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**RESULTS ARE IN**

**AWARDS GALORE**

**CALL UP TO NATIONAL TEAMS**

**LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE PAST**

**FESTIVE WEEK**





# Welcome to Ivybridge Community College

I am delighted to share with you, in this edition, highlights of our students' achievements from October 2023 to February 2024. Students celebrated their examination successes in August 2023 with three quarters of the GCSE grades of Grade 4 or above, as well as an increase in pass rates for our Sixth Form students. Many of our students also found success in Sports, following a summer of Gold and Silver medals.

The Girls' STEM Electric Car Racing Team had a brilliant season, becoming international finalists for a second, consecutive year. The range of extra-curricular activities that our students have engaged in has been impressive, including taking part in a variety of charitable projects.

Students were able to consider what they may like to pursue at the end of their compulsory educational studies, and we were delighted to welcome delegates (including student Alumni) from a wide variety of employment sectors as part of their careers advice and guidance.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our parents/carers for their support to enable our students to enjoy and participate in the vast array of opportunities that are on offer.

Rachel Hutchinson  
Principal



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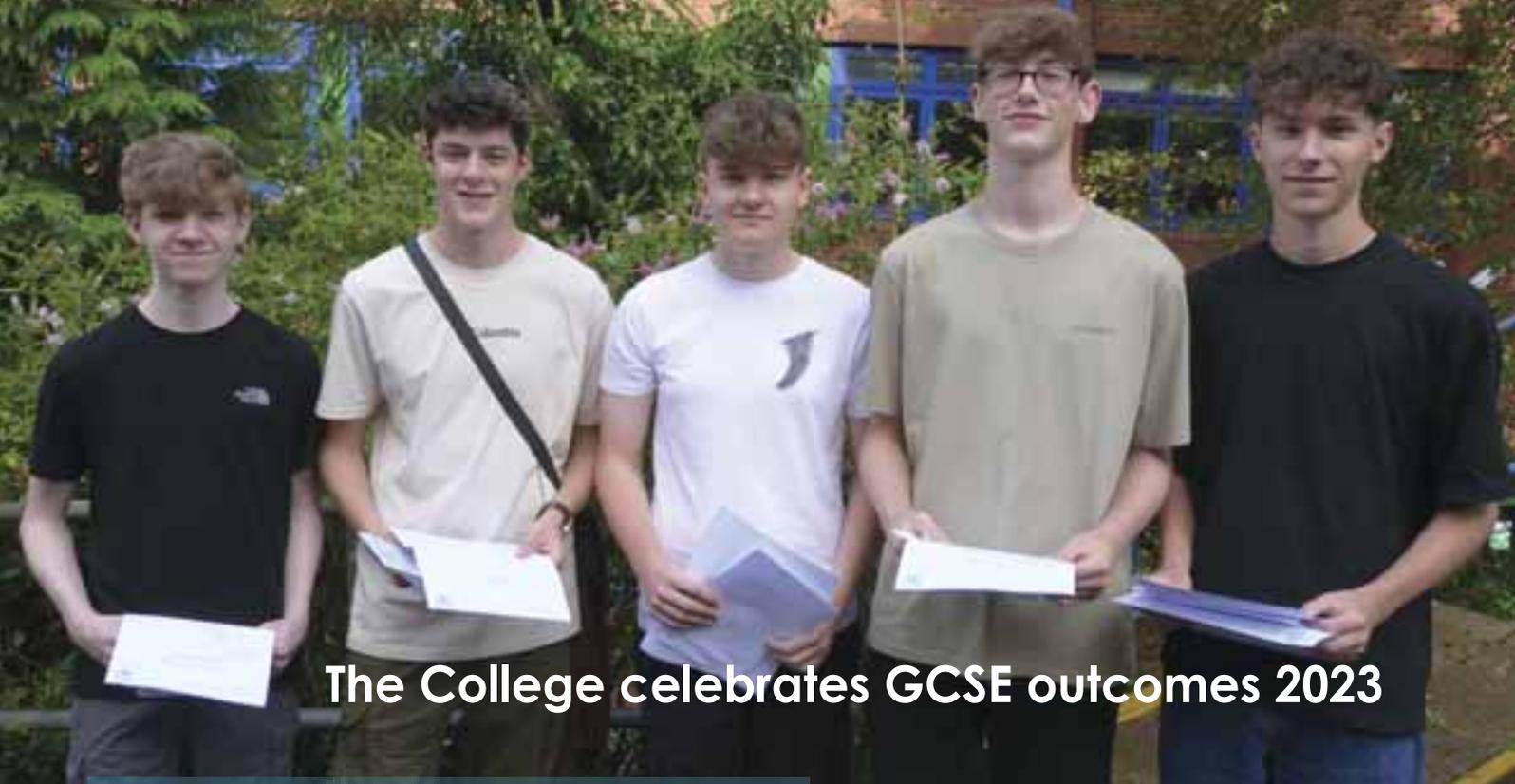
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## The College celebrates GCSE outcomes 2023

### Exam Results Year 11 1

Ivybridge Community College was delighted to celebrate with their Year 11 cohort as they received their GCSE results in August 2023.

We are incredibly proud of our students who have shown grit, determination and resilience throughout the academic year. As expected, the GCSE grading standards returned to normal after a more generous grading system last year. We should not underestimate the challenges this Year Group have faced with multiple periods of disruption and uncertainty throughout their studies.

We are thrilled that over **three-quarters of the grades achieved** by our students had at Grade 4 or above, with **60% of grades being Grade 5 or above**. These grades ensure that our students have the outcomes needed to progress on to their chosen pathway, be it Sixth Form, College or an apprenticeship. In particular, **the numbers securing a pass in Mathematics and English are once again well above national figures**.

Additionally, some of our highest performing students successfully achieved a full complement of GCSEs at Grade 7 or above, with eleven students achieving Grade 9 in over half of their subjects. Top performers include

<b>Ayden Cutland</b>	<b>Amelia Nimmo Smith</b>	<b>Bethany Ford</b>
<b>Thomas Faulkner</b>	<b>Darci Shingleton</b>	<b>Emily Pickard</b>
<b>Josie Kent</b>	<b>Ava Sourjani</b>	<b>Shannon Wills</b>
<b>Aimee Miller</b>	<b>Eleanor Thom</b>	

<b>Henry Flay</b>	<b>Amy Bell</b>
<b>Arabella Faulkner</b>	<b>Georgia Wills</b>
<b>Elisha Matthews</b>	

should also be recognised for their outstanding progress and achievement whilst at the College.

l to r :Ptolemy Degraeve, Theo Box, Caeyden Barren, Luke Shepherd and Henry Norman



Ayden Cutland



Darci Shingleton



## 2 Exam Results Year 11

Thank you to all our staff, Governance and the School Improvement Team of the Westcountry Schools Trust for their continued support, and to all our parents and carers for the part they play in supporting their child's education.



Arabella Faulkner, Thomas Faulkner



Jasmine Platt and Hannah McLeod



Josie Kent

I to r:  
James Bannister,  
Dominic Scarr,  
Henry Flay and  
Charles Stafford



Luke Christie and  
Jack Bowden



Ava Sourjani

Respect

Aspiration

Integrity

Compassion



l to r: James George Nadin,  
Oscar Mckenna,  
Youssef Abdellaoui

## Sixth Form Exam Results 3

### Success for students at Ivybridge Sixth Form as pass rates go up!

**Students and staff celebrated as students received their A Level and Vocational qualification results.**

As expected for this cohort, AS and A Level grading standards returned to normal after a more generous grading system previously.

After a disrupted time in Year 11, which saw this Year Group not sitting any formal GCSE external examinations, we are immensely proud of the way our students approached the Summer Series with maturity, resilience and courage.

Our students have certainly shown grit and determination, rising to the challenge of achieving their best. Half of the passes were at grades A\*-B, and over three-quarters of grades were at C or Merit and above.

We are proud of the extensive subject offer in the Sixth Form. Students have particularly excelled in Economics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, Languages, Sociology, Criminology, Photography, Textiles, Product Design and ICT Technicals.

171 of our cohort decided to apply to university and over **80%** of these students secured places to study at their university of choice.

Two students, twins, **Katie and Jenny Pitcher**, have both secured places to study at **Oxford University**. Katie will be reading Psychology and Philosophy, whilst Jenny will be reading English and Spanish.



Jenny Pitcher and Katie Pitcher



Yoana Grudleva and Lewis Francis



Jacob Michaelides



## 4 Sixth Form Exam Results

**Youssef Abdellaoui** has also been successful in gaining a place at Medical school and **Ed Slater** will be studying Dentistry. Other top performers include **Thomas Blackburn, Morgan Channon, Grace Hawkins, Lucy Farnham, Oscar McKenna, Elysia Morris, Martha Rundle, Jed Soper** and **Harvey White**.



Jed Soper

l to r above: Jacob Smith and  
Alfie Middleton

### RESULTS ARE IN!

Sixth Form Pass Rates are Up!

**60%** of GCSE Grades  
Grade 5 or Above!

**75%** of GCSE Grades  
Grade 4 or Above!



## Not a 'Moot' Point

**Budding legal eagles from across the Year Groups (including Sixth Form) have been participating in a new debating club with a difference.**

Students took part in a Moot, a special debate that takes place in the style of a court hearing and is a brilliant way to develop communication and debating skills as well as knowledge of the Law.

With English Teacher Judge Neeves in the Chair, students were marked on key aspects of their case including their coherence, presentation, strength of argument, quality of questions raised and their overall performance.

The opening case centred around an incident, where a famous figure was filmed by a drone and was heard to have said something that contradicted with her public image.

Both teams had clearly read their brief, with members giving some confident statements (some without notes) and comprehensive responses, supported by considerable information and in good detail.

More debates are due to take place and students who fancy giving it a go are welcome to drop in on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Congratulations to **Mia Ryder, Shannon** and **Georgia Wills, James Gilmore** and **Fin Newbury**, who won the debate for the Defence and were praised for a strong opening to the debate and for how well they stuck to their roles.



Commenting on the results, Miss Neeves said, "I am very impressed at the improvement the students showed as the debate progressed."



Rebecca Cornelius and Emily Chapman

Special mention must also **be given to Imogen Blackwell, Emily Chapman, Rebecca Cornelius** and **Dylan Prior** (the Prosecution team) who were praised for giving a clear presentation and making good reference to their research.



Fin Newbury



## 6 Performing Arts



### Start on the Right Note

The College has been very impressed at the way in which our new Year 7 have settled into College over the course of their first term with us.

We are also delighted at the extent to which our youngest groups have been enthusiastically participating in a variety of activities (many within this edition of the Echo).

This enthusiasm was evident from the start, when within their first fortnight, they were invited to take part in a Singing Project with members of the Sixth Form and run by Mrs Stephenson.

We were also delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils from partner primary schools within the Trust to participate in this fun, musical session.

Students sang with gusto to some uplifting tunes including 'Circle of Life' from 'The Lion King' as well as dance classics including 'Dynamite' by Taio Cruz and 'Wake Me Up' by Avicii.

A good afternoon was enjoyed, and the College would like to thank everyone who took part in this upbeat event.

### Playing with the Top Brass

Year 11 student Mailli Allen-Waldron was invited to perform with HMS Raleigh.

Following what her parent described as an amazing week with the Royal Marine Band, partaking in a busy timetable and rehearsals, Mailli performed in a prestigious concert at the Hall for Cornwall.

We are thrilled to hear out the opportunities that our students are earning and wish Mailli well with her future performing endeavours.



Respect

Aspiration

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## Rock the Competition

## Performing Arts 7

We would like to offer a big roar to **Felix Ayson, Chris Ballard** and **River Cole** (a.k.a Bloodhound) for rocking the Competition at the opening heat of this year's Metal to the Masses, Rock Band competition.

Despite opening the event and also competing against a field of more experienced and established acts, the trio put in a memorable performance, which gave them a first place finish and sent them straight through to the final.

It was a tremendous achievement to put together an act that is still remembered after all the other performers have played, and we wish Bloodhound the very best of luck for their future shows and appearances.

## Stowford Dance Performance

At the start of 2024, our Dance Leaders **Kelsey, Scarlett-Mae, Cara** and **Joselyn** travelled to Stowford Primary School to lead a dance workshop for Year 6 students with the aim of giving them a taste of Performing Arts at Ivybridge Community College.

The Year 9 students worked as a team to run an incredible engaging and exciting workshop. This was followed by a special performance of 'Shake it Out' by the Dance Development Team.

For many of the Dance Development Team this was their first time performing to an audience.

Miss Mattinson was incredibly proud of all the students involved who represented College.

## Shane makes it to the Top 40!

We would like to congratulate former student Shane following his recent television appearance.

On Saturday, 9 December, Shane Brierley took to the stage for his blind audition on The Voice UK, and successfully sung his way into the next round.

As part of his performance, he sang an atmospheric version of 'Heal' by Tom Odell which was well-received by the audience, with judge Anne-Marie commenting 'Wow' and many urging the judges to hit their buttons. After a tense wait, Will I Am pressed his buzzer to take Shane through to the next round and complete his team.

Commenting on his performance, Will.I.Am said, "You are awesome" whilst Anne-Marie said that he was "pitch perfect" and that his 'Tone was beautiful'. Tom Jones said "Shane was right on the money" whilst Olly Murs commented that Shane's "voice has got so much emotion" and described his performance as "fantastic."

The College would like to wish Shane the best of luck with his Performing endeavours.





## 8 Performing Arts

### A Prestigious Music Premier Performance

The College would like to congratulate four of their budding musicians who recently performed at the Royal Albert Hall.

The students **Mailli Allen-Waldron**, **Tansy Allen-Waldron** (pictured above), **Greg Thomas** and **Ace Elvins** participated at the Music for Youth Proms representing the Devon and Torbay Music Education Hub.

Their performance included a Premiere of a new work by Composer Jack Pepper, part of a musical he wrote in tribute to his music teacher.

Mailli and Tansy have shown great promise as musicians having previously picked up top prizes for their solo performances at the Saltash Music Festival.

**Mailli** has also performed at the Hall for Cornwall, participating in a concert alongside the HMS Raleigh Royal Marine Band. Along with Greg, they had already performed to students during the academic year as part of the College Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Jack Pepper is one of the youngest commissioned composers and has written works for the Royal Opera House, Classic FM, the Royal Philharmonic Society, the London Philharmonic Orchestra and his music has also been broadcast on Classic FM and the BBC.

Speaking on behalf of the Education Hub, Lewis Gibbs said,

"All of the young musicians involved performed brilliantly and behaved with the utmost professionalism throughout what was undoubtedly a very long day.

By participating in this event they have experienced the thrill of performing in one of the world's great concert venues; premiered a brand new composition by a leading composer; worked with professional musicians and technicians as part of a high profile production...and supported each other through the day, demonstrating empathy, team work and resilience."



## Geography 9

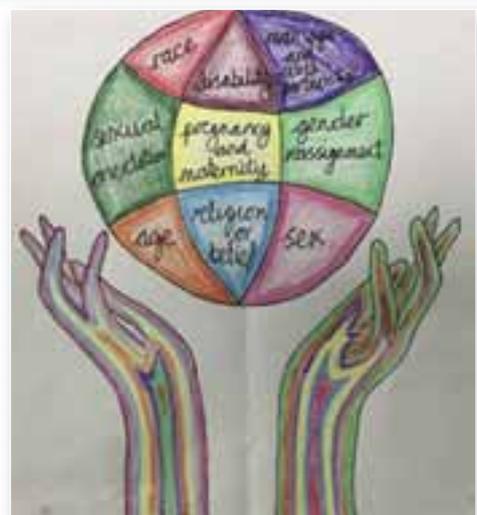
### Flying the Flag for Equality and Diversity

As part of **School Diversity Week**, the Geography Department hosted a Creative Competition, encouraging students to design a flag to represent Equality and Diversity.

There were many imaginative entries focussing on a wide range of topics including Diversity, Disability and Moral Behaviour.

As can be seen by some of the submissions, it was a difficult decision to decide a winner, however, the College would like to congratulate **Chloe Seymour** who took first prize (winning entry above).

A very well done must also be given to **Robyn Hawling** and **Lily Platt** for finishing in second place in the competition, whilst **Darcey Dodd** and **Emily Eva** claimed bronze.





## 10 Geography

### Flying the Flag

Ivybridge Community College students have been flying the flag for Antarctica as part of a competition to celebrate the continent.

They were challenged to design a flag to represent the Island to mark World Antarctica Day – the anniversary of the signing of the Antarctica Treaty.

We received some very imaginative designs and would like to say well done to all our students who entered.

We would also like to make a special mention to **Fred Doyle** (Year 9), **Ewan Dale** (Year 9) and **Fraser Morgan** (Year 8) whose work was shortlisted and taken to Antarctica itself!

Speaking about their work, Fred said, "The blue symbolises the Southern Ocean and its cooperation between Chile, New Zealand, Argentina and Australia.

The white symbolises the permafrost in the ice sheets in Antarctica.

The circle represents that Antarctica is opposite to Greenland hence the style of the flag."

Antarctica Day takes place on 1 December each year and marks the anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty – an international agreement between countries declaring that the continent would not be used for military activity, instead for scientific discovery and a place of peace.

The flag bearer pictured is Paul Summers, a PhD student in Glaciological Modelling from Stanford University.



Fred Doyle



Ewan Dale



Fraser Morgan

### COP 28

On Thursday, 14 December, a group of 45 Year 9 students attended a live Question and Answer session to consider the progress made towards managing global climate change at COP28 in Dubai; delivered by Encounter Edu.

This was a great opportunity for the students to combine their understanding of both of their Year 9 units so far: **Climate Change or Climate Emergency?** and **What is the Future of the Middle East?** and see footage of Geography in Action!

During this year's Enrichment Week (2023) myself and 10 other Lybridge Community Community students went to Iceland and stayed in the capital Reykjavik for 5 days. It really was incredible to visit places I never would have thought I would see. On our first day, we visited the Perlan Centre to take in the breathtaking views of the capital, Reykjavik, and to take in the amazing Icelandic landscape surrounding us. We learnt that the population of Iceland is only 400,000 and that the energy produced to power the country is called geothermal energy, which comes from the ground. On our visit to a geothermal power plant, we discovered that more energy is produced than is required and so energy is very cheap and sustainable there.

The following days took us on a visit to a glacier tongue! We were able to walk out on to it. It was cold! This was one of the highlights of the week for me because of learning how long it had been

there and about the melting process it has been through. The terrain in Iceland is very rugged, there are very low points and very high points, with lots of mountains.

In the hills we visited Gullfoss waterfall, and the sheer size of it was staggering!

Iceland is certainly unique and in between visits to volcanoes and other impressive waterfalls and geysers, our last day brought us to the Sky Lagoon, which is a geothermal heated pool that we bathed in with amazing views across the Atlantic Ocean.

One of the most amazing experiences was to feel actual earthquake tremors when we were there!! Iceland is known for its tectonic activity and for being sat right on the Eurasian and North American plate, which we were able to walk along. One very interesting thing is that it barely gets dark at this time of year, the sun went to the horizon at around midnight and came up again at 3am!

## Incredible Iceland Experience

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Overall, I loved making new friends and being open minded to learn about and experience a new culture and country. The week was truly 'incredible' and I'd like to go back there one day.

Charlie Farmer



## Quelle belle semaine! Que gran semana! What a great week!

The College went continental recently as staff and students celebrated the European Day of Languages with a week full of activities and events.

Amongst the highlights, students from Year 10 paid a visit to one of our partner primary schools to deliver to pupils, some brief workshops on basic French and Spanish.

Meanwhile, food was a keen theme throughout the week, with a special, international buffet laid on for students and the opportunity to enjoy some world music.

Elsewhere, Year 7 and 8 took part in a Baguette eating competition.

Well done to our winners, **Lucas Zammit** (Top Middle), **Bradley Goulden, Trevi Buzza, Maxi Page, Alfie Waite, Melissa Coker** (Bottom Middle) and **Joe Waite**.

Students were also invited to participate in a special 'Bake-off' competition and create an internationally-inspired cake that reflected an important culture.

Congratulations to Year 7 students **Charles Philips** and **Xavi Merrison** as well as **Emily Trueman**, Year 8, who were this year's winners. And of course, there was the famous 'Dress up a potato' competition.

We were very impressed with the student's creativity and imagination and well done to Molly Sutherland and Willow Peters (Year 7) who won the staff and students' vote and were our winners.

## 12 Languages Week



Charles Philips and Xavi Merrison

"We went to Manor Primary School to teach Years 3 and 4 some Spanish and French."

"We taught them different animals and habitats in French, and how to use 'I' and 'You' verbs in Spanish."

"I found it fun interacting with them, especially when we played a game of charades using the verbs."

"They were very enthusiastic to learn, and loved calling out the French words."

Ellie Ayer Year 10



Melissa Coker



Emily Trueman

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## We Remember 13

### Learning the Lessons from a Dark Part of History

To mark the **Holocaust Memorial Day**, students at the College gathered to learn more about this tragic event from a survivor from the period.

History students from Year 9 gathered to watch a live link featuring Hedi Argent MBE (interviewed by famous journalist Natasha Kaplinsky), a retired social worker, who lived in Austria as a child.

Mrs Argent recalled stories from her childhood – she said that her family was not devoutly religious but was still, “Brought up to be proud of who I was,” as a Jew.

She recalled the very first time when she witnessed antisemitism; a client of her father told him that he would not reimburse him for his services because of his faith.

She also told her audience how she was excluded and made to feel different during her time at school and how other pupils would exclude anyone from their circle of friends if they socialised with her.

Mrs Argent made reference to ‘conspiracy theories’, ‘fake news’ and ‘misinformation’ anti-Semitism.

Students were also given a frank insight into life following the annexation of Austria by Germany, as she recalled being expelled from school, her father being removed from his office, as well as being evicted from the family home, the scariness of Kristallnacht and how the ‘rest of the world closed to them’.

She also spoke about the difficulty the family encountered obtaining a visa to Britain, the criteria they had to meet (including reassurances that they would not be a burden to society and that they would agree to take on domestic jobs) as well as the complications of just travelling to the country (for example, having to submit to a full search in between each train connection).

This event was organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, a registered charity with the aim of educating citizens from all backgrounds about the Holocaust and the lessons that need to be learned going forward.

To close the session, Mr White then introduced students to Nicholas Winton, who played a major role in the Kindertransport operation, which saw over 650 Jewish children from Czechoslovakia at risk of being murdered by Nazi Germany, rescued and resettled in Britain.

Finally, when asked by a student what had made the biggest impact on her life, Hedi Argent said that it was the fear of losing her family and the gratitude she felt for the family she has now.

She said that her brother (who didn't get the opportunity to come to Britain and was later killed) did not have the opportunity to tell his story, so she should tell hers.



## 14 We Remember

All staff and students at Ivybridge Community College gathered at 11 am on Friday, 10 November 2023 to pause and pay their respects to all those who made many sacrifices in defending the nation and pay tribute to our current service personnel.

Music students, including:

**Greg Thomas**

**Mailli Allen-Waldron**

**James Gilmour**

**Tansy Allen-Waldron**

**Mateo Wilson**

**Emily Offer**

**Charlie Tyson**

gave a very atmospheric rendition of some poignant pieces including a beautiful interpretation of 'Eventide'.

There was a march-past by students who are members of the local Cadet Services, including the Air, Army and Police.

Mr Hayward, Associate Assistant Principal, gave a reading before the College fell silent to observe a two-minute silence.

Music student **Mailli Allen-Waldron** played 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' before Mr Creswell, Deputy Principal, gave a reading and led the whole College in observing the National Anthem.

## Year 12 visit to the University of Exeter's annual Holocaust Memorial Conference

Fourteen Year 12 History students attended the 2024 University of Exeter Holocaust Memorial Conference. This was the eighth edition of the conference, with over 1,200 students from the region attending during this time.

The conference aims to educate students through testimonies from survivors and their relatives, as well as engaging with academics on the complex nature of the Holocaust through a range of mediums.

This year students were asked to consider the purpose and relativity of Holocaust cinema, and to analyse a range of images at the University of Exeter's annual Holocaust Memorial Conference which documented the lives of victims from within the confines of ghettos.

The students led the way in creating and responding to academic discourse, with **Amy Bell** being recognised for her passion for History by Senior Lecturer, Dr Nicholas Terry.

Many of these students have chosen A Level History due to their interest in German history from GCSE, and some have elected to further their interest within their extended Project Qualification topic.

We hope to see many of our current Year 11 cohort join us at the ninth annual conference next year.

By Mr Hayward



**Congratulations**  
to all of our Award Winners and  
Thank You to all students who  
participated in the evening

## Awards Evening 15



Just before the Christmas break, we were delighted to welcome students who have excelled in their specific fields and subjects over the year to receive their own special award in recognition of their achievements. On a very special evening, our guests had the opportunity to receive a prize, with many winning multiple awards.

Guests also enjoyed fantastic performances from our Performing Arts students, and we were also delighted to be joined by Rob Haring and Nat Parnell (CEO and Deputy CEO of the Westcountry Schools Trust) as well as Professor Lee Elliot Major who had the honour of presenting some of the prizes.

Award Presenters from top l: Rachel Hutchinson, Tim Cresswell  
Professor Lee Elliot Major, Ray Hennessy





## Celebrating a Year of Fundraising

### 16 For the Community

Students from Year 7 (now Year 8) were delighted to receive a visit from some special guests, following their recent charitable activities.

Laura Alker (a representative of Gables Farm rehoming charity), Jamie Rutherford (from Devon Freewheelers) and Dan Hart (representing Project 35) visited Ivybridge Community College and spoke with the students, outlining the important service that their respective charities provide to the community.

Miss Alker was accompanied by Benjy – a rescue dog of Gables Farm, due to start a new life in his forever home and Mr Rutherford also kindly brought along one of the Freewheelers' special bloodbikes for the event, and students enjoyed getting a closer look at them.

All year, Tutor Groups from across Year 7 have been challenged to come up with imaginative ideas for activities to raise funds for the three organisations as the year's nominated charities, and each representative received a cheque for over £400 as part of their visit.

Amongst the highlights of the Year 7 activities, staff and students had the opportunity to sample some sweet treats, courtesy of several cake sales, and these included homemade snacks as well.

Meanwhile, many others were making some extra space in their wardrobes by donating pre-loved clothing to the Thrift store, giving their peers an opportunity to pick up a bargain as well as a new, additional fashion accessory.

In keeping with the sports theme for Project 35, keen student footballers took on a staff goalkeeper in a penalty shootout competition, whilst others organised a table tennis session and another group raced on the rowing, running and cycling machines as part of a Jail Break challenge, collectively covering a distance of 29.5 miles.

For those who preferred something a little less energetic, there was also a craft and computer club, a cracker eating competition as well as a pop-up cinema.

Students would also like to acknowledge science teacher Mr Reynolds, who not only volunteered to have his head shaved for charity, but was also on the receiving end (along with other teachers) of a few messy pies in a custard pie throwing competition.

Gables Farm is a rehoming centre for dogs and cats based in Plymouth, whilst the Devon Freewheelers are a voluntary group delivering a variety of urgent medical equipment and accessories to NHS services on their famous blood bikes.

Project 35 is a social impact project set up by Plymouth Argyle Community Trust and Ginsters aimed at tackling poverty in the city.

The College would like to thank everyone who participated in the activities and are delighted that their students have been able to benefit the wider community through their extra-curricular activities.



## For the Community 17

### Back to Base Camp



The College is always keen to encourage students to participate in a range of Enrichment activities. One such example is the Camps International Scheme and fundraising by the students is already underway ahead of their African expeditions planned for 2025.

Just before Christmas, keen participants were out in force in the Totnes and Ivybridge areas looking to raise some much needed funds.

**Thomas Gwynne** from Year 9 was one of those taking part, and was delighted with the results of the exercise, with the students having collected £100 each.

"We are very pleased with the result as it is a massive step closer to where we need to be!"

Camps International is a Social Enterprise, founded by a former British Army Officer, offering young people exciting expeditions in a variety of locations covering Europe, South America, Africa and Asia.



The College would like to congratulate **Grace Peacock** following her fundraising efforts for the Plymouth Ukraine Medical Aid Charity.

As part of her activities, Grace even completed a 3 Mile Run and raised £200, which the charity says will go towards the conversion of an Ambulance to a mobile Paediatric Operating Theatre.



The College would also like to say a very well done to Year 7 Student **Xavi Merrison** who volunteered to have his hair cut to raise money for the Rainforest Trust.

He raised £350, which the charity estimates will help to protect over 200 acres of tropical rainforest for wildlife and the climate.



## 18 Staying Safe Online

### E-Safety with Sharon Girling OBE – Staying Safe Online

#### Worried about what your child may see on the internet?

The College was delighted to be joined by former Police Officer and child protection expert Sharon Girling OBE who spoke with students and parents on the subject of **E-Safety**.

