



23 November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Ivybridge Community College Performing Arts Show, 2018 – ‘COURAGE’

I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter will be performing in the Performing Arts Show ‘COURAGE!’ from **Wednesday, 12 December, until Saturday, 15 December 2018.**

The show will be running for four nights (starting each night at **7.00pm**), one daytime show (Saturday matinee starting at **2.00pm**) and one daytime performance for primary pupils and selected Year 7 students (on the Thursday, starting at 1.30pm).

The show will take place in the Sports Hall with an audience capacity of 375 every night. Please see below an outline for the show week. All students are expected to perform in all the shows.

The Show Week: Monday, 10 December – Saturday, 15 December 2018

Day	Time	Event	Who is required and Important info
Monday, 10 December	8.45am 9.30am 1.30pm 2.15pm 2.30pm 3.45pm – 6.30pm 5pm 7.30pm	Cast Meeting & Warm Up Act 1 Technical Rehearsal Lunch Cast Meeting & Warm Up Act 2 Technical Rehearsal Primary Dance & Primary Team to meet in the gymnasium and to be collected from the gymnasium Dress Rehearsal for whole cast End of rehearsals	Meet in the Sports Hall Bring plenty of snacks and drinks The show programme is displayed within this letter Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 7.30pm Primary Dancers and Gymnasts are not required to stay after 6.30pm Primary Team Gymnasts who are in the academy & secondary performances are required to stay for dress rehearsal
Tuesday, 11 December	8.45am 9.30am 1.30pm 2.15pm 2.30pm 3.45pm – 6.30pm 5pm 7.30pm	Cast Meeting & Warm Up Act 2 Technical Rehearsal Lunch Cast Meeting & Warm Up Act 1 Technical Rehearsal Primary Dance & Primary Team to meet in the gymnasium and to be collected from the gymnasium Dress Rehearsal for whole cast End of rehearsals	Meet in the Sports Hall Bring plenty of snacks and drinks Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 7.30pm Primary Dancers and Gymnastics are not required to stay after 6.30pm Primary Team Gymnasts who are in the Academy and secondary performances are required to stay for dress rehearsal
Wednesday, 12 December	10.30am – 11.30am 12.30pm – 1.30pm 1.20pm – 2pm 2.15pm – 3.30pm 3.30pm 5pm – 10.15pm 7pm	Rehearsal and costume for selected performance (TBC) Show - Selected Performances Lunch and tidy up changing rooms Exeter University Gymnastics Show Cast to go home Casting meeting in the Sports Hall for 5.15pm. Performance 1	Meet in Sports Hall Bring plenty of snacks and drinks All costumes are required for all performances Cast to watch the University Show, unless students are required to attend lessons - meet in the Sports Hall Whole cast to meet in the Sports Hall prior and post show Costume is required Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 10.15pm



Day	Time	Event	Who is required and Important info
Thursday, 13 December	12 noon – 2.30pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm 3.30pm 5.15pm – 10.15pm 7pm	Act 1 & Polar Express Cast meeting and preparation Primary Show – Act 1 & Polar Express only Cast to go home Casting meeting in the Sports Hall for 5.15pm. Performance 2	Act 1 & Polar Express cast only to meet in the Sports Hall prior and post show Costume is required. Lunch is required Whole cast are required Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 10.15pm
Friday, 14 December	3.30pm 5.15pm – 10.15pm 7pm	Cast to go home Cast meeting in the Sports Hall for 5.15pm Performance 3	Whole cast to meet in the Sports Hall prior and post show Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 10pm
Saturday, 15 December	12 noon – 4.30pm 2pm 4.30pm – 5.30pm 5.30pm – 10.15pm 7pm	Cast meeting and preparation Performance 4 (Matinee) Break for tea Cast meeting in the Sports Hall for 5.30pm Performance 5 Final cast meeting & farewells	Whole cast - All students to remain in College between shows. Whole cast – Due to the final show there will be 'thanks' given and cast meeting Students to be collected from Sports Hall car park at 10.30pm

Information on the Show Week

The show week (outlined above) involves a huge commitment for you and your child. Please find a list of important tips for you and your child to follow ensuring the week is effectively run:

