



### Principal's Update

I am really impressed with the fantastic good news stories, wonderful emails and the feedback from staff about the efforts you are all making to complete your school work. I appreciate these times are not easy and you are rising to the challenge extremely well. In the meantime, your parent/carer has been sent an update from me, so please ask them to share this with you.

### Home Learning Update

Hopefully, all of you are managing to stay focused on your learning and maintaining a good routine with this. I would like to remind you that subjects will have set you a new deadline for submission of your work for this week. The deadline is 22 May, so please make sure that if you are unsure on how to submit the work that you email your teachers for help!

Each week you will be provided with a weekly 'menu' of work set – refer to this so that you know what work is being expected of you from your teachers – It can be found here with instructions of where to access the work set:

<https://www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Student+Menu&pid=1470>

I would suggest that you try to get your work completed ahead of the half term break, allowing for you to have a rest and importantly, a mental break from all of the schoolwork you have been completing. I really want you to have time at half term to be active and to be able to spend time with your family.

#### Cyber School Opportunity!

Are you 13-18? Would you like to learn how to crack codes, fix security flaws and dissect criminals' digital trails whilst playing a game as a cyber-agent.? The Government is offering young people the chance to join a virtual cyber security school as part of plans to make sure the country develops the next generation of professional cyber defenders. The online initiative aims to inspire future talent to work in the cyber security sector and give you a variety of extracurricular activities to do from the safety of your home. There are free weekly webinars run by industry experts teaching fundamental security disciplines such as digital forensics, cryptography and operating systems. If you are interested, please sign up here: <https://cyber-school.joincyberdiscovery.com/>

> More information about the Government initiative can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

If you do join let us know how you get on!



## Home Learning Update Continued

### Business students – FREE resources for you!

Business students can access Edexcel Business Revision guides and textbooks for free for 90 days. All you have to do is click the link and register for KS4 materials and you will be able to use the resources to help you learn about your new topic, 'Forms of Business Ownership'.

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/update-for-schools/secondary-support.html>

This may also be useful for other subjects that follow the Edexcel exam board, so it may also be worth looking to see what is available!

### Wellbeing

This week is about you. The focus for our wellbeing this week is to get you to do something for yourself. No doubt over the last few weeks, we have all been coming together to help-out our families, and those around us. While we should all aim to do this, and it is part of being a great person and citizen, there is also a time and a place to do something for ourselves. So, whether that is enjoying your favourite hobby, learning something new or simply taking time to relax, it is important to do things that make you happy.

Maybe you could try a new hobby or learn a new skill over the next few weeks? You should aim to set goals to keep yourself going during these difficult times. Learning new skills can be a great way to build your self-esteem and feel a sense of achievement.

You could look at online platforms that offer skill-based instruction! Especially if what you wanted to try was completely new and tricky! For example SkillShare – it is a paid subscription service, but I think you can get a free trial! It might be worth a look! <https://www.skillshare.com/>. As I am sure you already know YouTube will have a wealth of instructional videos to help you learn pretty much anything! But just be careful not to get yourself stuck watching random videos for hours and hours!

Give yourself a target and get going!

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/>

Remember the NHS website for more guidance and some videos to help as well!

It is **National Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday, 20 May**. If you would like to thank a teacher please visit the College's website using this link <https://www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/form/?pid=1460&form=555>



### Challenge

This week, I would like you to **try something new!** Challenge yourself a little bit! Put yourself outside of your comfort zone (within reason and the government guidelines!)

**It can be big or small, I do not mind! But it must be something you have not done before!**

**Please email me with what you have done,** and how it went! I would love to hear about it!

I will share some of the best things I hear next week!

### From last week!

Last week we asked you to try the 2.6 Challenge and read for 26 minutes, seeing how many pages you read and to donate to the Just giving page.

**This has been a huge success, with over £300 raised so far!**

Please keep it going and challenge each other to do the same!



## Finally, a little KITE Book challenge before you go!

Grab your KITE booklet and have a go at these quiz questions!

### Year 9 answers for last week

English: A 'hamartia' is a fatal flaw leading to the downfall of a tragic hero or heroine.

Maths: To find the median value you put the data in order and find the middle one.

Science: An alloy is a mixture of two or more elements at least one of which is a metal.

### Year 9 Questions for this week

English: What is 'the divine right of kings'?

Maths: What is the mode?

Science: What is the role of lipase?

Answers will be revealed next week