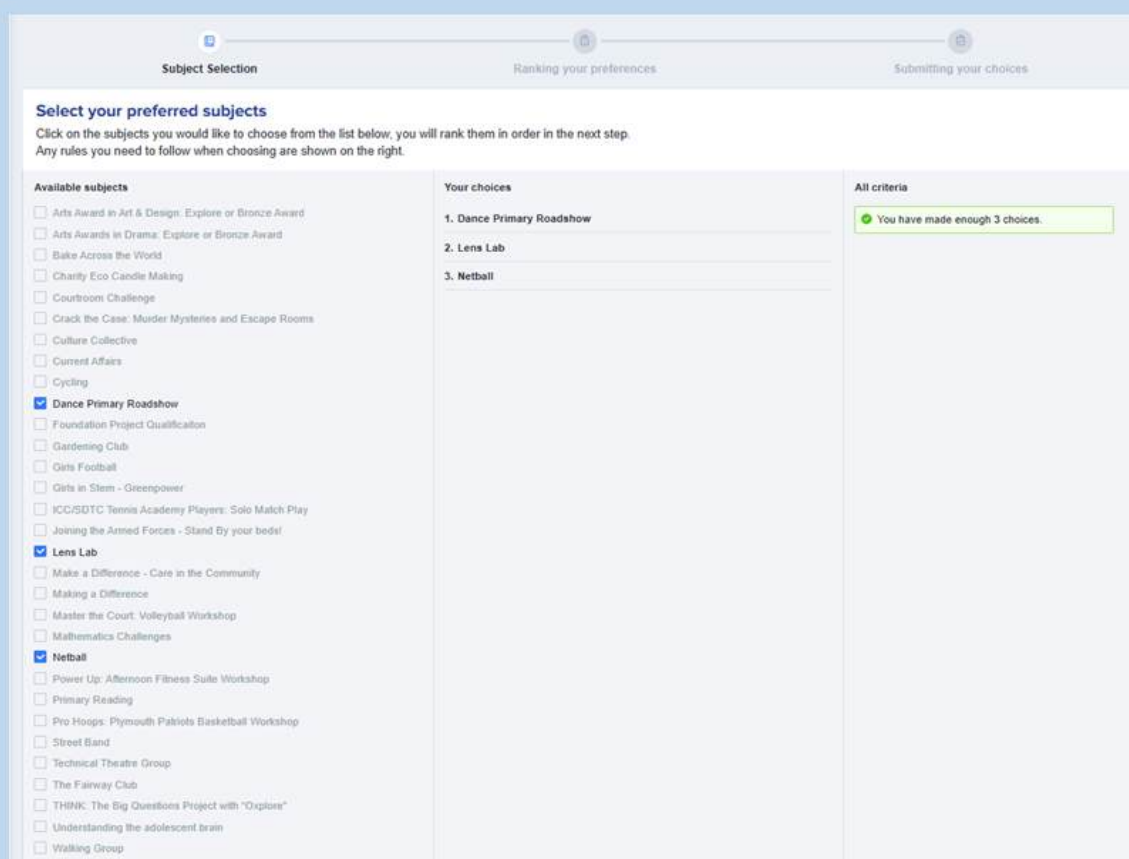
Co-Curriculum Option Form

Co-Curriculum Option Form Progress

Step 1: Courses

Subject Selection

Select your 3 preferred subjects from the Available Subjects List



Subject Selection Ranking your preferences Submitting your choices

Select your preferred subjects
Click on the subjects you would like to choose from the list below, you will rank them in order in the next step.
Any rules you need to follow when choosing are shown on the right.

Available subjects	Your choices	All criteria
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Award in Art & Design: Explore or Bronze Award	1. Dance Primary Roadshow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You have made enough 3 choices.
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Awards in Drama: Explore or Bronze Award	2. Lens Lab	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bake Across the World	3. Netball	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charity Eco Candle Making		
<input type="checkbox"/> Courtroom Challenge		
<input type="checkbox"/> Crack the Case: Murder Mysteries and Escape Rooms		
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Collective		
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Affairs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance Primary Roadshow		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Project Qualification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Club		
<input type="checkbox"/> Girls Football		
<input type="checkbox"/> Girls in Slem - Greenpower		
<input type="checkbox"/> ICC/SDTC Tennis Academy Players: Solo Match Play		
<input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Armed Forces - Stand By your bed!		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lens Lab		
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a Difference - Care in the Community		
<input type="checkbox"/> Making a Difference		
<input type="checkbox"/> Master the Court, Volleyball Workshop		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Challenges		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Netball		
<input type="checkbox"/> Power Up: Afternoon Fitness Suite Workshop		
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Reading		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Hoops: Plymouth Patriots Basketball Workshop		
<input type="checkbox"/> Street Band		
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Theatre Group		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Fairway Club		
<input type="checkbox"/> THINK: The Big Questions Project with "Explore"		
<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the adolescent brain		
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group		

To move to the next stage:
Click the Rank Preferences
button

Ranking Your Preferences

Re-arrange the subjects so that they are listed in preferred order

Subject Selection Ranking your preferences Submitting your choices

Now it's time to rank your preferences
Please re-arrange the subjects so the one you MOST want to do is at the top, followed by your second choice, etc.

