



21 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrating a Term of Success

As we reach the end of another successful term, I am delighted to celebrate the many achievements across our College, which truly reflect the Ivybridge Community College values of Aspiration, Integrity and Opportunity. Our Year Team celebration assemblies have been a highlight, recognising the commitment, resilience and character shown by so many students. We are exceptionally proud of Year 10 Football Team, crowned Devon Football Champions, and of our alumni who have represented international teams in the U18 Rugby Six Nations, fantastic examples of aspiration and excellence.

My sincere congratulations also go to Gary Payne, our Head of Outdoor Adventure whose outstanding contribution to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has rightly been recognised with an invitation to Buckingham Palace. It has also been a pleasure to celebrate the many students who consistently demonstrate our Character Values, contributing to the inclusive, respectful and positive culture we are so proud of.

Community Links

We are working closely with the Town Council, Police and partner agencies to address concerns about the behaviour of a small minority of young people outside school. This does not reflect the overwhelming majority of young people, who are a credit to our community. Through collaboration and shared responsibility, we will continue to keep everyone safe, promote respectful behaviour and strengthen positive relationships beyond the College gates. If you can support this work through local links, volunteering or ideas, we would love to hear from you by contacting the College at: icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

Supporting Students with Medical Needs

As we prepare for the introduction of Benedict's Law in September 2026, we are updating student medical records to ensure the highest standards of care. Updated medical questionnaires are being distributed across all Year Groups via email, to build a clearer and more accurate understanding of students' needs. This work is vital in ensuring safety, inclusion and effective support for every learner. We are grateful for your support in completing these questionnaires.

Beehive Project and Environmental Learning

We are pleased to introduce a new College beehive, funded by the National Bee Charity, as part of our commitment to sustainability. This initiative provides valuable opportunities for students to engage with environmental science, biodiversity and conservation. It reflects our value of opportunity, enabling students to develop knowledge, skills and a strong sense of environmental responsibility.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday, 1 June 2026** for a positive start to the next term. On this day, professional Year Group photographs will be taken for **Years 7, 9, 11 and Sixth Form**. Please support us by ensuring students attend in full, smart uniform, in line with College expectations. I hope you enjoy a restful break.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion