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Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and the recent warm weather has provided an excuse to enjoy the sunshine. I would like to share some exciting news regarding our talented staff and current updates as we head towards our formal examination series.

Unsung Hero ...

We are always so proud of the commitment and passion that teachers give to the profession. Last term a group of parents made contact with the College to request the support of nominating Mr Nick Hitt in the Unsung Hero category with the National Volleyball Association Annual Awards. As one of our most experienced Physical Education teachers, with a passion for Volleyball, Mr Hitt has been instrumental in providing incredible opportunities – with over 200 students across all Year Groups who regularly train and compete in Volleyball to National level. Congratulations to Mr Hitt for being successfully awarded The Unsung Hero by the Volleyball Association, and thank you to our committed parents and students who helped to make this happen.

Success breeds success ...

And it does not stop there. Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mrs Caron Russell, have been invited to attend Buckingham Palace this month to acknowledge their Long Service and contributions to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Thank you for all your years of service which has given so many students the opportunity to succeed as part of the Ten Tors Challenge and DofE Award.

The success of our Outdoor Education continues with Mr Gary Payne heading up our teams this year alongside a group of committed volunteers. Thank you in advance to all our very supportive staff and parent/carers. May we take this opportunity to wish our students taking part all the best for next weekend as they compete in the Ten Tors Challenge. It is always an incredible spectacle, watching hundreds of groups trekking out across the moors. Please feel free to join us!

We also wish all our Gymnasts good luck this weekend as they compete in the National Finals in Stoke.

Capturing the magic of Ivybridge on film ...

Next week we are inviting a team of filmmakers to the College, who will be spending time capturing the real-life stories across the many curriculum areas. We are looking forward to sharing the finished production with all our community towards the end of the Summer Term and as part of our new website launch.

And finally, congratulations to our Textiles, Art and Language students who have already successfully commenced their examinations. We would like to wish our students every success as they embark on their examinations.

Yours faithfully

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