Ivybridge Community College

Ivybridge Sixth Form



PROSPECTUS

An academic Sixth Form, built on character for ***flourishing futures***



Sophie Gilvear
A Levels Further Mathematics, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry
Future University of Cambridge to study Veterinary Science



Dr Emily Briant
A Levels Sociology, Psychology, English Literature
Future University of Exeter to study Sociology, PGCE and MEd (Researching Practice) at the University of Cambridge, MEd at University of Exeter, Published Author and Lead Practitioner/Teacher of Human Science at Ivybridge Community College



Maia Phippen
A Levels History, English Literature, Drama and Theatre, Extended Project Qualification
Future Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London, Performance and Contemporary Art



Scott Rawlings
A Levels Mathematics, Physics and Geography
Future Pilot with British Airways



Bill Durante
A Levels Biology, History and IT, AS Core Mathematics
Peter Pugh
BTEC Extended Diploma in Public Services
Future On call firefighters at Ivybridge Fire Station



Jed Hooper
A Levels Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Extended Project Qualification
Future University of Cambridge to study Medicine



Emily Taylor
A Levels Chemistry, Mathematics and Further Mathematics
Future Apprenticeship in Accountancy with Francis Clark



Phoebe Wakely
A Levels Biology, Psychology and Sociology
Future University of South Wales to study Midwifery before becoming a Registered Midwife



Dan Gavin
A Levels Applied Business, Applied Science, Design and Technology
Future UWE Bristol to study Product Design (placement year with SharkNinja)

A Warm Welcome to Ivybridge Sixth Form

Each year, Ivybridge Sixth Form welcomes students from Ivybridge Community College as well as many new students from local schools and colleges.

The College offers a broad and balanced curriculum, from a variety of National Certificates, National Extended Certificates, Subsidiary Diplomas and Diplomas, to a full suite of A Levels. We also pride ourselves on the extensive extra-curricular opportunities available to enrich our students' studies: in sport, music, performing arts, languages and many more. We are extremely proud of our students and the journey that they make while studying with us. The broad destinations of our students after Sixth Form is a real success story: whether that might be going into the workplace, securing a higher-level or degree-level apprenticeship, going to an art or performing arts college or on to university. Typically, each year a third of our university-bound students progress on to Russell Group universities and we are proud to have students successfully apply to Oxbridge.

High expectations, academic excellence and strong pastoral support from the dedicated Sixth Form Team allow our students to achieve their full potential whilst in the Sixth Form. We believe in preparing our students for life, helping them leave Ivybridge Community College as well-rounded young adults, ready to enter the next stage in life as mature, responsible people who can not only think for themselves, but also respect those they meet. Every year, student feedback is extremely positive and students comment on the strong sense of community that the Sixth Form offers. Ivybridge Community College is an exciting place to learn and we are delighted that you have taken an interest in joining our Sixth Form for your Level 3 study.



Our Values

Respect by valuing others and our College environment, and by acting with responsibility.

Aspiration by aiming high in everything that we do.

Integrity by doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.

Compassion by seeking to understand the feelings of others and by showing kindness.

In the Sixth Form, we aim to:

- Provide you with an aspirational education which offers you opportunities to fulfil your potential in subjects which you enjoy
- Challenge you and support you to further develop your knowledge and skills
- Provide you with the skills needed to respond to a changing world with confidence, knowledge, respect and humility
- Help you by offering advice and guidance in choosing your courses and in your future pathways on leaving College
- Provide opportunities to develop your character and allow you to discover who you want to be in the future



Curriculum and Courses

At Ivybridge Community College, we have over 30 different Level 3 courses for the students to choose from, ranging across a variety of subject areas and qualification types.

- The majority of these are GCE A Level subjects, which all have examinations at the end of Year 13

We also have a growing number of vocational qualifications on offer:

- Subsidiary Diplomas and Certificates (equivalent to one or two A Level subject choices)

These are typically coursework based, but do contain an element of formal examination as well. Some of these qualifications can be studied alongside A Level courses.

What could your programme of study look like?
All students must choose a three-course programme of study. You are allowed to study four courses; however, this is very demanding. All students must have at least a three-course programme of study that must include at least one A Level. We strongly recommend that all students choose a 3.5 model pathway including one of our AS Levels or equivalents.

Here are four example pathways. As you can see, it is possible to study a mix of A Level and Diploma courses and you could add in the EPQ, Core Mathematics or an AS Further Mathematics, or Languages to any of the pathways.

