



Ivybridge Community College Parent and Carer Bulletin

Summer Term II 2025

Safeguarding and E-Safety

Summer Term II - I would like to personally share how proud I am of our Year 11 and Year 13 students for completing their final examination series. A huge thank you to all staff and parents/carers, who worked tirelessly to help them prepare.

We have a lot to look forward to this half term ahead of the summer break with Enrichment Week, Work Experience and the Year 11 and Year 13 end of year celebrations, amongst other events. We would like all students to enjoy these experiences and remain safe whilst enjoying them.

With this in mind, I would like to make parents/carers aware of the Community Alcohol Partnership ([CAP](#)) which exists to reduce alcohol harm in local communities from drinking by young people under 25, with a particular emphasis on preventing underage drinking. CAP encourages local partnerships to assess leisure activities for young people in their area, to talk to them about what they would like to do and look at ways to increase choice and accessibility. Ivybridge Community College are actively part of the Ivybridge CAP as we aim to support the community and to keep young people safe by supporting them to have access to the best opportunities.

It is also a good time to remember that whilst most people look forward to the summer holiday, there are those who are worried about the break and in particular the additional cost of having children at home. Please be aware that [Ivybridge Foodbank](#) are available to support and also take donations should you be in the position to help.

E-Safety Article of the Half Term

Increase in Harmful Content online

Harmful online content is online material that causes distress or harm to individuals. Concerningly, more and more children are being exposed to harmful content online. The material can be anything from online abuse, sexual abuse and harassment to misinformation and extremist content. Harmful online content can have negative impacts on mental and physical well-being.

Please take some time to visit this [link](#) to take a look at South West Grid for Learning's (SWGfL) Harmful Content Report which includes analysis of the trends, challenges, and successes encountered in the past year.

External support resources available:

- ChildLine: www.childline.org.uk - Phone: 0800 1111
- Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
- Samaritans: www.samaritans.org - Phone: 116 123



Matt Annis
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Equality and Diversity

Equality and Diversity Notices

Looking back at Summer Term I:

- Culture Fest took place in the week commencing Monday, 19 May for the third year, to increase dialogue and visibility surrounding cultural diversity and anti-discrimination. Students had a range of opportunities throughout 'Culture Fest' with competitions, talks and workshops from a number of visiting speakers. It was a truly immersive experience and such a powerful event, that balanced education and celebration of cultural diversity.

Looking forward to Summer Term II:

- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month to be recognised in the week commencing Monday, 9 June with educational assemblies for all Year Groups.
- Refugee week to be celebrated in the week commencing Monday, 16 June with educational assemblies for all Year Groups and a 'Place of Sanctuary' group held in the LRC on Friday, 20 June, Break 1. This is a place of sanctuary and solidarity for anyone wishing to make new friends in light of this year's Refugee Week focus being 'Community as a Superpower'.
- Pride Month celebrated and recognised in whole school assemblies and the launch of School Diversity Week in the week commencing Monday, 23 June.
- School Diversity Week takes place from Monday, 23 – Thursday, 26 June to spread awareness of equality and celebrate diversity with a focus on a variety of protected characteristics. Within the week there will be further staff training, Student Assemblies, competitions in the LRC and inclusion games run by our PE Department for students to try out sports seen in the Paralympics. We will then be concluding the week with our annual Colour Run during Break 2 of Thursday, 26 June to bring our community together for a joyful fun run.



Darby Ball
Equality and Diversity Lead

PSHE

All students are now on the final units of learning in PSHE.

These are the 'Living in the Wider World' units. This includes for Years 7 - 9, areas such as employability, aspirations, financial decision making, online safety and digital literacy. Year 10 are focussing on Work Experience preparation and then evaluating Work Experience and CV writing. Year 12 will be focussing on mock interview preparation for Future's Week, CV writing and drafting a personal statement.



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