Students from all Year Groups had an opportunity to hear from Miss Girling across E-Safety day, covering a variety of topics including:

**Online Footprint/Presence**

**Online Bullying**

**Healthy Online Profiles**

**Online Wellbeing**

**Online Harrasment**



Sharon also spoke with parents and carers as part of the College's ParentMeet sessions.

According to her organisation, Sharon was at the forefront of a national and international response to online child abuse and developed the processes and procedures that led to the creation of the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre**.

The College would like to thank Sharon for giving students important information and tips on how to protect themselves online and look forward to inviting her back in the future for more informative E-Safety sessions.





## CultureFest 19

Ivybridge Community College would like to thank and acknowledge all of their students who participated in their cultural celebrations.

**CultureFest**, was a new exciting, festival which saw students from Year Groups 7 through to 10 participating in a variety of lectures and practical workshops.

The day was led by Youth Intervention Worker, Kadus Smith, and gave students (all of whom had volunteered to take part in the activities) an opportunity to learn about different cultures from around the world and their history.

There were workshops covering a variety of topics including Equality and Diversity, the history of the Slave Trade as well as the influence that different international cultures have on current political and social current affairs.

There were also some lighter moments too, including a special buffet introducing students to cuisines from different ethnic cultures as well as some informative exhibits detailing the positive contribution that culture has made to the world.

The aims of the day were to promote accountability, to educate, inspire and celebrate a wide variety of international cultures.

Opening CultureFest, Kadus Smith, born in Trinidad and Tobago and now a Youth Intervention worker at Plymouth Argle Trust, spoke about his life and of his experiences growing up as a young black child in Hull.

He also spoke about the times when he was the victim of racism himself, on one occasion resulting in hospitalisation.

Students also heard from members of the Social Equality charity Plymouth Hope, took part in a workshop giving a wider history of the slave trade as well as taking part in a Question and Answer session.

The day also included a short speech from **Jasmine Rolfe**, a representative of the student Council. The inaugural CultureFest was designed in partnership with a Student Voice group and Kadus Smith, and was an opportunity to spread awareness of multiculturalism and champion anti-racism and inclusion.



Jasmine Rolfe



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## A Tiny Travel with a Big Message

A huge Thank You To Kate from Tiny Travels who has recently been giving our Year 7 an insight into Africa and Black History.

Following a very informative visit to students during CultureFest, we were delighted to welcome Kate back, who gave a talk to all of our Year 7 groups over the course of a week. As part of the presentation, students were encouraged to challenge their knowledge, the history and the stereotypes surrounding Africa and Black History and had an opportunity to explore some of the physical items and ideas that different countries and cultures have contributed to the world.

According to the Tiny Travels website, Kate is passionate about equality and social change, has management experience in the travel and event industry as well as having travelled to over 100 countries worldwide.



## 20 Diversity Week

### A Colourful Week

The College celebrated Multiculturalism and Equality as part of their annual Diversity Week. Students participated in a variety of activities to mark the event which were active, practical, fun and creative.

In addition to the usual, popular cake sales, the Library hosted a College Readathon, where, between themselves, students took shifts throughout the whole week to complete one long, continuous reading session.

For those who prefer something a little more active, there were a range of alternative/disability sports to try out including blind football, boules and archery. The week culminated in the famous Colour Run, as students charged through a rainbow dust cloud on a specially laid out course.

Meanwhile, other participants got creative and took part in the Geography Department's Equality Flag Competition, taking on the challenge of designing a flag to represent Equality and Diversity (Page 9). Many congratulations to **Chloe Seymour** who won the competition.





## Harry Potter Day 21

### Spellbinding!

For one day only, the College became a School of Wizardry, as students were encouraged to get creative and participate in the Library's Harry Potter Day.

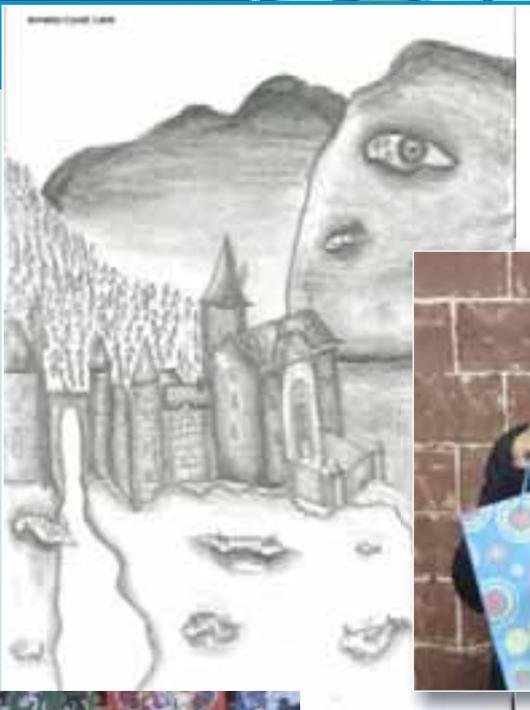
There were many activities inspired by the fictional character that challenged both the students' creativity and problem-solving skills.

These included a magically themed creative writing competition, as well as a treasure hunt style Golden Galleon competition, where participants were challenged to hunt down over a dozen small galleon pictures which had been hidden across the College site.

Budding artists at the College were also challenged to create a piece of creative artwork which illustrated a magical scene.

A huge congratulations to **Lucy Considine** in Year 7 as the winner of the creative writing competition, whilst **Annabelle Matthews** Year 7, successfully cracked the Golden Galleon competition and was the first name out of the hat in the prize draw.

Finally, a warm congratulations must also go to **Amelia Covill** from Year 7, for her atmospheric piece, making her the winner of the Art Competition.



Harry Potter Painting  
by Melissa Coker



Pencil Drawing  
by Amelia Covill



Holly Trafford



Sarah Jones



## 22 Harry Potter Day

Main Picture by Florie Chequer

To Heaven's Hidden Door Extract from the winning entry in the Creative Writing Competition by Lucy Considine,

Annika flung open the shutters, letting in a blast of icy wind.

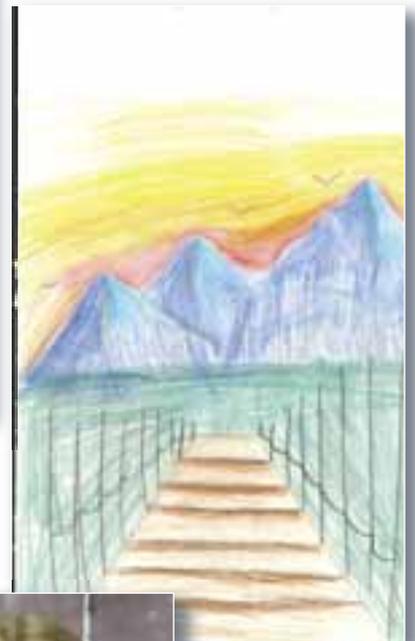
She watched the snow swirl around the village. Then, through the haze, it appeared: a blue, electric kind of light was floating along towards her.

Now Annika was a sensible girl, who certainly didn't have a longing for adventure, but curiosity got the better of her.

She pulled on her snow boots and grabbed her woollen jacket from the hook behind the door.



Annabelle Matthews



Amber Martin



Lucy Considine



## Festive Week 2023 <sup>23</sup>

We would like to thank and congratulate all students who entered into the spirit of the season and participated in the activities during Festive Week.

Taking place just before the Christmas break, Festive Week aimed to bring together students and staff from across the College Community to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Many of the events also gave participants the opportunity to raise funds for a variety of causes, including MIND, Surfers against Sewage and the College's Build Our Fitness Community Project (with the aims of raising money towards our sports facilities).

As well as donning a festive cardigan for Christmas Jumper day (in aid of Save the Children), students also had the opportunity to dress up for a Festive Photoshoot. Meanwhile, there were also opportunities to get creative and participate in Craft activities including a Christmas Card Workshop and the famous Gingerbread Decorating Competition.

For those who prefer being active, there were a variety of festive sports festivals in Badminton, Gymnastics, Football, Rowing and Rugby, but a special mention must be given to our Year 7 group, who took on the Santa Fun Run, raising £386 for Children's Hospice South West.

Regular visitors to the Library also celebrated, having raised £87 from a Charity Raffle in aid of Book Trust, a Children's Reading Charity, giving more vulnerable children a chance to receive a gift this Christmas.

And of course, no celebration would be complete without some music and many had the opportunity to sing with gusto some Christmas Karaoke sessions.

Performing Arts students saw in the festive season with a variety of poignant and upbeat tunes as part of the College Christmas Carol Concert.

Our budding performers also took their talents into the community with some special Carols on Tour concerts entertaining residents and visitors of a local Community Centre and a Residential Home.

So many members of the public complimented the Students' performances (even offering to give donations!)





## 24 Step into the NHS

We would like to thank our students who participated in the Step into the NHS schools competition and Year 9, **Emma Jamin**, who won the contest.

Participants were challenged to design an informative poster, outlining a role within the healthcare sector, and it was Emma who claimed the top spot with her piece about life as a paramedic.

The poster was very comprehensive and detailed the responsibilities of the role, the qualifications required and some interesting facts about the job.

Emma was presented with her certificate by Liz Davenport, an occupation therapist, working within the service. The Step into the NHS competition was designed as an enjoyable activity to raise children's awareness of the many varied roles within the Healthcare Sector and to inspire them to pursue a career with the NHS.

The NHS is one of the largest employers in the world, with over 350 different types of job – not just doctors and nurses.



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# End of Year Report

After an exciting year, which included a visit from BBC Sportlight, Mr Jewell reflects on the Final race of the season.

This year Ivybridge Community College once again qualified for the Greenpower Challenge International Final.

All the racing cars at this event have to qualify through a series of regional heats so it was already a sign of our success to be present.

Qualification is based on the maximum distance you can go on one set of batteries, the further you can go in a 90 minute race the better you place.

The racing car named Spare Parts qualified for this event by putting in an incredible showing at the Castle Coombe race track regional heat.



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The all Girls' Team went into the event knowing that a significant distance needed to be achieved as they had only scraped through a number of Devon and Cornwall races because the car was plagued by mechanical failures and punctures.

The brief in the Castle Coombe heat in September was simply to complete the best race of the year and qualify through the distance criteria. The race had torrential rain throughout as a yellow weather warning's worth of rain battered both vehicle and spectator. The girls persevered and smashed their previous bests of the year and comfortably qualified for the International Finals.

Drivers had to put up with poor visibility and being drenched in the car, whilst pit crews had to continue their work whilst also being battered by wind and rain. The girls were incredible and we came home damp but successful.

We then went to the International Finals in October at Goodwood motor circuit. This is the biggest event held with 90 cars racing on the day and again teams from across the globe.

Our previous best had been in the region of 36th position so this was the benchmark.



Darci Shingleton



Racing at Goodwood required data teams to map out the race in terms of powering the car and when we could push the motor hardest and when to ease off.

This is complex and the tactics had to be dynamic to respond to other cars successes or failures around us. The drivers had the hardest challenge keeping focus for 30 minute sessions on a long difficult track filled with cars, every corner required full attention to avoid accidents.

The pit crew had to jostle for positioning and time changes to avoid the chaos of a completely filled pit lane. The girls were once again exceeding expectation and managed to bring us home in 21st place, 15 places higher than the season before.

It was a very long day and lots of racing but a successful event all round for the College all Girls Racing Team.

Greenpower continues this year, expanding once again.

We hope to be running three cars by the end of the season and competing across all age categories.

We are targeting specific awards and trophies and will have to see what the 2024 race season brings us.



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### I want to be like You

Members of the Sixth Form have been getting some valuable Interview experience, speaking with experts and employees from a variety of organisations.

The College Sixth Form Team were delighted to welcome representatives from sectors as diverse as Accountancy, Armed Forces, Children's, Charities and Voluntary, Engineering, Healthcare, Legal, Police and Universities and Training Providers.

Students had an opportunity to talk about their career aspirations with experts in their field and discuss routes into their chosen profession, as well as important tips including interview hints and Curriculum Vitae writing.



Top: Isabelle Holt with Lily Gammon and Archie Willmot  
Bottom I: Kirsty Down (Paramedic) and Haydn Stone

### A Class Above

The hunt by Year 12 for University places is already underway. The College Sixth Form was delighted to welcome back recently, former students **Thomas Chapman** and **Jasmine Clark** who kindly gave Year 12 students an insight into the highs and lows of life at an Oxbridge or Russell Group University.

Students were given a frank and honest illustration of life at a top university, including in the case at Oxbridge, high workloads and Saturday Lectures!

Thomas even revealed that he had to complete three rounds of interviews to secure his place.

However, there were many upbeat and impressive facts including an admissions pool, meaning that if you fail to get a place in your chosen College, you may get an opportunity to be accepted on another.

Across Oxford, Thomas also said that there were 140 libraries across the Colleges (one of which was designed by the same man who designed the British Red Telephone Boxes) as well as nearly 1000 student running clubs and societies.



# Human Spaceflight

Dorian Pascoe  
Space Advocate and Lead Educator  
National Space Academy

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### Reach for the Skies

In the run up to Christmas, what better way to celebrate...than to dedicate a day to Space Travel. And that's exactly what members of the Sixth Form did.

Science students welcomed back former Ivybridge Community College teacher Dorian Pascoe (now with the UK Space Agency (academy) who delivered a day long workshop on Space Travel.

Topics for the session included possible job roles in the Space Industry, the basic principles of fuelling a rocket, Velocity and Physics.

And of course, as part of the activities, students also had the opportunity to make and test their own Compressed Air Rocket (projectile) with some amazing results.

Our thanks to Dorian for delivering an informative and engaging session.



### Flying High

In January 2024, Year 11 students had a Careers presentation Assembly from Sergeant Liam Quinn from the Royal Air Force.

Liam explained that his love for travel and elite sports initially drew him to the Forces, and he talked about his career experiences and opportunities to date, stressing to students the importance of constantly gaining qualifications and training throughout their working lives.

He went on to highlight the Ofsted Outstanding rated apprenticeship programmes on offer at the Royal Air Force, including higher, advanced and degree apprenticeship pathways in areas such as Engineering, Information Technology, and Medicine/Dentistry.

Following the Year 11 Assembly, Liam held a workshop and Question and Answer session with Year 9, 10 and Sixth Form students, where discussions with students covered a variety of areas including the RAF Selection Process, Military Police roles, pathways and opportunities to become a qualified Pilot and Travel and Elite Sports opportunities in the RAF.

Teacher, Mrs Johnson, also came along to the workshop to speak to students about the Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services course on offer at Sixth Form, and how students might like to consider this amongst their choices for Sixth Form study.





## 28 Sixth Form / Careers

### Attention! We need you!

Have you got the teamwork, commitment and strategic skills to serve in the Armed Forces? Sixth Formers had the chance to prove it. We were delighted to welcome Lance Corporal Morgan and Corporal Stagg from the Royal Engineers who led an informative session with Sixth Former students (many studying on the Uniform Protective Services course) about life in the services. Our guests gave students an insight into the wide and varied careers in the armed forces as well as the breadth of opportunities and benefits available. Students were also challenged to a practical team building exercise over on the Rugby field, (involving the construction of a zip line strong enough to transport a small military container), with some pegs, some wood and rope (no glue or cement allowed). After a tricky start, both teams however, managed to construct a usable, workable structure. Ours thanks to LCpl Morgan and Cpl Stag for an informative and practical session for our students..”



### Opportunities on the Water

As part of our National Apprenticeship Week events, Petty Officer Kay Smith visited the College to deliver a Careers and Apprenticeships in the Royal Navy workshop to a group of Year 8 and Year 9 students. During the session, students looked at the main roles of the Navy, including wider roles such as providing humanitarian assistance. They also found out about the core values of the Navy, and apprenticeship opportunities in areas of the Navy such as Engineering, Aviation, Logistics and Medical. Students asked P.O Smith a variety of interesting questions at the end of the session, including

‘How long does a journey across the Indian Ocean take?’ and ‘What opportunities would you say the Navy has given you?’



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## Trip to Launchpad Live Careers Fair

In September a group of Year 10 and 11 students visited the Launchpad Live Careers Fair in Plymouth.

Located within the grounds of the iconic Plymouth Argyle FC, this two-day careers event brought together key employers from the Plymouth area together with training providers from across the city to help showcase the skills and careers opportunities available for our young people.

Our students had a fantastic time experimenting with interactive virtual reality headsets, taking part in competitions and hands on engineering puzzles, trying their hand at plastering and bricklaying, and also engaged in interesting conversations about their next steps and potential career pathways with all of the exhibitors.

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## National Manufacturing Day

To celebrate National Manufacturing Day, Kawasaki PM, member of the Plymouth Makes Group, came into College in September to deliver a Careers Assembly to our Year 10 students.

The Assembly gave students an insight into the world of precision engineering at Kawasaki, and our guest speakers spoke to students about their own individual career pathways into the Engineering sector, which included both apprenticeships and university.

Following the Assembly, the Kawasaki team gave a workshop to Sixth Form Students and Year 10 students about career pathways into Engineering and the impact of Artificial Intelligence in their workplace.

This was followed by a Question and Answer session where the students were given the opportunity to ask questions about careers in the Engineering sector.

## Student Subject Ambassadors

Student Subject Ambassadors make themselves available to speak with Year 11s as they make their choices for their A Level applications.

Student Ambassadors are Post-16 students who have put themselves forward to represent their subject and to share their love and knowledge of their A Level with other students.

These sessions are an opportunity for students to speak with current students studying the particular subject at A Level and find out more about life on the course.



## An Engineering Invitation to Follow in the Footsteps

As part of our College events for National Apprenticeship Week, a group of Year 10 students and Sixth Formers took part in the Babcock Apprenticeship Roadshow event. Babcock are a key UK employer who currently support over 56,000 jobs in the UK. Two apprentices from Babcock, one of whom was an ex-Ivybridge Community College student, talked to students about their inspiring apprenticeship pathways and experiences of working at Babcock. They gave students tips and advice on the apprenticeships application process, and spoke of the importance of work experience and taking part in extracurricular activities such as Sports and Clubs, which will give students lots to talk about at potential future interviews and build their employability skills!

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### Now you speak my Language

We were delighted to welcome David Binns (pictured left), the Director of Operations for the UK division of Language and Technology company Sanako, who gave an interesting and informative talk to our Year 9 students.

Mr Binns outlined the benefits to students of studying another language and acquiring second language skills and how they may help with regards to career prospects. He also recalled a few light hearted, language related stories from his own life experience including a time when he tried to speak to a sporting hero of his in his native language, but didn't get the pronunciation entirely correct.

He went on to say that this faux pas rather than hindering him, actually helped to break the ice and sow the seed for a longer lasting friendship. He also mentioned that Gary Lineker is also able to present the Spanish edition of Match of the Day in addition to his other media roles, due to his ability to speak another language.

Sanako is a language company who supply technical solutions to a variety of organisations and important events. These include language and technology products to the Royal Courts of Justice, University Call Centres as well as the recent G7 Conference in Cornwall and COP26 gathering in Glasgow in 2021.

We would like to thank David Binns for speaking with our Year 9 cohort and for his interesting and thought-provoking presentation.

## A Legal Eye

In October 2023, a team from Wolverstans, including two Trainee Solicitors and a Chartered Legal Executive, came into College to speak to a group of Sixth Form and Year 10 students about their own pathways into the Legal sector, which included going to University, the SQE (Solicitors Qualifying Examination) route to becoming a Solicitor, the Graduate Law Diploma and Apprenticeship pathways.

The Wolverstans team spoke about the wide variety of roles available within the Legal sector, and then gave an insight into what it would be like to work within the Family Department and the Court of Protection.

At the end of the session, students were tested on some of their legal knowledge with a fun quiz, and they had the opportunity to ask the team questions about future pathways and options.



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### Celebrating our new School Employee Partnership

Four employees from MicroLED Technology Firm Plessey visited the College to deliver a Careers Assembly to Year 9 students to celebrate the new School Employer Partnership with Ivybridge Community College.

They gave the students an overview of Plessey, the technology they work with, and the careers and pathways available at the company.

They then delivered a workshop with a group of Year 10 and Sixth Form students, where they went into more depth about the company and let them hear from Ben, a graduate device engineer, and Jack, an equipment engineer who completed an apprenticeship at Plessey. This gave the students a broader view of how people become engineers at Plessey.

They also brought along some demonstration wafers, so students could get a closer look at what they use to make microLEDs and have a go at handling them.

Mark Gray, Learning and Development Manager at Plessey, said

"Partnering with Ivybridge Community College as part of our early careers programme is key to inspiring and encouraging our future employees.

Taking part in various activities at the College will enable students to get a real insight into the careers available at Plessey and the Micro LED industry. We are very much looking forward to our next event at the College".

Imogen Martin, Assistant Principal: Sixth Form and Careers at Ivybridge Community College, stated,

"We are extremely excited about our new School Partnership with Plessey."

"It is very important for us as a College to develop strong links with key local employers, who can offer our students 'real life' encounters and invaluable experiences of the workplace.

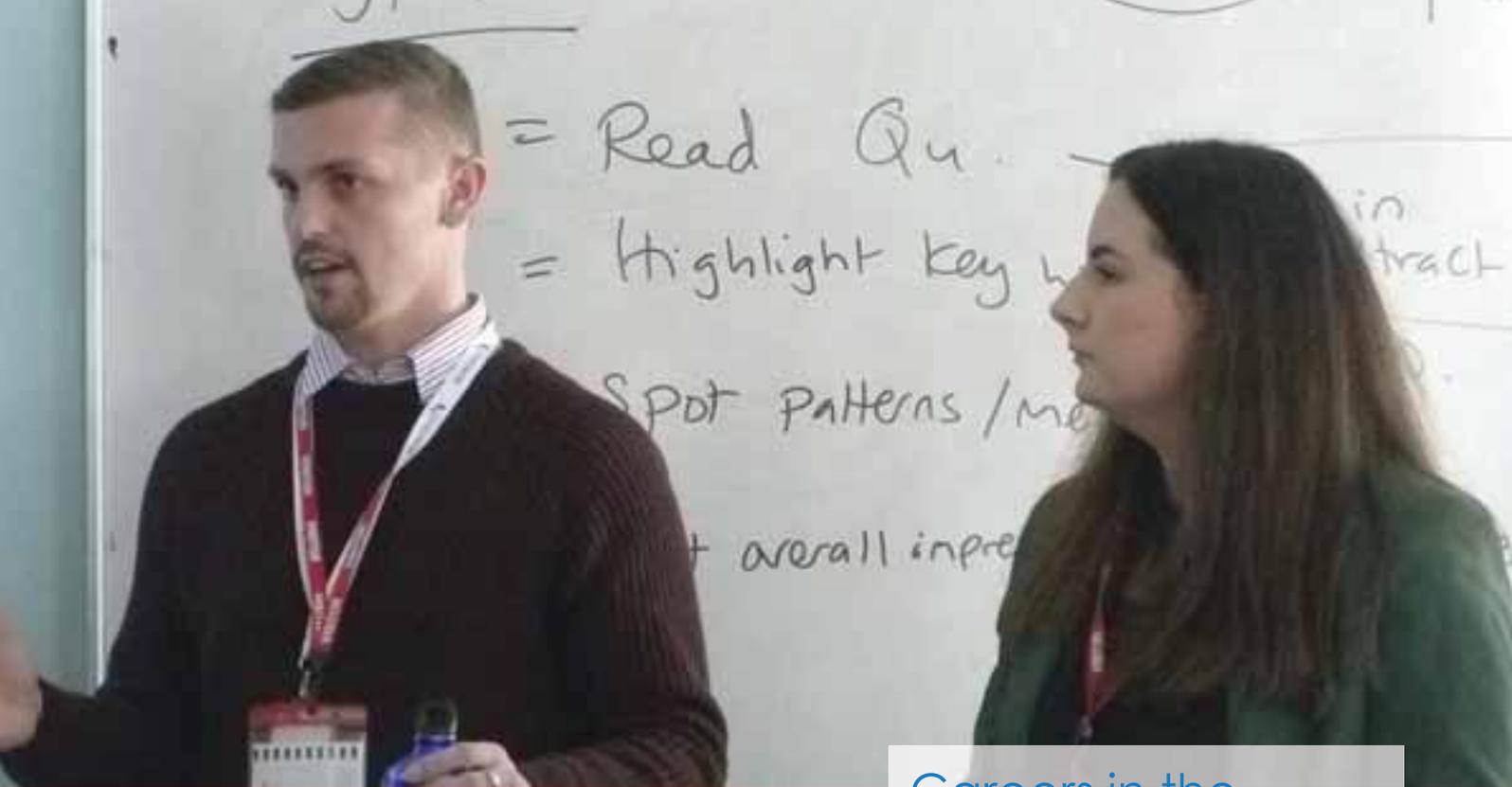
We are very much looking forward to the Plessey team coming into College again this year, delivering workshops to students during our Science Week and attending our annual Careers Fair in March."

That afternoon, Plessey strengthened the partnership further with a donation of two 3D printers.

A spokesperson said that their product team found they were no longer using two printers and that they were in great condition.

As a result, they were able to donate them to the Design Technology team at the College, who were very happy to increase their capacity for one of the most sought-after activities.

In addition to the printers, we also received a stock of resin, a form wash and form cure set, and some models to show the printers' capabilities.



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## Careers in the Creative Sector

### Get ready for the Next Level

A member of the University of Plymouth Outreach team visited the College in Mid-December to deliver an Assembly to our Year 11 students on the Benefits of University.

Following the Assembly, a workshop and Question and Answer session was offered to a group of interested Year 10 and Sixth Form students which covered a variety of areas such as student loans, and tips on how to select a course and university.

Year 13 student Nick said, "Yesterday morning we attended a university talk, where we discussed why university is beneficial, which ones to go to and how to apply/organise accommodation.

This was extremely helpful as it cleared up common misconceptions and helped me be better prepared going forward.



Kate Summerhayes from the Outreach team at Arts University, Plymouth delivered a fascinating Assembly to our Year 8 students on Careers in the Creative Sector, which is currently one of the key growth sectors in the UK economy. She highlighted new cutting edge creative careers such as Social Media Developer, Gaming and App Designers, alongside more traditional sector roles such as Illustrator and Interior Architect, and spoke about the Degree and Level 3 opportunities currently on offer at Arts University, Plymouth. Kate suggested to students that if they are interested in working in the creative sector, they may want to consider taking a creative subject alongside their other Options in Year 9, in order to keep their options open.

After the Year 8 Assembly, Kate delivered a Workshop and Question and Answer Session to a group of interested Sixth Form and Year 10 students. Sixth Formers discussed their current creative choices at University, and Year 10s talked about potential career pathways they were interested in such as Interior Designer and Art Therapist. Kate talked about working freelance, the benefits that a degree with an industrial placement can offer, and the importance of attending Careers Fairs and Open Day events as a way of researching choices for next steps at the end of Year 11 and Sixth Form.



### Advice on Apprenticeships

Annabel Taylor-Ross from Future Smart Careers delivered a virtual Apprenticeship Awareness Session to all of our Year 10 tutor groups during a Friday Registration.

This live online session was set up to support our Year 10 students, ensuring they are fully informed to consider all of their options as they move towards Year 11.

Annabel spoke about the growth in different levels of apprenticeships in all sectors of the economy, highlighting in particular the new 'Medic' degree apprenticeship which is due to be introduced in England for the first time this September.

Annabel also attended the Careers Fair in person in March to provide additional support and guidance to our students via individual guidance and pop up presentations during the evening.

### Building for the Future

The Spring Term started with a Careers Assembly for our Year 11 students on opportunities in Construction and the Built Environment by Morven Maclean from Building Plymouth. Morven gave students an overview of future employment opportunities in the construction sector in Plymouth. Morven highlighted key local employers and training providers who are offering jobs and apprenticeship opportunities in the Plymouth area and gave advice and guidance on how to apply for apprenticeships.

### Kawasaki Site Visit

A group of girls from our Greenpower Girls' STEM team were invited by Kawasaki to take a tour of their precision engineering factory site in Ennesettle.

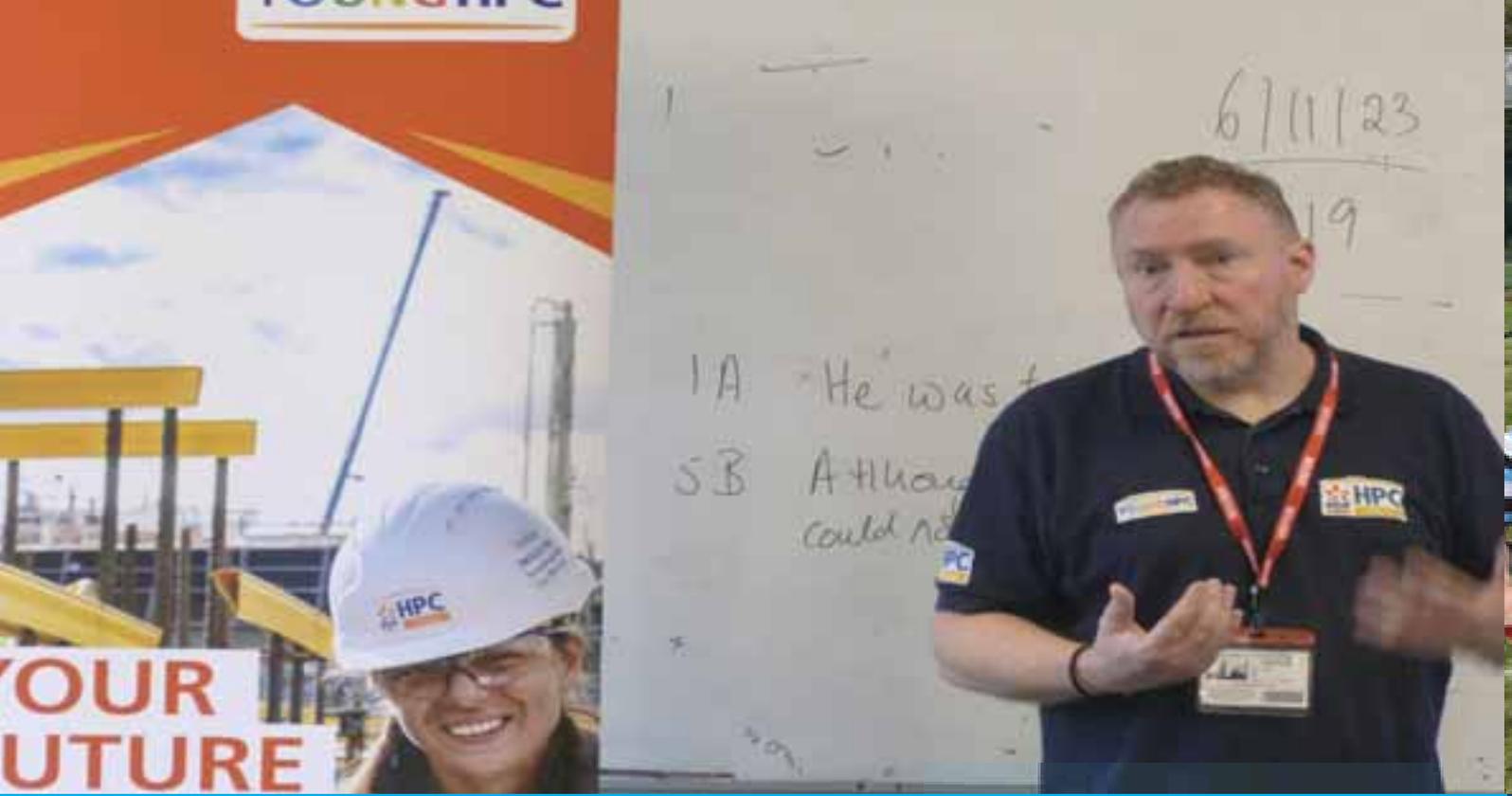
The trip started with a boardroom presentation by various members of the Kawasaki team, who discussed the concepts of hydraulics engineering, the types of machinery being produced on site, the rigorous testing and development processes, and the importance of the Kawasaki product and brand globally.

The girls had the opportunity to ask questions with various members of the team including a CAD designer, who uses CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to design and test motors and machine components.

The STEM team were then given a bespoke guided tour of the Kawasaki factory, which gave them an excellent insight into the production processes, rigorous testing and quality control systems used at Kawasaki.

Physics Teacher Craig Jewell said, "It was amazing to be able to give the girls a behind the scenes insight into precision engineering, and show them how some of the concepts they are starting to learn in Physics lessons are applied in industry.

"The visit was a fascinating experience, which I am grateful our STEM girls were able to be part of - I hope it gives them an insight into the types of roles they can aspire to as future engineers."



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### Apprenticeship Week

Just before the start of National Apprenticeship Week, Year 7 students were visited by Natalie Jary and Scarlett Sterne from the NHS Careers Hub at Plymouth Hospital Trust, who came to the College to deliver a Careers in the NHS Assembly.

During the Assembly, students learnt some interesting facts about when the NHS was created, what its values are and how many people it employs in its 350 roles.

They learnt about jobs in the NHS that are patient facing and non-patient facing, and the variety of different career pathways on offer in the NHS such as apprenticeships, T Levels, supported internships and University.

After the Year 7 Assembly, Natalie then delivered a Workshop and Question and Answer session to a group of interested Year 9 and 10 students, which covered areas including:

- Size and scope of roles within the NHS
- Career pathways into becoming a qualified Nurse, which include Healthcare Assistant and Nursing Associate apprenticeships, and Sixth Form and University qualifications.
- Progression routes within Nursing



### Green Careers

As part of our focus on national Green Careers Week, the Careers team were delighted to welcome Hinkley Point C into College to deliver an Assembly to Year 10 students on Careers at Hinkley Point C.

Students were given an insight into the scale and logistics of what is currently the largest construction project in the UK, its contribution to our national target of achieving Net Zero, and the wealth of employment and training opportunities available, encompassing areas such as Construction, Engineering, Logistics and Business and wider support roles such as Hospitality, Catering and Transport.

After the Assembly, Year 10 and Sixth Form students took part in an Employer Encounter session, which entailed further discussions and a Question and Answer session about employment and career pathways at Hinkley C, including a wide range of apprenticeship, undergraduate and graduate opportunities, and guidance on how and when to apply.

Students were also shown how to access Young HPC, an online skills development programme for 16-21 year olds who are interested in investigating career pathways and employment options at Hinkley Point C.

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## Astonishing Success

**The first half term of the new academic year saw our sports teams really put their best feet forward, recording many comprehensive victories (including six whitewashes).**

Many congratulations to the Year 9 Boys' Elite Football team, who kicked off the new season with an early win over their Torbay opponents by 10 goals to 0. A couple of weeks later the Boys' Year 7B team followed up with an impressive victory over a College in Plymouth with a score of 7-3. Not to be outdone, the Girls' teams also stepped up to the mark with the Year 10 and 11 Elite squad coming out on top with a comprehensive 15-0 victory over their Cornish opponents in September, whilst it was a case of 'lucky 7' for the Senior Girls' team in their 7-0 victory over a Grammar School team in East Devon in October.

In the same week the Boys' Year 7B team were celebrating their 7-3 victory, the Year 8 Elite squad were matching their peers in the Year 9 group with their own whitewash over a Torbay team, nine goals to nil. Not to be outdone, the Year 11 Boys' Elite squad took on a College in Torbay around the same time, winning 16-0.

Whilst our footballers were having a good time, our Girls' Netball teams were also returning some favourable results. At the end of September, our Senior Elite team recorded a comprehensive victory over a college in Cornwall by 52 points to 9. If that wasn't enough, they then returned and later in the half term won two matches in a week, both against schools in Plymouth with scores of 23-3 and 25-5.

And of course, our Rugby teams were also keen for a slice of the action and in early October, our Year 10 Boys' Elite team triumphed over a team near Tavistock winning 55 points to 10. However, that wasn't before another whitewash by the Boys' Senior Elite squad against a North Devon opponent 32-0 early in the Term.

And to cap off a great start to the sporting year, after the Boys' Year 7B team won against a Plymouth team, a couple of weeks later, the Year 9 Boys' Elite team also recorded victory over a team from the same college with an incredible score-line of 13 goals to 1.

We would like to thank all of our sports teams for representing the College with pride and to also congratulate them all on their impressive victories.



Members of Year 9 Elite Football Squad



Senior Girls Football Squad

Main Picture: Year 10 Elite Rugby Squad



## You can't stump Lucy

We would also like to congratulate Lucy Cawardine on the news that she has been selected to represent the Devon Under 15 Cricket Team as part of a tour of Sri Lanka. Despite the threat of rain stopping play, five of the six matches went ahead against different teams with the Devon side winning 3 of them.

The team faced three matches on consecutive days (lasting 25 Overs each), before a four day break and a final two matches over two days. There were some notable results with the Devon team winning two of their matches by over 70 runs. Well done to Lucy and the team.

## No Horsing around for Jessica

We would like to congratulate Jessica Mallen on a brilliant performance on the Equestrian course. Jessica took part in a qualifying event at Bicton organised by the National Schools Equestrian Association and secured a top 20 finish!

"I competed in the 80cm Show jumping class as an individual, on my 14.2connemara pony called Mo Stoirin."

"I got a clear round but wasn't quite quick enough, I came 17th out of strong class of 60 riders."



## 36 Sport

### Students receive the call from Local and Regional Clubs

Some of our Rugby students have made their presence known outside of the College. We would like to congratulate **Max Ward, Diego Lerro, Louie Tout, Theo Rebbly, Ellis Manu, Seb Lethbridge, Will Lane, Charlie Bosanko** and **Fynn Reeves** who were all selected for the Exeter Chiefs Under 15 Academy.

**Max Bryan, Oli Lane, Leo Hodge, Ben Lavers** and **Ben Winters** were selected to play for the Devon Under 17s Rugby Team and James Pullan (right) was selected for the Bath Rugby Academy.

Another College Alumni has been lighting up the Rugby field – Nick Lilley (part of Exeter Chiefs) was selected for the England Under 18 team for a tour of South Africa.



James Pullan



### Georgie joins the Green Army

Our budding sports stars are taking their talents into the community and none more so than student from Year 11 Georgie Knott who has been signed up by the Plymouth Argyle Women's team. A graduate from the Plymouth Argyle pathway, Georgie said she was very excited to be part of the first team and will be playing in a midfield role. In her short time at the club, Georgie has already been part of a National League match that has seen Argyle beat a London team by 5 goals to 1. The very best of luck to Georgie.



### Netting a Place

Students have also seen success in Netball and we would like to congratulate **Sapphire Langdon** and **Gemma Bennett** who have been called up to the Netball South West Senior Regional League 2 representing the Plymouth Pilgrims. The very best of luck to them for the campaign.



## Up and Over the Bar

Budding Gymnast Maisie Watson was celebrating following her amazing performances at the Devon Gymnastics Championships. Maisie competed in multiple events and earned a superb silver medal in the Floor competition, whilst triumphing in three others including the beam, bars and vault and taking home triple golds..



## Army Challenge Day

The Year 12 Uniformed Protective Services students had the exciting opportunity to participate in the Army Challenge day at Duchy College. The students experienced numerous challenges which gave them the opportunity to develop their teamwork and leadership skills. The students also displayed high levels of determination, resilience and respect throughout the day.



## Sport 37



Angus Wilson and Max Daniels (centre)

## Game set and Match

We are delighted to report the terrific results in Tennis for some of our students.

**Max Daniels** (above, centre) had a good run at the Devon County finals, battling deep into the tournament and securing a Runners Up

position.

Another of our Tennis Stars, **Angus Wilson** put in another good performance at the Plymouth Closed (Boys' Under 14) tournament and became champion for second time and successfully defending his title.

## Digging and Volleying for Victory

Congratulations to our Under 15 ladies Volleyball team for their victory in the second staging of the year of the Exeter and District Ladies' Development Tournament.

The girls finished third, so not straight through to the semi finals, however battled through a close quarter-final (play-off) winning by 28-25 and then winning by the narrowest of margins against their Plymouth opponents by 28-27.

The College team took victory in the final in another close contest against their Exeter opponents to win the tournament.

Congratulations to our Under 18 Volleyball Team, who played a great tournament and finished in fourth place at an earlier staging of the Exeter and District Ladies Development tournament.

## King of the Bikers



Congratulations to Year 8

**Rudy Priday** on a successful year. A member of the Plymouth Mountain Bike Club, The Pilgrim Flyers, Rudy capped off his year in style, by winning the accolade of best in his group for the year. He also claimed the prize of Rider of the Year, a huge achievement considering a membership of 97 riders.



A huge congratulations to Year 10 **Freya Weeks** on her achievement being selected for the England Girls' Under 15 Football Team as Goalkeeper. Freya has been involved in a variety of activities in her role, including being selected for a Tournament in Ireland, taking on School Aged National teams from Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland.



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### Our Winning Rugby Player West Devon Champions

The College has already seen some big sporting successes early in this academic year.

In this edition on page 35, we reported on some of the major fixture results of our teams in the first half term, with many comprehensive victories.

Congratulations to our Year 10 Elite Rugby team who have had a brilliant tournament with local schools and have landed some stunning silverware. The boys battled hard and triumphed in the final of the tournament, making them West Devon Champions.

As you will see in the next edition of the Echo, this was only the start of some notable activities and achievements by our Rugby students including a trip to Twickenham and a triumph in Portugal.

### Deves Dominates the Table



We would like to say a very 'Well Done' to Year 8's **Lucas Deves** who well and truly turned the tables on his opponents at a recent tournament.

Lucas took part in the Devon Schools Table Tennis Championships, battled hard and took second place overall for his age category.

Congratulations to Lucas on his securing his stunning silver medal position and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours and competitions.



### The Magic Number

A huge congratulations to **Eliza Melvin** (Year 9) for her achievements taking on not one, but three sports and recording some great results at the Area 16 Winter Triathlon Qualifiers.

Eliza had a great day, with some impressive scores and came home the winner in her Individual competition as well as supporting her team to a superb silver medal position.

Eliza scored a very impressive 96% during the shooting phase (or a score of 960 out of 1000) and winning the rosette for best shoot. She also completed in a very impressive 3 minutes, a 187m swim!

This particular race version of Triathlon is based on a Tetrathlon and involves Shooting and Swimming and Running.

Eliza's superb performance now means she has qualified for the area Winter Triathlon Finals which took place later in the academic year.



### Running, Running, Running

Congratulations to our students who hit the running track (or field in this case) representing the College at a major Cross - Country event.

Students from Year 7 through to Sixth Form raced at the Devon Schools Cross - Country Championships delivering some great results.

A special mention to **Eryn Hoey** (racing in the Year 7 Girls' category), **Grace Gokhale** (Junior Girls), **Trevi Buzza**, **Thomas Carter** and **Matt Holmes** (Junior Boys), as well as **Isaac Bye** (Inter Boys) for their performances.

Special recognition must also be made to Trevi for a top 20 finish in his category, whilst **Bella May** took a top ten spot (eighth position) for the Senior Girls.

**Luke Hayes** took the bronze medal position for the Interboys category, whilst **Charlie Milward** secured a top five spot himself (fourth position) racing in the Senior Boys event (to go with the top ten positions he secured in the previous academic year, at the Ivybridge 10k and Chudleigh Run).

Finally, a huge congratulations to **Matt Gilvear**, who following a brilliant result in the Ivybridge 10k (bronze position), upgraded his medal and took first place for the Senior Boys' Category.

Following their results, Luke, Charlie and Matthew's performances qualified them to represent Devon at the Regional Competitions later in the year.

### Charlie enjoys England Athletics Award

The College would like to congratulate one of its sports students on his recent major award.

Runner and Erme Valley Harrier **Charlie Milward** was presented with a prize at the South West Volunteer Awards organised by England Athletics.

Charlie has proved himself to be a very competent runner, posting some very competitive times in local races, and securing some impressive positions on the results table as well as keenly volunteering to help others in the sport.

And it was for this reason that he was presented his award, in recognition of his voluntary work, including his work in coaching some of the younger athletes at his local club. The Erme Valley Harriers also expressed their thanks to Master Milward on receiving his prize and for his 'time and commitment to the sport'.

In addition to his voluntary work, Charlie has also been proving himself out on the running course, securing top ten finishes in the Ivybridge 10k (tenth position) and Chudleigh Run (seventh position) in 2023, as well as claiming a top five finish in the Devon Schools Cross Country Championships for his race category, and qualifying to represent Devon in the Regional competition.

## Kiai!

Some of our Martial Arts students haven't put a foot wrong recently and fought their way to the top with some brilliant achievements.

We would like to congratulate **Alicia Westworth** (Year 7), **Oscar Eastley** (Year 8), **Coby Toogood** (Year 8) and **Oliver Wright** (Year 11) who have worked extremely diligently to claim their Marshall Arts Dan Black belts (in Oliver's case, even two).

A special mention to **James Daniels** (Year 9) whom at the same academy, was presented with the Prize for 'Student of the Year' for his group.

Nicola Brailsford, of Miss B's Martial Arts Academy said, "This young man always turns up to training with a smile on his face, eager to learn and with a funny story up his sleeve!

A huge congratulations to Alicia, Oscar, Coby, James and Oliver.



l to r: Oscar Eastley, James Daniels, Alicia Westworth, Oliver Wright

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### Sporting Opportunities

Congratulations to students (past and present) for recent achievements with National and Local Sports teams.

Year 11 student **Georgie Knott** has been signed up by the Plymouth Argyle Women's team. In her short time at the club, Georgie has already been part of a National League match and received the 'Player of the Match' award recently.

Former student **Ben Spencer**, has been called up for the England Rugby, Six Nations training squad.

With four England Caps under his belt, Ben is currently the Captain of Bath Rugby team

Another former student, **Caleb Roberts** has been called up for the Plymouth Argyle Starting Squad for their FA Cup match against Leeds United.

Year 11 **Tegan Finn** has been invited to train with the Plymouth Argyle first team.



### Howzat!

The College was delighted to see some great cricketing activities over this issue period. Congratulations to our Under 15 Cricket team, following a fantastic performance in the Regional Qualifiers in Plymouth to qualify for the Exeter Finals.

In a bid to tempt more female participation, we were delighted to be joined by Ben Ormsby from Devon Cricket, who delivered a series of workshops to girls sports groups.

The sessions were very practical, focussing on bowling skills but the students still had and opportunity to have some fun with the bat as well.



## Term Dates 2024/2025

Please refer to the College website for upcoming events

### Summer Term 2024

Summer Term Starts	Monday, 15 April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday, 6 May 2024
Half Term	Monday, 27 May 2024 - Friday, 31 May 2024
Term Ends	Friday, 19 Jul 2024

### Autumn Term 2024

Non Pupil Days	Monday, 2 September 2024 / Tuesday, 3 September 2024
Autumn Term Starts	Wednesday, 4 Sept 2024 (Years 7, 11 and 12 only) Thursday, 5 September 2024 (All Year Groups)
Half Term	Monday, 28 Oct 2024 - Friday, 1 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday, 20 December 2024

### Spring Term 2025

Non Pupil Days	Monday, 6 Jan 2025
Spring Term Starts	Tuesday, 7 January 2025
Half Term	Monday, 17 February 2025 - Friday, 21 February 2025
Term Ends	Friday, 4 April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

Summer Term Starts	Tuesday, 22 Apr 2025
May Day	Monday, 5 May 2025
Half Term	Monday, 26 May 2025 - Friday, 30 May 2025
Non Pupil Day	Friday, 27 June 2025
Term Ends	Friday, 18 July 2025



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# Dates for 2024

# PARENT FORUM

Thursday, 16 June 2024  
Wednesday, 10 July 2024  
5.00 - 6.15pm

For further information and to book a place on the next meeting please visit the College website  
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# Career of the Week

## Unsure of what you would like to do upon completion of your GCSEs?

Each week, the College Careers Team will present a Case Study outlining a particular Job or Occupation  
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