



September 2021

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy

The College provides many opportunities for students to develop their gymnastics abilities. The Gymnastics Academy provides sessions for primary students of all abilities from pre-school to Year 6.

Aims of the Academy

We aim for all gymnasts to have the opportunity to work towards learning new skills, socialise with other children, achieve British Gymnastics badges, compete in competitions and perform in shows.

Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy Details

Head of Gymnastics	Helen Reddy
Payment Information	Ashley Saunders
Academy Coaches	Ashley Saunders (in charge of Primary Elite Squad) Hannah Mattinson Ellie Bickle Lydia Dodds Caitlin Barnes
Address and Venue	The Gymnasium Ivybridge Community College Harford Road Ivybridge Devon PL210JA
Email Contact and Communication	gymnasticsacademy@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk Facebook Page – Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy
Primary Training Days	Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Training Dates for the Academic Year

Please find below the dates for when the academy is open. Please also see the training camps available at additional cost of £5.00.

Term	Term Dates 2021-2022	Half Term Gymnastics Training Camp Dates
Term 1a	Monday, 20 September 2021 – Thursday, 21 October 2021	Thursday, 28 October 2021 - £5 9.00am – 11.30am
Term 1b	Monday, 1 November 2021 – Friday, 17 December 2021	Christmas Break – No Camps
Term 2a	Tuesday, 4 January 2022 – Friday, 18 February 2022	Wednesday, 23 February 2022 - £5 9.00 – 11.30am

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Term 2b	Tuesday, 1 March 2022 – Friday 8 April 2022	Wednesday, 13 April 2022 - £5 9.00 – 11.30am
Term 3a	Monday, 25 April 2022 – Friday, 27 May 2022 Monday, 2 May – Bank Holiday – No Training	Wednesday 21, June 2022 - £5 9.00 – 11.30am
Term 3b	Monday, 6 June 2022 – Friday, 24 June 2022	3 Camps Dates TBC

Academy Squads and Training Times

Gymnasts are welcome to attend the sessions outlined below. Please see the times, venue to meet at and cost per half term.

Primary 4+ Squad - Gym Crazy Kids Group			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Monday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Dining Hall	£20.00
Wednesday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Gymnasium	£20.00

Primary 5+ Squad			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Monday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Dining Hall	£20.00
Wednesday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Gymnasium	£20.00
Friday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Gymnasium	£20.00

Primary 8+ Squad			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Monday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Dining Hall	£20.00
Wednesday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Gymnasium	£20.00
Friday	4.00 – 5.00pm	Gymnasium	£20.00

Primary Development Squad (Selected 5+ years)			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Wednesday	4.00 – 5.30pm	Dining Hall	£22.00

Primary Development Squad (Selected 8+ years)			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Monday	5.00 – 6.30pm	Gymnasium	£22.00

Primary Elite Squad (Selected)			
Day	Time	Venue/Meeting Point	Cost Per Half Term
Monday	4.00 – 6.00pm	Gymnasium	£25.00
Friday	4.00 – 6.00pm	Gymnasium	£25.00

Expectations of the Gymnastics Academy

Primary Elite Squad	Primary Gym Crazy Kids and Development Squads
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm your child's place by completing a Consent Form (below) • Must pay termly Gymnastics fees by cash or cheque • Must attend every Monday and/or Friday training session for the year • Perform in shows • Compete in artistic floor and vault competitions • Compete in acrobatics competitions • Compete in a club competition • Some gymnasts will be selected to train with the Secondary Gymnastics Elite Squad. This will be on Tuesday and/or Thursday (there will be no extra cost for this training) • Have the opportunity to purchase Gymnastics Academy clothing (see attached document) • Please wear gymnastics/leisure type clothing suitable for the weather conditions, to include tee shirt, shorts, jumper and leggings/tracksuit bottoms. Gymnasts can also wear crop tops and leotards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm your child's place by completing a Consent Form (below) • Must pay termly Gymnastics fees by cash or cheque • Perform in shows • Compete in artistic floor and vault competitions • Compete in a club competition • Gymnasts will have the opportunity to be selected to attend the Primary Elite Squad group depending on work ethos, commitment and skill development • Gymnasts can stop training at any time, if they wish to do so • Have the opportunity to purchase Gymnastics Academy clothing (see attached document) • Please wear gymnastics/leisure type clothing suitable for weather conditions to include tee shirt, shorts, jumper and leggings. Gymnasts can also wear crop tops and leotards

New starters to the Academy

All children joining Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy for the first time will begin in the following three different age groups:

- Primary 4+ (Gym Crazy Kids)
- Primary 5+
- Primary 8+

If you would like your child to be a part of the exciting Gymnastics Academy please email Helen Reddy (gymnasticsacademy@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk) to find out if there is a space. Please email your child's name and age. If a place is available in the Academy you will be asked to complete the attached Consent Form and return to the address below with the academy fees.