Your choices

- 1. Dance Primary Roadshow
- 2. Lens Lab
- 3. Netball

Instructions

- 1. The subject you want to do the MOST
- 2. The subject you want to do the SECOND-MOST

← Back Submit your choices

Submit your choices

To move to the next stage:
Click the Submit your Choices

Submitting Your Choices

An email will then be sent to your parents to inform them of your choices. They will then be asked to confirm that they agree.

Subject Selection Ranking your preferences Submitting your choices

Submitting your choices.
We will now send an email to your parents to notify them of the choices you have made. Below is an example of what it will look like:

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child sent us their options subject choices for Year 10, and we are writing to get your confirmation that you are happy with these choices.

In ranked order (starting with their top priority choice), they have chosen:

- Dance Primary Roadshow
- Lens Lab
- Netball

If you are happy with these choices, please click on the button below to confirm!

Otherwise, please discuss the choices with your child and ask them to resubmit a different set of choices. You will then receive a new email from us listing the new choices, which you need to approve

I agree with these choices

Best wishes

← Back Agree and submit

Agree and submit

Submitting your choices

An email will be sent to parents/carers to inform you of your child's final selections. You will then be asked to review and confirm whether you agree with the choices your child has made.

Options Costs and Payment

To ensure your child's place is secured, please ensure that any necessary payments are made by the specified deadline. Due to the need for smooth organisation, failure to meet the payment timeframe will result in the space being forfeited and offered to another student.

All options requiring a payment are outlined below. These options will go onto ParentPay from **Monday, 7 September 2026** from 9.00am. **The deadline for payments is Sunday, 27 September 2026.**

Option Number	Name Of Option	Cost	PP Students Costs
1	The Fairway Club	£65.00	£15.00
12	Street Band	£36.00	£0.00
17	Plymouth Patriots - Basketball	£40.00	£0.00
22	Climbing and Surfing	£189.00	£94.50
30	Stitching Comfort	£15.00	£0.00
39	Join the Pickleball Craze Workshop	£40.00	£0.00
40	Jam Slam	£36.00	£0.00

Please note that payment for the Bronze Arts Award (for Drama, Art and Design) and the Foundation Project Qualification will be requested partway through the programme. Further details regarding deadlines and payment methods will be shared as you progress through the course.

Once booking is completed and payments are made, a student's place is automatically secured.

Students' details will be extracted from SIMS for off-site visits to include parent/carer contact details, medical information and allergies. Please ensure you inform the College of any changes in personal details.

The act of booking on Applicaa and paying for your child's activity on ParentPay represents consent for them to participate in that chosen package and activities.

ParentPay Support

If you have not used it before, please go to www.parentpay.com and log in to activate your account using the username and password sent to you by the College.

If you would like further information regarding ParentPay or you encounter any complications, please do not hesitate to contact Val Law, Finance Administrator, in the Finance Office.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for Co-curriculum is available for Pupil Premium Students (excluding Service Pupil Premium). This is available once over the full academic year, therefore can be used for either the Autumn Term selection or the Spring term selection. We are not able to split this support over both blocks. The financial assistance is as follows:

- For activities costing between £1.00 – £50.00, the full cost will be supported by Pupil Premium Funding
- For activities costing between £51.00 – £100.00, a contribution of £50.00 will be made from Pupil Premium Funding, reducing the balance due accordingly
- For activities costing more than £100.00, a contribution of 50% will be made from Pupil Premium Funding, reducing the balance due accordingly

Financial support will automatically be applied to the first block of co-curriculum activities. If you would prefer to hold this over to the second block of co-curriculum activities, please email finance@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk when your Autumn term selection has been notified to you.

Cancellation of Ivybridge Community College Trips and Insurance

If an Ivybridge Community College trip is cancelled by the company that is organising it, this will result in a full refund for the student. However, if a student books their place and subsequently cannot or does not wish to attend, unless another student is found who can take their place, the student is still liable for the full cost of the event.

Once a deposit is received, this is taken as confirmation that the parent/carer is committed to paying the full cost of the trip. After Tuesday, 15 September if a student decides not to attend the trip and their place is taken by another student, deposits are non-refundable.

If there is an exceptional circumstance, such as illness or injury resulting in a student being unable to attend the trip, a suitable doctor's note will be required in order to proceed with an insurance claim.

What's next?

Students and parents/carers will receive a confirmation email of their option choice for the Co-Curriculum Programme on their return to College in September 2026.

Questions

Please ensure your child speaks to their Tutor to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the Co-Curriculum Programme.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at CoCurriculum@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



Helen Reddy
Director of Enrichment and Sports Academy