Pathway 1	A Level Course	A Level Course	A Level Course	A Level Course
Pathway 2	A Level Course	A Level Course	A Level Course	EPQ/Core Maths/ Further Maths/ Languages
Pathway 3	Subsidiary Diploma Course	Subsidiary Diploma Course	A Level Course	
Pathway 4	A Level Course	A Level Course	Subsidiary Diploma Course	EPQ/Core Maths/Languages

Tips on choosing the right courses

The process of choosing your Sixth Form subjects is different for everyone, but here are some tips:

- If you have a career in mind, research the routes and qualifications you might need
- Think of how your subject choices might complement each other and provide a broad foundation for your future endeavours
- Think about how different courses might complement each other in terms of the type of study required - you may want to give yourself some diversity
- Think about how much you enjoy a subject rather than how good you are - you need to stay motivated!
- Speak to your current teachers about your suitability for your chosen courses
- Find out about the course content and, importantly, how you will be assessed - play to your strengths!
- Speak to current Sixth Form students to get a student perspective

Entry Requirements and Course Descriptors

We want you to succeed on your chosen courses and it is important that they are right for you. Your GCSE results do matter as these are a good indicator of your potential success on each course. All courses are subject to specific entrance requirements, based on GCSE grades. Detailed descriptors for all available courses can be found on our College website www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

The 0.5 Option: The EPQ, Core Mathematics, AS Further Mathematics, AS Languages

These 0.5 courses are completed during Year 12 and allow all students to experience a wider and more enriched curriculum.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This is an opportunity to carry out a project in an area or subject you feel passionate about.
It requires over 90 hours of work, so it is important that you enjoy working on your chosen project. Your final submission has a great deal of flexibility, such as a written report, organising a charity event or even creating a computer game. All students must also give a presentation about their project.

This is a great opportunity to develop your skills in:

- Independent learning
- Planning and organising
- Researching, analysing and evaluating
- Creatively problem solving
- Taking the initiative

Core Mathematics

This is an opportunity to study Mathematics beyond GCSE but not to A Level. It is well regarded by employers for skills you acquire, particularly in problem solving. It is an excellent support to other subjects, including Geography, Business and Applied Business, Psychology, PE, Economics, Biology, Chemistry and Applied Science.

Further Mathematics

Enhance your A Level Mathematics course with an additional Further Mathematics AS. This is an excellent opportunity to extend your mathematical skill set in Pure Mathematics, Mechanics and Statistics developed in A Level Mathematics without committing to the full A Level Further Mathematics. This could really help support your application and for you to stand out in competitive university courses and in a future career.

AS French or Spanish

Enhance your three main subjects with an additional language qualification. This is an excellent opportunity to extend your learning from GCSE without committing to the full A Level. This would help develop excellent linguistic skills which could really help your application stand out in a future competitive world.

Transport

Post-16 students must pay for their travel into College. If you need to travel into College by bus, it is important that you apply for a place on one of our buses. This can be done in June.
For in-catchment students, buses are run by Devon County Council. We offer our own buses for students for some areas out of catchment. You can visit our website for information on bus routes, links to Devon County Council and our dedicated bus email address.

A Level Courses

- Art, Craft and Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Core Mathematics (AS)
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Extended Project Qualification (0.5)
- Film Studies
- French (A Level and AS Level)
- Further Mathematics (A Level and AS Level)
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish (A Level and AS Level)
- Textile Design

Subsidiary Diplomas and Extended Certificates

- WJEC Diploma in Criminology
- Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
- RSL Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners
- Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
- Extended Certificate in Sport

Please note: Courses may be subject to change due to national funding and student enrolment numbers.

The Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary Fund aims to help young people facing financial hardship to stay on in full-time education.
Students may use bursary payments for transport, educational visits and equipment.
Applications for the Bursary can be made in September when further information will also be given to students.
Information can also be found on our College website.



Successful Learning

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At Ivybridge Community College, we are a Sixth Form that strives for academic excellence; we have very high expectations of student effort in the classroom and beyond.

We believe that if students "show up, work hard and listen to the experts" then they can achieve their full potential and realise their aspirations following their Sixth Form study.

For each of your chosen subjects, you will receive nine hours of contact time per fortnight. All your lessons will be granularly planned to ensure that challenging content is taught clearly and directly, that your knowledge is checked regularly and that time is ringfenced every lesson to allow you to apply your new knowledge and develop your key skills in every subject.

As a Sixth Form student, you will be issued positive points by your teachers to recognise your high effort and exceptional output, teachers also reward one student per lesson the 'Star Student' award. These accolades, together with high attendance and punctuality, are then rewarded with prizes and recognition each term in our Year Group celebration assemblies.

Your teachers are your most important resource and we pride ourselves on a teaching team who love their subject, who are absolute experts in the content that they teach, and whose main goal is to support you on your learning journey and stretch you to achieving your full potential.



Independent Study

We recognise that the transition from Year 11 to the Sixth Form can be a big step. The main difference in Sixth Form is the inclusion of non-registered study blocks in your timetable. It is vital to realise the importance of independent study from the outset and it is expected that you use your non-registered lesson time productively. Sixth Form study can be demanding, but if you stay on top of your work, you will find it much more rewarding and enjoyable.

