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**OFSTED '25 EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS**

**NATIONAL SPORTING SUCCESS**

**GREEN POWER**





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# Welcome to Ivybridge Community College



## OFSTED 2025

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This outstanding result means the College will now receive a graded inspection within the next 12-24 months; a formal recognition of the exceptional achievements of our students and staff.

This is such a tribute to the commitment of our exceptional staff, students' parents and trust colleagues.

As one of the biggest schools in the country, we have the resources to offer so much more than the others – but it takes energy, expertise and leadership at every level to turn that opportunity into a truly great education. We just have to keep our feet on the accelerator!



Principal Rachel Hutchinson expressed her pride, saying:

“This report is a testament to the incredible teamwork and dedication of our students, staff, parents, and governors. It reflects our shared belief that every child deserves the very best education.

Together, we will continue to push forward and ensure every student achieves their full potential.”

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Ofsted '25 1

## New Ofsted Report Highlights Exceptional Progress at the College

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The report offers a warm and vivid picture of life at Ivybridge Community College, highlighting the dedication of our entire College community. Inspectors were particularly impressed by our inclusive and supportive ethos, noting that, "relationships between pupils and staff are warm and nurturing." This caring environment, combined with our high expectations, creates a safe and harmonious place where all students are empowered to thrive.

Ofsted also praised the breadth of opportunities available, describing the range of sporting, cultural, and social activities as "remarkable."

Our commitment to providing a rich and varied curriculum ensures that every student can discover their strengths, explore their passions, and develop the skills they need for future success.

At Ivybridge Community College, our students are at the heart of everything we do, and it is their enthusiasm, resilience, and ambition that make our community such a special place to learn and grow.



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Rachel Hutchinson,  
Principal  
Ivybridge Community College



## 2 Ofsted '25



Character Education . . . Courage, Honesty and Authenticity



## Duke of Edinburgh 3

Students from Ivybridge Community College completed the bronze expedition element of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Participants were inspired to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery, by planning, training for and completing their expedition, as part of a team.

The Duke of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised youth achievement award, encouraging young people to engage in a variety of activities and challenges including Volunteering, Physical, Skill and of course, the expedition.

This can include new pastimes or incorporate some of the current activities they engage in.

On completion of the course, participants will be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award with badge and certificate in recognition of their hard work, attainment and effort.

Following this, some of our Silver Award participants took a trek on Exmoor to complete their three day expedition, on the next weekend.

We wish all of our Duke of Edinburgh participants all the very best as they continue with their individual Award challenges!





## 4 Careers

### Physics Monday

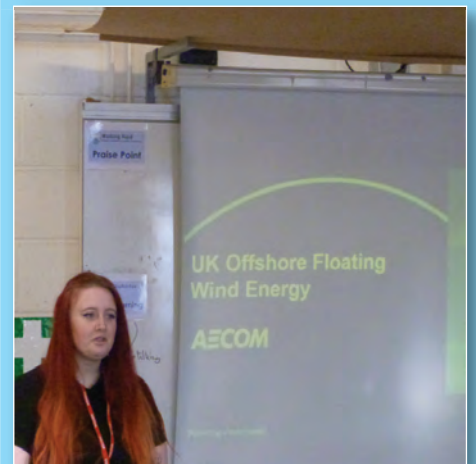
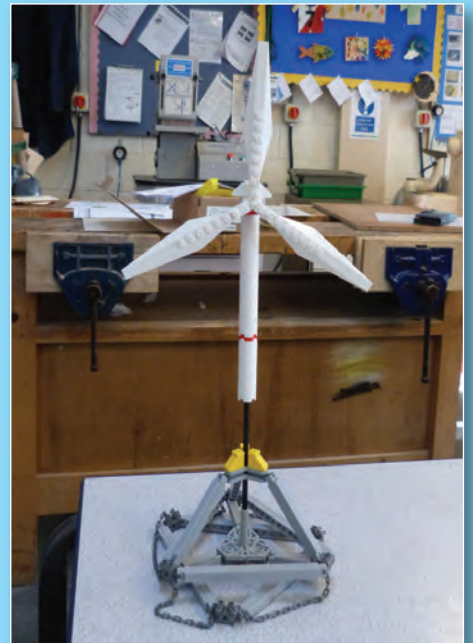
In an event designed to promote and encourage our Ivybridge Community College Girls in STEM, this week a group of Year 9 and 10 girls had the opportunity to take part in a Windfarm Challenge Activity with two Engineers, Gemma Maynard and Sean Collier, from AECOM.

At the start of the session, the girls were given an overview of the current UK FLOW (Floating Offshore Wind) sector, and the future potential for development that this sector currently has in the South West.

The girls then had the opportunity to develop their own key skills for Engineering (problem solving, resilience, teamwork, creativity), by competing in a timed windfarm building challenge, where they were split into teams, appointed a team Project Manager), and had to construct different types of windfarm models.


Big congratulations to our Year 10 students Lerryn, Georgia and Lucy, who became the first AECOM school team to complete the Advanced Barge Foundation Windfarm !!

We look forward to welcoming the AECOM team again to our school for the ICC Careers Fair on 6 March 2025.





**About Plessey**



- We make microLEDs for AR technology
- We are in Roborough in Plymouth
- Site built in 1985
- Nearly 300 employees
- Partnered with Meta in 2020

## A National Manufacturing Week Presentation by our School Employer Partners

As part of our College National Manufacturing Week events, our School Employer partner Plessey came into school to deliver a Careers Assembly to our Year 9 cohort.

This was followed by an Employer Encounter and Question and Answer session with a group of Year 10 students, in which they got to hear first hand from a current Plessey Higher National Certificate Apprentice and a Graduate about their pathways into Engineering.

Students looked at some of the MicroLED wafers that Plessey use in their manufacturing processes, learnt about working in a Fab (specialised factory), and tested some prototype glasses.

When asked about what advice they would give to their former selves in Year 10, the Plessey team stated...

“Be more aware of what’s out there and what skills you will need”

and

“When searching for apprenticeships, it’s really important to widen your choices and have a Plan B”



## Launchpad Live

A group of Year 11 and Year 10 students went to the **Launchpad Live Careers Fair** in September at Plymouth Life Centre, as part of their post 16 options research.

They tried their hands at many activities including...

- Carpentry
- Using VR headsets
- Bricklaying race challenges
- Hair styling techniques

...and used their networking skills to connect with local employers, colleges and training providers, who offered them support, advice and guidance on careers and opportunities in the Plymouth area.

A big thank you to the team at the YMCA Plymouth who organise this annual event for students across the Plymouth area.





## 6 Careers

### Making the Case

Students at the College were given an insight into Careers in the Legal Sector, with a visit from Tracey Wright, Solicitor and Partner in Wills, Trusts and Probate with Woollcombe Yonge.

After delivering an Assembly to our Year 8 students, Tracey met up with a group of Year 10 and Year 12 students, and talked about her experiences and career pathway into the Legal sector.

Tracey talked about the skills and qualities required to be a Solicitor, and the importance of students getting hands on experiences of law through work experience in Year 12, job shadowing and placements at University.

Tracey also talked about new Apprenticeship Pathways to becoming a Solicitor.

At Woolloombe Yonge, they have recently had their first apprentice qualify as a Solicitor and win the Young Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Award, which is an incredibly inspiring achievement.

Tracey's key words of advice to our students were:

**“Be resilient”** and **“Don't give up at the first hurdle”**

Our thanks to Tracey for presenting some informative talks and representatives from Woolloombe Young.

### Insights into Local Engineering



To celebrate National Manufacturing Day, a group of our Year 10 Science students along with Science Teacher Richard Barry and Careers Officer Jenny Hughes went on a site visit to the Kawasaki PM site in Ernesettle.

During the visit, students found out that the current Managing Director of Kawasaki PM was himself a past student of Ivybridge Community College, and he talked to them about the current pace of change in technology, and the massive opportunities that lie ahead for the next generation of Engineers.

Students also learnt that there are over 19,000 employees currently working in the Manufacturing sector in the Plymouth area.

During the factory tour, students learnt about the manufacturing process, saw robotic machinery and 3D printers in action, and were amazed by the rigour and quality of design, testing and production that all take place at Kawasaki.

Students fed back on their morning visit;

**“Today has influenced my aspirations for the future”**

**“The visit opened up new career pathways for the future for me”**

**“Kawasaki could be a potential connection for me in the future”**

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## Learning the Language

They say the best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in the environment and culture of it, so our Year 9 Language students got plenty of opportunities to hone their skills during their recent visit to Normandy.

Students took part in a variety of activities involving culture, team-building and adventure.

They also visited some places and locations of historical significance, but also engaged with the local populations as part of their journey.

Speaking on behalf of the Languages Department, a spokesperson said, "The students were amazing and had a fantastic time using their French in a range of real-life situations."

A particular highlight was a visit to a French school, where they made friends with students their own age.

They also enjoyed various outdoor activities at the chateau and sampling French cuisine, including snails!

Our thanks to the Modern Foreign Languages Department for once again arranging another culturally enriching expedition and we look forward to offering students further opportunities to enjoy school visits and trips very soon as part of our curriculum offer.





## 8 College Course Research Trips

### Going Ape

Sixth Form students paid an informative visit to Go Ape as part of Applied Business Studies programme.

Students, eager to learn the necessary information to complete their latest coursework assignment spoke with staff to gain a greater insight and a real life case study as to how a business operates.

Go Ape is an outdoor activity business operating over 35 parks across England and Wales.

This was a particularly interesting case study for the class, as the organisation has been majority managed and owned by an Employee Ownership Trust since October 2021, meaning that employees actually have a stake in the business.

This visit will have been very beneficial to the students in helping them acquire the information to complete their unit coursework (approximately a third of their Year 12 studies) and develop their contextual understanding of a real-world business.

Our thanks to Go Ape for welcoming us.

### NEA Launch for Geographers



Geography students took a trip to the University of Plymouth ahead of embarking on the start of an individual and essential course module.

Year 12 Geography students joined their peers from other schools within the Westcountry Schools Trust to learn more about the Geography Non-Examined Assessment as part of their programmes of study.

A team from the Trust led the session including the College's own Dr White. Special guests also included Professor Richard Yardwood, a Professor of Human Geography and Director of the Doctoral College. Speaking on behalf of the Geography Department a spokesperson said, "This was a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 Geography students to explore the Geography NEA in more depth with support from the wider Trust as well as our own Dr White."

Our students were part of a group of 100 Geography students from across Westcountry Schools Trust who gained an understanding of the demands and requirements of this assessed piece of work.

We thank everyone involved with this comprehensive workshop and to the Westcountry Schools Trust, and in addition, staff at the University of Plymouth for hosting us.



## College Course Research Trips 9

### Order, Order!

Students recently took advantage of an invitation to an important appointment at a famous London Landmark.

Earlier this year, a group of eager historians took a trip to the Capital and visited the world famous Palace of Westminster to meet with a key member of staff and pick up some extra political knowledge.

As part of Parliament's Learn with the Lords initiative, students were given a tour of parts of the parliamentary estate (including the House of Commons and the House of Lords), as well as the opportunity to participate in a Question and Answer Session with a member of the House of Lords and learn about their role in the UK Parliament.

Speaking about their visit, Head of History and Politics Adam White said, "We've been involved in having a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, going into both Chambers, being able to see at ground level, what it's like for MPs and Peers to be in Parliament."

Humanities teacher Robin Bray added, "The students are going to look at Politics probably in a different way having been here for a day."

"We met a Baroness...so our students got to engage with understanding the House of Lords and were able to ask their own questions as well."

Mr White said that it was such a privilege for the students to ask a question that they came up with themselves.

Learn with the Lords is an initiative of the UK Parliament, offering activities aimed at students between the ages of 7 to 18, including school visits, interactive online sessions and video resources, covering a variety of Parliamentary topics.





## 10 Green Power

### It's Three in a Row for our Girls in STEM Group

What some of our Girls' in STEM Group said:

"Really amazing event/ experience, very well cared for. Teachers were lovely, really enjoyable and inspiring."

"Having the group being all girls is great as it increases the recognition whilst also reducing the anxiety of worrying about messing up if it were a mixed group."

"I enjoyed the trip so much. It was great fun and such a good experience all of the team were great fun to be around. So thankful to be given this opportunity."

"It was amazing and really fun. Thank you for taking me and can't wait to race again"

STEM Lead Luke Skorka-Brown said,

"Another brilliant race weekend by the Girls in STEM team."

The College would like to congratulate our Girls' in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) group for their performance in the GreenPower Electric Car Racing series having qualified and competed in their third consecutive International Final.

A group of Year 10 and 11 students went to compete in the Final at Goodwood during a recent weekend. The girls were up at the crack of dawn on race day and met 85 other qualifying teams at the Goodwood racetrack.

In the first race, they achieved an amazing 19th place in the Kit Car class, and had to settle for a lower position in race number 2, largely due to a race stoppage and events beyond their control.

Through this Greenpower Challenge, our students have learnt mechanical, electronic, teambuilding, and problem solving skills, which will help them enormously as they move onto their next steps in the wider world.

I would also like to thank the team at National Grid, Teacher Mr Barry and Careers Officer Ms Hughes for their support during this event.

The Greenpower Electric Vehicle Challenge is a national competition organised through the UK Charity Greenpower Education Trust.

The Trust inspires young people around the world to excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through a unique challenge: to design, build and race an electric car.

The Ivybridge Community College Greenpower Project commenced in 2022 and was part of a wider Girls in Science programme run by science teacher Mr Jewell.

The club now includes many departments across the College including Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages and Design and Technology.

Our Girls' in STEM Greenpower team is sponsored by local employer the National Grid, and we are extremely grateful for the support, expertise and guidance that they give us.

A huge congratulations to all members of our team for their contribution to this terrific hat-trick.



## Cultural Awareness 11

### Reclaiming the Narrative

Students in Year 7 had the opportunity to engage with Black History, courtesy of Kate Summerhayes and her Tiny Travel Workshops.

The presentations focussed on Black History and Reclaiming the Narrative, giving students an alternative view of how the continent of Africa is represented.

This provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those from Ethnic Minorities as well as Africa's contribution to the wider world.

For example, Africa has contributed to the world many things that we take for granted including Oil, Coffee, Tea, Gold, Diamonds, Uranium, Cocoa, Grains, Vanilla, Fruit and Veg, Flowers, Cotton, Iron Ore, Copper and Cobalt.

Students also learnt about some of the misconceptions of the continent, including that it was once the richest continent on Earth, albeit now the poorest.

They learnt that Timbuktu in Mali, was once the richest city in the World and part of the Richest Empire on the globe (and larger than London). Africa also bucked the trend in years gone by with female rulers.

Students had an opportunity to look at information boards as well as inspect and sample some traditional objects such as musical instruments with origins in Africa.

Tiny Travels is an organisation operated by Kate Summerhayes that offers Interactive Cultural Learning Sessions for Children and Young People.

On her website, Kate says, "I believe that no matter who we are, we all have a role to play in creating a fairer, safer world - because a fairer world is good for everyone..."

I set-up Tiny Travels in 2022 to help children in rural areas gain an understanding and appreciation of cultures within the UK and around the world to help combat racism.

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.

We thank Kate for giving our students an insight into Africa and its cultures and we hope to invite her back to give more fascinating presentations to our future Year 7 students.



**"Since starting up, our cultural learning experiences have helped thousands of children and their families and teachers across the South West learn about cultures of the world beyond stereotypes."**



## 12 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

From Thursday, 16 to Saturday 18 January, in excess of 80 students from Year 5 Primary to Year 13 collaborated together to put on a tremendous production of the Broadway musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Students from across the age ranges were involved as actors, technicians, stage hands and other behind-the-scenes roles to put on a schnozztastic piece of theatre that received well-deserved standing ovations from the first night!



The whole project has been a great source of pride for all involved; a coming together of talent and effort in so many ways and of so many individuals.

A great reason to celebrate the wonderful students of Ivybridge Community College.



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## Music Concert

## Performing Arts 13

### A Super (locrian) Music Experience!



Selected music students got the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with a locally based Jazz band.

The College was delighted to welcome the Superlocrian Band to give students from across the Year groups a workshop and performance.

Head of Music, Katya Padlyevs'Ka praised the group for a **fabulous** workshop and astonishing performance of a **high calibre**. She also said that the audience were amazed throughout the set which created a series of **magic moments**.

The Superlocrian band is a South West based Chamber Jazz Ensemble led by one of the College's peripatetic music Tutors Sam Massey.

We thank the Superlocrian Band for visiting and look forward to more projects with Sam in the future.

### Maya Marches On!

Maya Jackson has been hitting the streets alongside her Marching Band.

As part of her activities with her local Sea Cadets Company, Maya took part in a spectacular display as part of the London Parade.

Despite the inclement weather, the troupe took part in a march which took in some famous London landmarks including Buckingham Palace, the Mall and Nelson's Column.

There was even sight of the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben and part of the Palace of Westminster) in the distance.

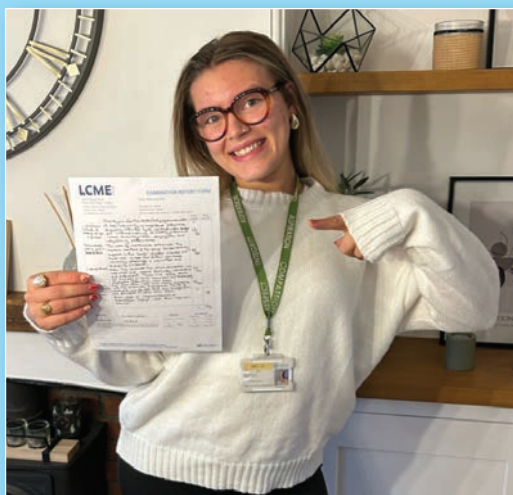
The parade commemorates the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson and is one of the Sea Cadets biggest events of the year.

Well done to Maya and her troupe on being part of an amazing occasion.





## 14 Performing Arts



### Level 6

The College would like to congratulate Performing Arts student Myleigh Pearce following her amazing achievement.

Myleigh (Year 13) worked hard and put in a great performance on her way to completing her Level 6 Performing Arts Examination.

As part of the process, she was faced with a variety of challenges including the daunting prospect of having to perform four songs!

However, Myleigh put in a very polished performance and achieved a superb mark of 94% for her work.

A star in the making? We certainly hope so and wish her all the very best for her future artistic adventures!

## Music Composition day



A Controlled Assessment day for Year 11 music students. The students worked hard composing a new piece of music from scratch using traditional musical instruments as well as specialist software and recording equipment.

## Even More Sibling Success



Sisters Mailli and Tansy Allen-Waldron have once again been busy with a variety of Musical performances.

Tansy was honoured to take part in the local remembrance commemorations for D Day, whilst Mailli took a trip to London for a special concert.

Meanwhile, Mailli had a visit to London along with seven of her peers from the South West, to play as part of National Youth Orchestra at a special concert at the BBC Proms. As well as playing to an audience in the Royal Albert Hall, the concert was also broadcast on BBC Radio 3 as well as on the television on BBC Four!



## Children in Need Charity Concert 15

### Students 'choose Respect' for Lunch

College students enjoyed a lunchtime variety show, in the name of charity and supporting a key message.

Members of our BTEC Performing Arts groups came together to deliver a Friday concert to an excited audience in-between lessons.

A number of the performances were based on the theme of **Choose Respect**, with proceeds being donated to Children In Need.

Students were treated to a variety of items including poignant poetry readings, dancing and singing.

We were delighted with the performance, which not only highlighted one of the College's key values of Compassion, but with the themes of the show also aligning with the **Choose Respect** motto of Anti-Bullying Week, which was also taking place.

We thank the performers for their efforts and hope to see them in more performances soon.

Indeed, some of the performers went on to perform at the Christmas Carol Concert and/or the RSL Winter Gig later in the Term.





## 16 Sixth Form

### To Outer Space and beyond!

The College was delighted to welcome Dorian from the UK Space Agency to present a workshop to students.

Following an informative visit last year, we were delighted to welcome Dorian back, where he gave Sixth Form students an insight into Space Travel, with a focus on astronaut safety as well as an introduction to Astronomy.

Students were given an introduction to the topic of space, as well as an opportunity to participate in practical tasks relating to real life space scenarios as well as create their own basic Galilean telescope.

The session covered some interesting questions, including:

How far away is space?

For their own health and safety, an astronaut needs to be weighed regularly to monitor their health – if conventional scales require gravity for them to operate accurately, how can you do this in space where there is none?

What colour are the furthest Galaxies?

This visit follows an informative session from last year, which amongst other things, saw students being given the chance to make their own compressed air rockets (projectiles) with some amazing results.

It also covered possible job roles in the Space Industry, the basic principles of fuelling a rocket, Velocity and Physics.

We would like to thank Dorian for visiting and hope we will be able to invite him back again soon to learn more fascinating facts about space.





## Sixth Form 17

### Former Students inspire Sixth Formers

Ivybridge Community College Sixth Form was delighted to welcome Ivybridge Alumni to give students an insight into their current activities.

In addition to a talk from some students pursuing a Career in Speech and Language Therapy, we were also pleased to welcome Josh Hudson, a member of the GB Bobsleigh Team.

Josh outlined his journey, from being scouted from his Rugby activities to the present day and the sheer cost of competing (£60,000 to £70,000 for the whole season).

Josh explained the fine margins involved and how on the edge a participant in the sport is requested to be and quoted that the fastest sled is usually the one that is closest to crashing.

He also suggested that track and field athletes can make good bobsleighters too.

Some students also had the opportunity to have a go to sit in a sled that Josh had also brought along.

We thank Josh Hudson for coming along and wish him well with his future sporting aspirations





## 18 Community

### The Top Ten

The Ivybridge community was out in force over a couple of weekends taking part in some 10ks.

Congratulations to Andy, Ayden, Beverly, George, Isabelle, Jasmine and Megan as well as any other members of staff or students who took part in the Ivybridge 10k.

The Group included Jasmine Barker, who set herself the challenge of running over 50 miles (increased later to 75) over the month of May, and exceeded the £1000 target,

exceeding by over £400, in aid of Young Devon.

The College would also like to thank students, staff members and those associated with the College including Alan, Catherine, Charlie, Mathew, Ruth and Sharon who were involved with helping out at the event.

Members of staff were out in force again two weeks later, to take part in another 10k, this time around the Reservoir at Burrator.

A very well done to Matt, Alan and Andrew and anyone else from the College who completed the race.



### Walking for Alheimers

Two students took in the coastal sites on their way to an impressive charitable achievement.

Well done to Bethany Priest and Charlotte Lucas who took on a near half marathon walk to spread awareness of Alheimers.

The tenacious team of two completed the 13 miles in under five hours, raising a fantastic £400 in the process. Another outgoing deed by our students in the name of charity and we can't wait to learn more about students' community inspired adventures and activities soon!

### Running for charity



Well done to Jas Barker, on her achievements and challenges to support charity.

Over the month of May, Jas challenged herself to run 75 miles in order to raise money for Young Devon. Jas had unfortunately lost a few friends to Mental Health problems, which spurred on the challenge to raise £1000 for the Young Devon charity (an organisation that has even provided support to our own students).

The task has taken her to a variety of places in Devon including the coast and the countryside, and she also took part in the Ivybridge 10k!

In the event, Jas raised over £1400.



## Girls Rugby Players take a (half time) break!

Sixteen of our girls from the Rugby Elite Development Squad took a trip to Sandy Park (home of the Exeter Chiefs Premiership Rugby Club) to see the masters at work and meet an England Rugby player and Olympian.

They took a break from their Rugby playing to watch Bristol Bears take on Gloucester Hartpury in what Lianne Spampanato described as, 'an amazing display of Rugby'.

Students were then invited to join 150 others for a dance as part of the half time activities.

They also had the honour of meeting Ellie Kildunne, a player for Harlequins, as well as for the National side for England, winning player of the match recognition along the way.

She later went on to represent Team GB as part of their ladies Rugby 7s Team at the Paris 2024 Games.

Lianne Spampanato, who accompanied the girls on the trip said of the students,

**“They put on a fantastic show and their behaviour was exemplary...Well done girls what a fantastic day!”**



## Superb Experience for Year 7 Student

Year 7 student Lizzie Pearce had a fantastic day on her visit to Sandy Park.

She enjoyed a match day experience, and took a tour of the ground and met key people.

A great day for Lizzie, it looks like she had a brilliant time, and we look forward to hearing about more student sporting experiences soon.



## 20 Sport

### Gone soft!

Congratulations to our Under 13 Cricket, who despite the name of the event, were as hard as nails and took home an amazing victory.

Our team, made up of Trevi, Tommy, Charlie, Toby, Jacob, Eddie, Matt, Ruben and Oli took a trip to Uni (Exeter University Sports grounds to be precise) to compete in the Devon Softball Finals.

As part of the day, the boys had a packed schedule, taking on four teams from places including Torbay, Great Torrington and Okehampton, topping their group in the process.

They then went on to defeat their Plymouth opponents with a brilliant performance in the final, becoming top of the ten teams to contest the tournament and thus the Devon Under 13 Champions.

A very well done to our team and we wish them well in further tournaments.

### College Girls making the Team

We would like to congratulate two of our female sports students (one former, one present) on their recent Rugby Successes.

Izzy Firth and Sophie Gilvear, both of the local Ivybridge Rugby Club were both initially selected by Devon RFU to participate with their inaugural Play Development Programme squad.

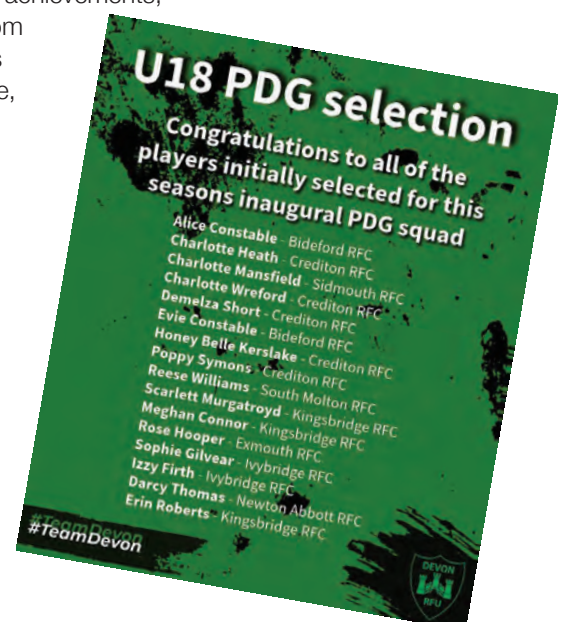
They will be joining 14 others, all members of Rugby Clubs across the region including East Devon, Mid-Devon, North Devon, the South Hams and Teignbridge.

These in turn will join with other who have been selected to make up a 33 member squad.

This news follows other student achievements, including Devon based news from 2023 when Sixth Form students Max Bryan, Oli Lane, Leo Hodge, Ben Lavers and Ben Winters all selected to play in a match for the Devon Under 17s Rugby Team.

Izzy and Sophie faced a tough selection process, with the task of standing out as part of a group of 130 applicants and including four tough trials over 16 hours, but we are delighted that they made it to the 33.

Many congratulation to the girls!





## I could have been a contender?...



A multitasking sports student has fought her way through a great tournament.

Congratulations to Alice Fleming, who took part in the England Boxing National Development Championship.

It was a very busy event for Alice, as she made her way through the rounds, staying for the duration of the Development tournament, making it all the way to the final and bagging the Silver Medal.

If that wasn't enough, she had already taken part in the Counties Junior Title in the same sports event and took the top spot.

There is never a dull moment for the fearless Miss Fleming as in addition to representing her Club (Mayflower ABC) as well as the South West region in her weight class, but has also been a member of the Under 16 Girls' Rugby Development Squad.

## Capping off the Cycling Season

We would like to congratulate Willow Peters following her cycling escapades!

Willow travelled to Sussex for the closing race of the season at the Orbea Southern Enduro Cycling Series.

Obstacles and grass and uneven surfaces were no match for Willow and she tore up the terrain to take first prize in the Under 13 category.

One of Willow's supporters acknowledged her sporting achievement and stated that, "she had a lot of fun riding around with her other competitors."

A Wonderful win for Willow, well done to her and we wish her well with her future cycling and sporting adventures!





## 22 Sport

### A date with World Champion Diver

During the break, Sixth Form student Oliver Tyson took part in an inaugural High Diving Camp run by a World Champion.

Oliver proved he had a head for heights, completing the two day course run by Fito Gutierrez and included training at the popular Plymouth Life Centre on the 10m board.

Day two then took things up a notch with an outdoor session at the Adrenaline Quarry with a fall from the cliff edge.

Oliver even upped his game to complete several dives off the 16m platform!

Oliver enjoyed this hair-raising opportunity.

### Not the Faull guy here!

Harry Faull (Year 8) proved himself, along with his teammates to be king of the greens with his performance at a golf contest.



His Cornwall Under 14 team travelled east to take on a team at the edge of the region.

The Team face a tall order as their opponents had completed the previous year unbeaten!

However, Harry played well, winning his foursomes round, as well as keeping his opponent in check during the individual round to contribute one and half points to his team (or 20% of his team's final score).

As a result the Cornwall group overcame their invincible opponents of last year, winning the contest by 7.5 points to 4.5.

### On the road to Wembley?

Alfie Vosper attended an Under 15s Emerging Talent Event organised by the English Football Association.

What a great experience for him and a massive well done to him for attending and securing his place.



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## No horsing around!

On the contrary, our students showed some horse harmony as part of their additional studies at College.

Well done to students Kaiden, Tom, Grace and Ava, who completed their qualifications from the British Horse Society and collected their Level One and Two certificates in Horse

Care and Stable Management.

In addition, following their activities at the Brook Riding Stables in Ermington, Maddie and Carter have also showed skill and discipline in earning their Level One and Two BHS Horse Riding awards.

Well done to all our students!

## The (Martial) Art

Several of our students have smashed it at a Martial Arts Tournament.

James Daniels (Year 10), Oscar Eastley (Year 9) and Jacob Hackney (Year 8) were among those who bravely represented their Martial Arts Club.

However, also participating were Year 8 student Alicia Westworth and Sixth Form student Oliver Wright, who fought valiantly in their competitions and taking first place prizes.

The College has previously celebrated student James Daniels, whom at the same Academy, was presented with the 'Student of the Year' award for his group.

Alicia, Oscar as well as Coby Toogood also received a mention in the past for achieving their Martial Arts Dan Black belts, whilst Oliver sprung into action and secured his second.



## Rain? What Rain?

Year 8 student Grace Gokhale braved the rain for a challenge in Rossendale.

Intrepid Grace represented Devon, participating at the Junior Fell Running Championships taking on some tough climbs.

Despite the steep 230m elevation, Grace competed over what looked like a muddy course stretching over two and a half miles in the Under 15 Category.

Well done Grace and we look forward to hearing more of your running adventures soon.





## 24 Sport

### Badminton Bronze and Silver

Our students collected an impressive set of medals at the recent Devon National Schools Badminton Championships.

The Year 10 and 11 boys' put in a good performance finishing in bronze medal position in their category.

Not to be left out our Year 8 and 9 participants also put in a shift finished the competition in a superb silver medal position.



### No nonsense for Nelly

If the top sixteen is seen as the domain of the masters, then the College has one on their student role.

Key Stage 3 student and keen Fencer Nelly Harvey travelled to the Capital to take part in the England Youth Fencing Championships.



Nelly managed to make it into the second stage of knockouts, however, fell slightly short in a close contest by 8 points to her opponents 10.

However, her performance on the day was still enough to rank her in the top 16 fencers for her age group.

A very well done to Nelly for her valiant performance and we look forward to hear more on her future progress!



## Term Dates 2025/26

### 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

### Autumn Term 2025

Non Pupil Days	Wednesday 3 September / Thursday, 4 September 2025
Autumn Term Starts	Friday, 5 Sept 2025 (Years 7, 11 and 12 only) Monday, 8 September 2025 (All Year Groups)
Non Pupil Day	Friday, 24 October 2025
Half Term	Monday, 27 October 2025 - Friday, 31 October 2025
Term Ends	Friday, 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

Non Pupil Days	Monday, 5 Jan 2026
Spring Term Starts	Tuesday, 6 January 2026
Half Term	Monday, 16 February 2026 - Friday, 20 February 2026
Term Ends	Friday, 2 April 2026

If you have an article celebrating a student's achievement, please complete the 'Submit a News Article' form located on the College website under the Contact Us tab <https://www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/>





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