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Dear Parents and Carers

A Community Effort: Thank You for Your Support

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week at Ivybridge Community College, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for the collective effort shown in supporting your child's learning, attendance and readiness for College throughout this exceptionally warm week.

Despite the exceptionally warm weather this week, students have shown impressive resilience, maturity and positivity, allowing learning to continue with minimal disruption. Thank you for your support in ensuring students arrived prepared and ready to learn.

We were also delighted to welcome Year 5 pupils and their families to our Open Morning events. Our students were exceptional ambassadors for the College, demonstrating the values of Respect and Compassion through their confidence, kindness and pride in their College. Visitors consistently praised the positive culture, excellent behaviour and welcoming atmosphere across the College. One parent commented:

"As a teacher of 16 years, I have visited many schools throughout my career. Some recent visits elsewhere had left me feeling concerned about the standards, culture and behaviour I was seeing. Today's visit to Ivybridge genuinely reassured me and reminded me what a positive school environment can look and feel like. The students representing the school were a real credit to the College. They were polite, confident and engaging, and spoke so positively about their experiences. What stood out most to me was the behaviour of the students throughout the College. The standards were exemplary, and there was such a positive atmosphere across the school."

Celebrating the Class of 2026

This week we proudly celebrated our Year 13 leavers as they prepare for university, apprenticeships, employment and other exciting opportunities.

Their achievements reflect not only academic success but also the Aspiration, Integrity and compassion they have demonstrated throughout their time with us. We thank them for their contribution to College life and look forward to hearing about their future successes as valued members of our Ivybridge alumni community.

Harnessing Innovation: DELL Technologies Conference

The College was pleased to host the DELL Technologies Conference, bringing together students, educators and industry partners to explore digital learning and artificial intelligence.

Students engaged enthusiastically in activities that promoted creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, while staff continued their professional learning alongside colleagues from DELL Technologies and Microsoft. As we embrace emerging technologies, we remain committed to using them responsibly and effectively to enhance learning and prepare students for the future workplace.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

This amazing event was recognised and appreciated by Nat Parnell, CEO at Westcountry Schools Trust.

"We are delighted with the recent Dell Student Experience and Educator Conference hosted at Ivybridge Community College. Above all, the highlight was the engagement of students from Ivybridge, alongside those from other WeST and non-WeST schools on Thursday. It was also very gratifying to hear so many guests praise the way Ivybridge students conduct themselves.

My sincere thanks go to Rachel Hutchinson, Darren Lockley, and everyone at Ivybridge who went to great lengths to host and deliver such a high-profile success. Collaboration at its finest."

If you have a particular interest in this area and would like to contribute to future discussions, please contact us at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

Uniform Expectations from Monday, 29 June 2026

As temperatures are forecast to return to more seasonal levels, we expect all students to return to their usual formal College uniform from Monday, 29 June 2026. To support students' comfort, blazers will not be required at this stage. Students should attend in:

- College shirt
- College tie
- College trousers or skirt
- Appropriate College footwear
- College lanyard and identification card

We will continue to monitor weather conditions closely and communicate any further adjustments should they be necessary.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have navigated another successful week, celebrated significant achievements and embraced exciting opportunities for the future. As always, our shared commitment to aspiration, kindness, respect and belonging remains at the heart of everything we do.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal