

Enrichment Week 2020

SCUBA Diving and Watersports



Name:	SCUBA Diving and Watersports
Package Number:	13
Date:	Monday, 29 June – Friday, 3 July 2020
Cost:	£350
Trip Leader:	Mr Paul Reynolds
Activity Providers:	Aquanauts Diving Centre, Splashdown Waterpark and South West SUP
Places Available:	15 Places – Years 8 and 9

Overview

If, like me, you consider yourself a water baby we have the fantastic opportunity to embark on the first of the internationally recognised SCUBA qualifications and your licence to experience SCUBA around the world. The first 3 days will be with Aquanauts Diving Centre in Plymouth where we will develop our knowledge of SCUBA, water safety and the underwater realm through quizzes and exams (yes, you've got tests!!) This knowledge development will require a sizeable chunk of reading, research and learning BEFORE the week itself and this will be monitored by the staff at Aquanauts and Ivybridge Community College. Then we will hit the water in a controlled and safe environment – a swimming pool. Here the students will practice and become increasingly confident in skills and drills underwater and on the surface.

After the initial training, success in the pool and completion of the knowledge reviews the students will complete 2 open water dives in the sea around Plymouth. Here the students will complete the same skills practiced in the pool and enjoy pleasure dives exploring the surprising underwater life of British seas.

Success sees the students receive the PADI SCUBA Diver qualification allowing them to dive anywhere in the world under direct supervision of a PADI professional diver. The upgrade to the Jr PADI Open Water Diver qualification would see the students able to dive with another diver of similar or higher qualification above the age of 15 years old. Your Jr PADI Open Water will automatically upgrade to the full Open Water qualification on the student's 15th birthday – the qualification that keeps giving!!

We will have one day at Splashdown Waterpark in Paignton – an Ivybridge Community College favourite!! Also we have the opportunity to explore the Plymouth Sound on SUP. We will receive full tuition and equipment to experience one of the fastest growing watersports around the world – increasingly linked with wellbeing, zero carbon impact and a silent way to enjoy the waterways of the South West – apart from all of the splashing from falling off of course!

Further Considerations – with the nature of the activities each student should be considered a 'competent' swimmer and comfortable in the water. There are also medical concerns and a waiver to be completed for the SCUBA part of the week. This revolves around respiratory issues – asthma, hayfever etc and can require a letter from your Doctor in order to start the week. If you have any questions in this situation I will ask that you contact preynolds@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk as soon as you can, as any such paperwork will need to be completed 2 weeks after signing up to the Enrichment Week activities.

Overview

Travel

We will be travelling by minibus with a qualified member of Ivybridge Community College staff. The minibus stays with us throughout our activities and is available for our use.

Accommodation

This is a series of day trips only.

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Insurance

Each provider has insurance that will cover all activities. Ivybridge Community College also has comprehensive insurance covering the travel to and from the different providers.

What is included in the price?

- PADI SCUBA Diver qualification – this can be upgraded to the full PADI Open Water Diver qualification for an additional £50 and would be completed outside of the Enrichment Week days.
- All study materials and equipment is provided eg manuals, wetsuits, diving equipment etc. Students can bring their own equipment and wear it should the providers deem it appropriate for the chosen activities.
- Entrance to Splashdown Waterpark.
- Tuition and equipment required to experience SUP'ing.

Payment Plan

We now ask that you begin to make payments via ParentPay. To ensure that all money is paid to the travel company in accordance with their deadlines, a suggested schedule of payment is detailed below:

By Monday, 4 November 2019	£50.00 initial deposit
By Monday, 6 January 2020	£60.00
By Monday, 3 February 2020	£60.00
By Monday, 2 March 2020	£60.00
By Monday, 6 April 2020	£60.00
By Monday, 4 May 2020	£60.00

Deposit and Schedule of Payment

After Monday, 6 January, you are committed to the package that is signed up for and all the costs involved. No refunds are possible after this date. If there is an exceptional circumstance where your son/daughter is unable to attend the package chosen, please contact Helen Reddy (enrichmentweek@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk) to discuss. If another student can fill your son/daughter's place, then a full refund will be made by the College.

How to Pay

1. ParentPay must be used to sign up all students for Enrichment Week
2. Select a package (subject to availability)
3. Follow the schedule of payment outlined in the overview on the College website
4. Return Slip – return the attached slip to your son/daughter's Tutor by **Monday, 13 January 2020**. By handing in the return slip you are confirming payment of your deposit, chosen package and informing the College of any personal information that has changed since September 2019. You are also confirming your agreement with all the guidelines set out in the booklet. We also need to know about swimming ability if attending water-based activities
5. All Early Sign-Up packages will go live on parentpay from **Friday, 8 November 2019**

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Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for pupil premium students, with a maximum of £50 for each eligible student.

Please email **Helen Reddy** at enrichmentweek@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk to discuss the assistance. Deposits must be made for a package prior to receiving the financial support. The support will be made directly to parentpay.



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