- Students must write dates in their planner of rehearsal and the performance times
- Students are allowed to wear sport/leisure type clothing Monday 10, 11 and 12 December into College
- College uniform must be worn Wednesday, 12 December, Thursday, 13 December and Friday, 14 December of the show week **UNLESS** students are performing in primary and university shows. If students are performing or rehearsing sports clothing is to be worn throughout the day
- Students are required to attend lessons when they are not performing and rehearsing
- Students will break at normal times at break and lunch times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the rehearsals
- Students performing on Thursday (Primary Show) during the day will require a packed lunch as performances are through the College lunchtime
- Those students requiring free school meals for Wednesday, 12 and Thursday, 13 December must inform Mrs Reddy before **Thursday 6 December** to prepare the kitchen. A packed lunch will be prepared for students. Students must collect the meal during break time from Mrs Reddy
- All students are responsible for their own clothing and costume throughout the show
- Students must arrive on time for all rehearsals and performances
- Dropping off and collecting students after shows – please park cars in the main College car park. Meeting point for parents will be Peverall Hall for all students and not inside the Sports Hall after the show
- Students will be required to bring their own food and drink for all the shows and rehearsals, **no students will be allowed to leave the College** to buy food from the shops unless a note has been written in the planner giving permission by parents. This note must be shown to Mr Saunders or Mrs Reddy
- There will be a cast meeting prior to show, this is to ensure all students are prepared for their performances
- There will be a cast meeting post show, this is to ensure all students have collected their belongings and receive feedback. Students will meet in the Sports Hall as all the changing rooms must be cleared before a safe departure



Information Continued....

- All students must speak with their subject teachers prior to the Performing Arts Show. Every effort must be made to catch up with work that is missed due to rehearsals and shows

Performing Arts Show Rehearsal Times

Rehearsals will take place in the gymnasium, dining hall and Sports Hall. Students are required to enter the College via the dining hall car park or main car park. These sessions are in addition to the normal lunch and after College sessions.

Show Additional Rehearsals Dates (Training at lunchtime and after College will be as per normal unless stated differently below)

Date	Times	Performance Group	Venue
Saturday, 24 November	9am – 11 am	Valentines (Senior Dance)	Gymnasium
	9am – 1pm	Festival of Colour (Recreational Gymnastics & Dancers)	Dining Hall
	11am – 2pm	River Erme (Year 9 GCSE Dancers)	Gymnasium
	12 noon – 4pm	Tear Drops (BTEC PA & JMTG, IMTG & MTG)	Performance Hall
	2pm – 4pm	Summer Solstice (Recreational Dance)	Gymnasium
	11am – 1pm	Chinese New Year (Girls Team)	Dining Hall
	1pm – 3pm	Halloween (Team Acrobatics)	Dining Hall
	3pm – 5.30pm	All characters, opening gymnasts & dancers	Dining Hall
	5pm – 7pm	Alters Den (Boys Team Gym & Girls)	
Sunday, 25 November	9.00am – 12 noon	Halloween (Team Acrobatics)	Dining Hall
	12.30pm – 3.30pm	Polar Express (Team Gym)	Dining Hall
	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Chinese New Year (Girls Team)	Dining Hall
	4pm – 7pm	JMTG, IMTG, MTG, Characters, BTEC	Dining Hall
Monday, 26 November	12.30pm – 3.30pm	Chinese New Year (Girls Team & BTEC Sport)	Gymnasium
	3.45pm – 5pm	Smile (Primary MTG & JMTG)	
Tuesday, 27 November	9.10am – 11.10am	Chinese New Year (Girls Team & BTEC Sport)	Dining Hall
	3.45pm – 6.30pm	Halloween & Polar Express	Dining Hall
Wednesday, 28 November	9.10am – 2.30pm	Alters Den (Boys Gym & BTEC Sport)	Dining Hall
Thursday, 29 November	9.10am – 11.10pm	BTEC Students – Equipment	Dining Hall
	2.30pm – 5pm	BTEC Students – Equipment (work with gymnasts)	Dining Hall
	3.45pm – 6pm	Easter Bunnies (Primary Dance)	Studio 2
Friday, 30 November	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Alters Den (Boys Team Gym & Girls & Drummers)	Dining Hall
	2.30pm – 5pm	Big Band, JMTG, IMTG, MTG, BTEC PA, Opening gymnasts and dancers, Characters and Polar Express (Big Band only required until 3.30pm)	Dining Hall Dining Hall Dining Hall
Monday 3, December	3.45pm – 5pm	Smile (Primary MTG & JMTG)	
Tuesday, 4 December	9.10am – 11.10am	Chinese New Year (Girls Team & BTEC Sport)	Gymnasium
Wednesday, 5 December	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Alters Den (Boys Gym & BTEC Sport)	Gymnasium
Thursday, 6 December (Final Rehearsals before moving to the Sports Hall)	11.10am - 1.30pm	Watching of performances Chinese New Year	Dining Hall
	1.30pm – 5pm	Characters, JMTG, IMTG, MTG	Dining Hall
	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Alters Den	Dining Hall
	3.45pm – 6pm	Easter Bunnies (Primary Dance)	Studio 2
	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Polar Express & Halloween	Dining Hall



Friday, 7 December (Final Rehearsals before moving to the Sports Hall)	11.30am – 12.30pm 12.30pm – 1.30pm 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Watching of performances Festival of Colour (Recreational Gymnastics & Dancers) Summer Solstice (Recreational Dance) & Valentines (Senior Dance) Teardrops (BTEC PA) & Hidden Mirrors (Tertiary)	Dining Hall Dining Hall Dining Hall
Saturday, 8 December	9am – 6.30pm 8.30am – 10am 9.30am – 11.30pm 11.30am – 1pm 1pm – 3pm 1pm – 2.30pm 2.30pm – 4pm 4pm – 6pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm	BTEC Sport Students Festival of Colour (Recreational Gymnastics & Dancers) & Teardrops (BTEC PA) Opening (Characters, dancers, gymnasts) & River Erme (Year 9 GCSE Dancers) Opening of Act 2 (MTG, dancers, gymnasts) Summer Solstice (Recreational Dance) Chinese New Year (Girls Team & BTEC Sport) Halloween (Team Acrobatics) Polar Express (Team Gym) Alters Den (Boys Gym & BTEC Sport)	Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall Dining Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall
Sunday, 9 December	8.45am – 7.30pm 8.45am 2pm	Technical Rehearsal of the show for the whole cast (to include BTEC students) Act 1 – Performances involved in Act 1 only. (Big Band only required until 10.30am) Act 2 – Performances involved in Act 2 only	Sports Hall Only performers in Act 1 are required Only performers in Act 2 are required All Primary performers are required

Please note some of the above acts have had their performance name changed. Please see the Acts and performances below to confirm name of performance for the show.



The Acts (May change slightly nearer to the show)

Please find below a rough guide to the acts and order of performances for the show Courage. The order may alter therefore this is a guideline. However, the performances will remain in the acts below.

Act 1	Act 2
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Opening' – Performed by the Musical Theatre Groups, BTEC Performing Arts Group, Dancers, Gymnasts, and the College Big Band 2. 'Protected by the Darkness of the Night' – Performed by BTEC Performing Arts Students 3. 'Taken' – Performed by the Year 9 GCSE Dance Students 4. 'Teardrop' – Performed by BTEC Performing Arts Group 5. 'Be My Valentine' – Performed by the Senior Dance Company 6. 'Protection' – Performed by the Girls' Gymnastics Team, BTEC Sport Group, and the Boys Gymnastics Group 7. 'Festival of Colour' – Performed by Recreational Gymnastics Group and the KS4 Recreational Dance Group 8. 'Let it Go' - Performed by our Aerial Artist from London Circus Space, Kaisha Dessalines-Wright 9. 'Tricking' – Performed by our special gymnast guests from Turnzentrum, Bochum, Germany 10. 'The Den' – Performed by the Boys' Gymnastics Team, Girls Gymnastics Team, Year 9 GCSE Musicians and the Characters 11. 'Easter Egg Hunt' – Performed by the Primary Dance Company 12. 'Barn Dance' – Performed by the BTEC Performing Arts Group and the KS3 Recreational Dance Group 13. 'Summer Solstice' – Performed by the KS3 Recreational Dance Group 14. 'The Battle for Freedom' – Performed by our guests from Honiton Gymnastics Club 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Brazilian Carnival' – Performed by a Collaboration of Performing Arts Students 2. 'Everlasting' – Performed by our acrobatic special guest, Adam Fullick 3. 'Trick or Treat' – Performed by the Team Acrobatics Group 4. 'TBC' – Performed by our guests from Italia Conti Performing Arts School 5. 'Smile' – Performed by the Primary Musical Theatre Group and Junior Musical Theatre Group 6. 'Merry Go Round' – Performed by the Primary Gymnastics Team 7. 'Life Balance' – Performed by our Hand Balancing Specialist, Faye Miles 8. 'TBC' – Performed by our guests from Turnzentrum, Bochum, Germany 9. 'Freak' – Performed by the Musical Theatre Group 10. 'Tribal Dance' – Performed by the Junior Dance Company 11. 'True Reflection' – Performed by the Tertiary Dance Company 12. 'Festival of Light' – Performed by the Musical Theatre Groups 13. 'The Journey Home' – Performed by the Team Gymnastics Group, and the Musical Theatre Groups 14. 'This Is Me' – Performed by the cast of Courage 2018

Costume and Finale T-Shirts for Sale

It is important that all students are aware of their costume and requirements for make-up and hair styles for the performances they are in. All students will be informed in advance of the show by their individual teacher.

There is a **Performing Arts Show T-shirt** available for all members of the cast. The shirts must be worn for the finale. The cost of the t-shirt is £10. The t-shirt will have the logo of the show and can be ordered from Mrs Reddy any breaktime from the Gymnasium. The t-shirts come in all sizes; assistance will be given when ordering a t-shirt. Please make payments as soon as possible! T-shirts will be given to all the students prior to the show. Sample tee shirts are available to try on prior to ordering.



The **cost of costumes** for the performance is heavily subsidised by the College. However, if your child requires a costume for their performance, we require a contribution towards the cost of this. The costs are as follows:

- Students in 1 performance = £8
- Students in 2 performances = £10
- Students in 3 or more performances = £12

Please make cheques payable to **Ivybridge Community College**. All costume will be kept in College unless they are required to be washed inbetween shows. All students will be given their costume in a named bag. All costume must be cared for and kept neat and tidy. Please note that students will not keep their costume at the end of the show and must return all items. Required hair styles and additional items for costume will be informed by specific teachers. A reminder will be posted on the facebook page.

Tickets On Sale

I do hope that you will come and watch your son/daughter perform; Tickets will be available from 10am on Friday 19 October at our online box office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge

Tickets are £10 for adults and £8 for concessions for the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon performances. Tickets for Friday and Saturday evening performances are £12 for adults and £10 for concessions. Wheelchair accessible seats are not available online, please email boxoffice@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

Show DVD

A DVD of the show will be available and this can be purchased in advance along with your tickets at the online box office. This will be of the Saturday performance and will be available for collection after Christmas. We will post in the bulletin and on the college website when the DVDs are available to be collected.

Christmas Market

Prior to every show, there will be a Mini Christmas Market held in Peverall Hall with items of clothing, cakes, refreshments, mulled wine, sweets, popcorn and Christmas decorations for sale. If you are interested in selling items at our Christmas Market throughout the week from Wednesday, 12 to Saturday, 15 December (you can do 1, 2, 3 or 4 evenings!). Please contact me at the College or complete the form below.

Raffle Prizes & Hampers

We are also creating **Christmas hampers**, so please do bring in items for the food and drink hampers! Tickets will be on sale on the nights of the shows to win luxurious hampers and prizes!

Sponsorship

If any parent/guardian has contacts or details of sponsorship, then please do contact me at the College. All sponsorship will go back into the development of Performing Arts at the College and assist with the production of the Show. If you are able to contribute in any way to the Performing Arts Show, advertisement of your company can go into the programme and your company will be advertised on the 13ft screen on the wall. Please do email me directly with this information.

Helping during the show week

We are looking for parents to help throughout the show week! If you would like to assist with costume changes, makeup and hair styles please let me know! Please see the return slip for details. Please inform me of the dates you are available.

Communication & Facebook

We now have a Facebook group for the Performing Arts Show, which will include up-to-the-minute updates about the show. You can request to join the group here (or search Facebook for 'ICC Performing Arts Show'): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ICCPPerformingArtsShow/>

Please use Facebook or email to communicate any questions or issues you may have.

**Concerns or Questions**

If there are any problems then do please contact me at the College by email hreddy@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk or facebook. A further letter will be given to students to remind them of the costume requirements and confirmed programme for the weekend rehearsals in December. Please complete the return slip and hand in an envelope to me, any break time, in the Gymnasium leading up to the show.

Thank you for all your support, I hope 'Courage' is a huge success. I wish your son/daughter the best of luck for the show. May I take this opportunity to congratulate your child on performing in this year's Performing Arts Show, and to thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Helen Reddy

Head of Performing Arts