Academy Fees and Options for Payment

The Academy fees must be paid per half term, in advance of the start of term. **New starters** – will have one trial session at a cost of £3. Payment is then required in full for the rest of the half term.

Pay per half term

The payment must be made in advance of the half term. The payment must be made in full for each half term. Late payments will not be accepted. Children will **not be** allowed to train if fees have not been paid for in **advance**. Payment will not be accepted per session. Payments are **non-refundable** if children drop out of the Academy during the term. Sessions will not be discounted due to illness.

Pay for the year

Gymnasts can pay for the whole year if they are fully committed and dedicated to their squad.

All payments can be made in cash or cheques (made payable to **Ivybridge Community College**). There will be 25 - 30 places available in the Primary Elite Squads, 15 places available per group in the Development Squads and 30 places in the Selected Development Squads. There will be a waiting list for gymnasts in the Development Squads if numbers become too large.

There will be a sign-in desk outside the Gymnasium at the start of every session in order for payments to be made for training, competition fees and clothing. Please make every effort to send payment in the post in advance of the term.

British Gymnastics Membership

One of the requirements of attending gymnastics sessions at Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy is annual membership of British Gymnastics (BG).

Membership Benefits

Whether you are just starting out, or have been involved in gymnastics for some time, there is a whole range of benefits to being a part of the British Gymnastics community:

- To be part of a strong and recognised organisation that ensures a safe, child-friendly and fun environment to enjoy gymnastics
- Access to coaches qualified to national standards, ensuring the training received is of the highest standard
- Opportunities for entry into competitions at all levels, for all abilities and disciplines
- GymFusion – access to any of the events within the National Festivals Programme and Gymnastics for all
- Comprehensive Insurance Packages
- Access to the Customer Support department – advice and guidance for every aspect of your membership
- BGTV – available on www.british-gymnastics.org/bgtv - bringing you the best gymnastics videos, interviews and events from the world of British Gymnastics
- [My Leadership Academy programme](#) – enabling young people to help shape the future workforce of the Gymnastics community

Membership renewals are due on a yearly basis. From October 2017, to comply with new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we are no longer able to pass on students personal details to British Gymnastics. It is therefore, essential that the following process is followed in this order:

1. You must register your child's membership details directly through the British Gymnastics website
2. All membership fees must be paid to **British Gymnastics** directly

What type of membership do you need?

- **Recreational Gymnast (£19)**
 - Secondary Elite Squads
 - Primary Elite Squads
 - Primary Development Squads
 - Primary Gym Crazy Kids, 5+ & 8+ Squads

Competitive Gymnasts who compete regional in a club level competition (not school level) will require a competitive membership. This will cost £43. We will inform gymnasts of any additional costs when required to do so.

You will need to go to the British Gymnastics Membership portal on the website to complete either the 'new membership' or 'membership renewal' process (more details below). Completing this process will create your child's vital insurance cover for the year.

Where and how to complete membership

Regardless of whether you are an existing or new member you can complete your child's membership process by going to the British Gymnastics website and clicking on the **Membership** tab. The specific web address is: <https://www.british-gymnastics.org/membership>

When the portal is open you will be asked to enter (**answers in bold**):

- Personal details (which may speed up the process if BG already has your details on file)
- Confirm Gymnastics Club – **Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy**
- Main type of gymnastics – **Acrobatics**
- Any other types of gymnastics – **Any that apply** (for example you may tick **Artistic** if your child does this somewhere else)
- Membership types – Recreational Gymnast or Competitive Gymnast (as stated above)

British Gymnastics tells us that the registration system on their website is quick and easy to use by mobile phone, tablet, computer or laptop. You will not need to pay anything extra. British Gymnastics will activate your membership and insurance cover will start immediately after you have completed the process then they will send your membership confirmation and benefits information by both post and email. British Gymnastics will notify Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy immediately when you have completed your registration.

Consent Form

Please complete a Consent Form and pay the training fees either on the day you join or send in the post to confirm your place. If the classes are not full the waiting lists will be invited to join the academy. Please put for attention of Mrs Helen Reddy on the envelope.

Academy Contact and Communication

If you would like to have further information or have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Reddy and **not** the individual coaches:

Mrs Helen Reddy

Email: gymnasticsacademy@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Address: Ivybridge Gymnastics Academy, Mrs Helen Reddy, Ivybridge Community College, Harford Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0JA

Yours faithfully



Helen Reddy

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