Therefore it is essential that you plan your time well and develop effective study skills. As part of your Tutor Programme, every Monday morning you will be supported in planning the week ahead. This is to help you organise your time more effectively as you move from Year 11 to Sixth Form. You will also be provided with a subject folder and personal learning checklist for each subject that supports and guides your independent revision which can be conducted both at home and in your study blocks.



Co Curriculum

We believe strongly that a student's academic success in Sixth Form is less of a function of innate ability and more one of developing the right combination of character traits for successful learning: assemblies, the Tutor Programme, academic mentoring, enrichment activities and our volunteering programme are all designed to build the characteristics of successful learners and members of our community.



Volunteering and Service

Your two years at Ivybridge Community College Sixth Form is not only a time to build your academic knowledge and achieve academic success, but also to develop your character and discover the person you want to be in your life beyond education. All Year 12 students and most of Year 13 students, engage with our Volunteering Programme to develop their character virtues, confidence and sense of belonging. We expect all students to sign up for at least one hour per week of voluntary work. This is an opportunity to show leadership and be of service to others within the school and local community. Volunteering within the school allows our Sixth Form students to become role models to our younger students and make connections with students and staff outside of their teaching and friendship groups. Typical activities include: supporting College clubs, mentoring younger students, assisting in lessons in the lower school, being a literacy or numeracy mentor and sports coaching. We also encourage our students to build connections in the wider local community through activities such as: voluntary work in hospitals, charity shops and primary schools or working with the elderly. We strongly believe that our students can make a meaningful contribution to the lives of others.

"I decided to volunteer at a charity shop to build my confidence around people. I'm also hoping it will give me the necessary retail skills to secure weekend work whilst I am in Sixth Form. I'm really enjoying volunteering at Barnardos, especially serving and advising customers. I already feel comfortable working with the team and speaking to the public."



"I have volunteered to be one of the College's Mental Health Ambassadors. We have received actual training from the NHS Mental Health Support Team and Places2Be. I already feel like I make a difference to younger students' lives and I know that this is going to help me in my future career pathway."

Facilities

As a Sixth Form student, you have access to the extensive and high-quality facilities throughout the College.
In addition, there are Sixth Form only areas to support your studies and development at College:
The **Sixth Form Learning Resource Centre** is a supervised study area, available throughout the College day. Here, you have access to computers and software, photocopying on a 'pay as you go' system and Higher Education prospectuses. This is where you will sign in and spend your designated study blocks.
The **Neil Maythorne study area** is a large work area with desks and computers, available to use for both independent and group work.
The **Sixth Form Common Room** is a more flexible space, used for social time and study time and is available to use throughout the day. Laptops are also available for students who want to continue their study in a more relaxed environment.
H1.07 is a quiet and focused study room with study spaces and computers for you to use.
The Vine is a Sixth Form and staff only catering facility located in the Sixth Form Common Room serving breakfast, lunch, coffee and snacks throughout the day.
Subject study rooms are located throughout the College for Sixth Form use only.



Preparing for the Future

Pastoral Support

Above all, we want our students to be happy; confident that they have tools to excel in their chosen subjects and supported in securing their future pathways – their academic success follows naturally from this. We have a dedicated Pastoral Team in the Sixth Form including a non-teaching Pastoral Leader, providing support for welfare and future pathways.

At the heart of our pastoral system is a student's tutor; Students meet with their tutor daily, which is important for building a relationship that allows a tutor to provide pastoral support. Our Tutor Programme is designed to build strong relationships between our students and create a sense of belonging and community. For example, students will engage in public speaking, team building tasks and fundraising activities. Students will also receive a one hour CPSHE lesson each fortnight and a fortnightly Character Curriculum session. These sessions provide further support and guidance for the students' lives beyond their Sixth Form education and explicitly teach them the Character Values that they need to establish to be successful both in the classroom and beyond.
Sessions have been tailored towards the Sixth Form students as young adults, and every care has been taken to focus on future career planning too, whether that constitutes an apprenticeship, a university application or a Gap year.

Sixth Form is a crucial stepping stone to a student's career aspirations and much support is given through the pastoral system in securing students' post-Sixth Form pathways, be they Higher Education, apprenticeship or employment.
We are extremely proud of what our students go on to achieve.
Our annual Futures Week, apprenticeship workshops, careers fairs, Year 12 work experience, talks from local employers and sharing of local employment and internship opportunities are just some of the many ways that we support students in reaching their goals.

If you have any questions about joining our Sixth Form, or if you are an external applicant and would like to talk to us to find out more, please contact our Sixth Form Admissions Team on 01752 891774 or via the website.

www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk