



22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: College Update - Extreme Heat

Following the updates shared in the Principal's Newsletter on **Friday, 19 June 2026**, and in response to further Met Office weather warnings forecasting extremely high temperatures over the next three days, **Ivybridge Community College has temporarily extended its uniform expectations, with two uniform options now available to all students.**

Option 1. Uniform with adjustment

If students prefer to remain in College uniform, we strongly recommend the following measures to help them stay cool and comfortable:

- Formal grey College shorts may be worn as an alternative to trousers.
- Short-sleeved white College shirts are advisable.
- Blazers may be left at home for the next three days.
- Ties and lanyards are still expected to be worn.
- We recommend ankle socks instead of tights where appropriate.

Option 2. Physical Education Uniform

Students may choose to wear their Ivybridge Community College PE kit (with lanyards) to College instead of their formal uniform for the next three days, Tuesday, 23 – Thursday, 25 June 2026.

A reminder that **Friday, 26 June 2026 is a non-pupil day.**

Please can we take this opportunity to remind students that the PE kit includes the following items **only**:

- College branded PE t-shirt
- Navy blue skirt
- Navy blue shorts (these **must not** be Nike Pros or short cycling shorts)

If your child only has sports leggings as part of their PE kit, we would suggest opting for Option 1 (Uniform) including the College skirt as this would be cooler.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form students are expected to follow our Sixth Form dress code, presenting themselves as positive role models for younger students.

Uniform Policy

As per the College Uniform Policy, if any clothing is worn which does not adhere to the information above, alternative clothing will be provided and/or parents and carers will be contacted.

For any student representing the College this week for Open Mornings etc, the same two options above apply.

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Parent and Carer Support

The College would also like to remind all parents and carers to take extra precautions to help students stay safe, comfortable and hydrated throughout the College day.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our priority, and we are taking practical steps to help everyone manage the warmer weather conditions.

We ask that all students:

- Bring a refillable water bottle and drink regularly throughout the day.
- Bring a hat or cap for use during outdoor activities and break times.
- Apply sun cream before coming to College and, where appropriate, bring sun cream to reapply during the day. A reminder that aerosols are not permitted.

Break Times and Outdoor Activities

Students will be encouraged to:

- Use the shaded areas across the College site during break times.
- Spend time in the main dining and indoor communal spaces, where temperatures are generally cooler.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will continue to take place however, staff have been provided with alternative indoor venues if required. If students do go outside, activities will be adjusted to suit the conditions. Staff will also ensure that there are regular drinks breaks, therefore please ensure that students bring water bottles to all PE lessons, and there will be an opportunity to refill bottles were required.

College Operations

We will endeavour to keep the College open as normal throughout the hot weather period. We will continue to monitor conditions closely and do our best to keep classrooms and learning environments as comfortable as possible.

Should there be any further guidance or changes, we will keep parents and carers informed through our usual communication channels.

Students are due to return on Monday, 29 June in normal College uniform.

If you have any further concerns that relate to your own child's needs, please contact the appropriate department via icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to keep our students safe, comfortable and ready to learn during this period of extreme heat.

Best wishes

Ivybridge Community College