

# Ivybridge Community College

## Year 12 Weekly Bulletin

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#### COVID 19 Update

With 'Independence Day' looming large on the horizon on Saturday, it is easy to forget that we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but as I type, the announcement of a change in the law to enforce a local lockdown in Leicester has brought reality crashing back down upon that Midlands town, and it is a timely reminder of why we continue to operate the College in the controlled manner that we do. Your continued understanding is appreciated.

Hopefully, you have all had time to watch my video message sent out on Monday morning. Apologies if you caught the first version where you had to lip read! That'll teach me for trying to use recording software beyond my IT capabilities! In any case, I tried to press home my request made in recent bulletins to be honest with how you have worked over this period of College closure to inform your learning going forward. If you missed it, here's the [link](#) again.

By now, you should have enjoyed your second *Teams* Tutor meeting, and I hope that you are looking forward to seeing your Tutor and Tutor Group in person in the last week of the Summer Term per the schedule below.



Day	Tutor Group
Monday, 13 July	SMH and HTG
Tuesday, 14 July	KWL and STK
Wednesday, 15 July	PRC/AFL and THN/BWN
Thursday, 16 July	PPR/MOS and BKS
Friday, 17 July	MPY/QNN and TMN

As I said in my video on Monday, I need you to complete this [form](#) ASAP to indicate your preference for your *Futures Day*. There will be some common elements to the day, but to tailor to your needs, it will be necessary to split you into two groups for a portion of

the day: those interested in finding out more about applying to university and those who want to follow an alternative pathway (of which there are many!). Those belonging to the former group will have sessions delivered from university representatives and be given guidance on the application process, including the all-important personal statement. Those in the latter group will follow a more bespoke approach, with tailored support for your individual pathway, guidance on presenting yourself, both on paper through a CV and in the flesh through formal interview, and a mock interview experience with one of our governors later in the day. All students should receive time throughout the day to have a one-to-one discussion with their Tutor about their individual circumstances and aspirations.

Because of the restrictions on movement and rooming within the College under the current circumstances, it is critical that you identify which group you would like to be assigned to BEFORE the day. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate students changing their choice throughout the day. If you are on the fence about applying to university, I advise that you join the university group for the day.

#### End-of-year reports

Just a quick reminder again that since we cannot currently admit visitors onto College site, regrettably, we will not be able to hold a Parents' Evening this academic year. However, your teachers are currently writing quite thorough subject reports that we use to form the basis of references for university applications and other requests made to the College. We will share these as part of an end-of-year report, alongside a message from your Tutor, so that you and your parents

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can receive some detailed feedback about your performance this year. Also, if we've been impressed with your effort this year, you'll receive an endeavour certificate – can't say fairer than that!

*And so we come to the end of the road...*

Finally for this section, I would just like to say that this will be the final Year 12 Weekly Bulletin that you will receive. Any key messages for the final week of the Summer Term will be delivered to you by your Tutor during your Futures Day. Thanks for reading!

### Wellbeing



#### *Defusing tension*

Ms Daniel's pastoral theme for the week in College has been diffusing tension, and I hope that you have found the discussions at the start of the day useful. If you weren't able to watch her video, or you want to watch it again, it can be found [here](#).

As ever, please feel free to contact Mrs Street ([ssstreet@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ssstreet@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk)) or Ms Daniel ([kdaniel@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kdaniel@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk)) if you would like to discuss pastoral support available.

### Your Learning

As I keep mentioning, it is critical that you supplement your Seminar Days with equally effective home learning over this period, your priority being addressing the action points from your self-reflections following the Diagnostic Assessments.

If you still haven't, try to check out the [YESPA Mindset course](#) that I shared in my very first bulletin for help on developing those all-important independent learning skills.

#### *Weekly news quiz*

The weekly quiz continues to be available on Socrative at <https://b.socrative.com/login/student/>. Enter the Room named **SIXTHFORMQUIZ**.

### Your future

As I mentioned above, we're currently firming up plans for *Futures Week*. If you are thinking about applying to university, there is absolutely no harm in searching for courses in advance on *Unifrog*, but please don't worry about the actual UCAS application, as we'll cover that on the day.

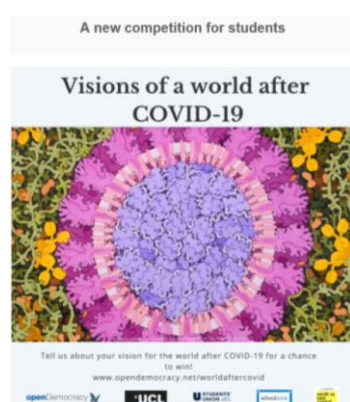
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Below, I have included some super- and extra-curricular activities that may be of interest to some.



#### Visions of a world after COVID-19

This [competition](#), run by UCL openDemocracy, launched this week, and is open to school and university students (aged 14 and up) to share their vision of the future, with prizes of £200, £100 or £50 in book tokens plus the chance for personal mentoring from the panel of some of the world's foremost thinkers and some fantastic work experience with either UCL or openDemocracy.

Entrants can submit either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crisis has passed.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

#### Uni Taster Tuesdays

The popular series of *UniTaster Tuesday* events will continue for the rest of the year.

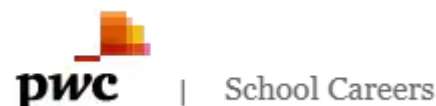
During these events, different guest universities deliver impartial sessions on important aspects of university guidance, alongside a moderated Q&A. Events are up to an hour in length and are hosted at 9.30am, 12pm and 3pm every Tuesday, with different topics and subjects each week. Bookings for future webinars, as well as recordings and resources from events previously hosted are now available on the new *UniTaster Tuesday* event hub at: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/tuesdays>



In addition to general university guidance topics such as personal statements and student finance, subject specific events are available here too, including an introduction to studying Medicine, Law and Engineering.

#### PwC Virtual Classroom

The professional services firm, PwC, has launched a [Virtual Classroom](#) - a programme open to all students between Years 10 and 13. The programme combines both live and pre-recorded sessions that provide students with an insight into PwC and an opportunity to develop your employability skills. You'll also have the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors through the interactive live sessions, whilst enabling the flexibility to watch and listen to the recorded sessions at a time best suited to you each week.



You can find out more about the session and sign up by clicking [here](#).

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The University of Exeter will be supporting students, parents/guardians, teachers and advisers over the coming months through various digital platforms. Join us in supporting students to make informed decisions about their future.

Coming up in July

Date	Platform	Title	Time	Suitable for:
1st-3rd July	Online	Subject days including Humanities, Social Sciences, Business and STEM	Various	Years 10-13
2nd July	Facebook	Student finance and managing your money	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
2nd July	Zoom	Teachers/Advisers Drop in Session	6pm	Teachers/Advisers
7th July	Facebook	Applying to the University of Exeter	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
8th July	Facebook	Applying to Medicine	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
9th July	Facebook	Choosing a course	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
14th July	Facebook	Student finance and managing your money	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
16th July	Facebook	Applying to competitive universities	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
21st July	Facebook	Writing your personal statement	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
22nd July	Facebook	Taking the UCAT exam (Medicine)	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
22nd July	Facebook	Parents/guardians Q&A	6pm	Parents/guardians
23rd July	Facebook	Applying to the University of Exeter	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
28th July	Facebook	Student life	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians
30th July	Facebook	Studying a degree apprenticeship	2pm	Year 12 students, teachers, parents/guardians


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