



Celebrating Enrichment 2023 – 2024

The summer term featured a robust enrichment programme with our exceptional students achieving success in various cultural and sporting events. The College prioritises student participation in these activities, recognising their significant contribution to a well-rounded educational experience beyond the core curriculum.

Sports Academies Update

The sporting achievements at Ivybridge Community College this term have been incredible. A big shout-out goes to the County Champion Year 9 Elite Football Squad, as well as the Volleyball, Athletics, Tennis, Rugby, Gymnastics and Cricket teams for their dedication and hard work.

Freya Weeks deserves a special mention for earning a prestigious Under 16 England cap as a goalkeeper – a fantastic accomplishment. We are also proud of our alumni: Ella Sara became the first woman to sign a professional contract with Plymouth Argyle; and Ben Spencer played for Bath Rugby in the Premiership Final at Twickenham.

In addition, the College hosted a Rugby Movement Project, a Summer Netball Festival, football festivals, charity walks, and even 10K runs. And huge congratulations go to the six Ivybridge Community College students who were part of the winning Plymouth Schools Under 14 League Team for 2024!

Thriving Beyond the Pitch: Arts, Careers and Community

Beyond our amazing sporting achievements, Ivybridge Community College has had even more to celebrate. Students placed an impressive 6th at the National Dance Finals, showcasing their talent and dedication.

Careers were in focus with workshops like 'Engineering for Women Only' and visits from Babcock and the Plymouth Argyle Community Trust. Younger students are also getting a head start with special qualification programmes.

Students performed in the Devon Youth Choir and Wind Orchestra, participated in a Paris Tour, and even took a Horse Care and Stable Management Course. On the creative side, the Spotlight Theatre Company staged the vibrant and thought-provoking 'Second Person Narrative', while Culture Fest and Diversity Week celebrated the richness of our College community.

A Year filled with Achievements

Students were actively engaged in a variety of enriching events throughout the year, including Festive Week, Science Week, Diversity Week, and Sports Festival Week which included Sports Days.

Innovation and teamwork were key as our Greenpower Team not only participated but also reached the National Finals of the Green Power Race Series – a testament to their dedication and creativity.

The College values social responsibility and students demonstrated their commitment to giving back through fundraising initiatives. These included events supporting Save the Children, the SW Children's Hospice, and Race for Life, highlighting their compassion and desire to make a positive impact.

Enrichment Week: A satisfying end to the summer term

The summer term concluded with a dynamic Enrichment Week programme designed to engage students in Years 7, 8, and 9. Year 7 students participated in a selection of six comprehensive packages, each focusing on a specific area of interest. These included

The Great Outdoors, Adventure, Team Building and Problem Solving. This diverse range ensured all students, regardless of their interests, could find an activity that appealed to them – whether seeking an adrenaline rush, honing leadership skills, fostering collaborative learning, or sharpening cognitive abilities.

For Year 8 and 9 students, Enrichment Week offered an even broader spectrum of experiences. With a total of 22 exceptional adventures, options included both residential trips and non-residential day excursions. These activities were chosen to enrich students' learning beyond the traditional curriculum while promoting their physical and mental well-being.

Through every achievement, victory, sporting event and successful fundraising initiative, our students actively contributed to their own growth and development. Enrichment Week truly showed our dedication to creating well-rounded students who can succeed in everything they do, both in and out of the classroom.