



11 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another very busy examination week for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have continued to show fantastic dedication to their studies. We have been particularly impressed by the commitment shown by our Year 13 students to their independent study between examinations. I know you will all join me in wishing our students the very best of luck for their remaining examinations.

Enrichment at Its Best

It was wonderful to see so many students and families attend our annual Duke of Edinburgh's Award enrolment event on Monday, creating a real sense of community spirit across the College. Participation in the award has grown significantly in recent years, with Gold Award completions increasing from one student in 2024 to twelve students in 2026. This success would not be possible without the support of our parents, carers and community volunteers, for which we are extremely grateful. We are excited to continue building these opportunities further through the development of our wider co-curricular programme in the year ahead.

Professional and Outreach Opportunities

The coming weeks promise to be an exciting time for our College community, with a range of opportunities celebrating innovation, creativity and partnership.

- Ivybridge Community College has been selected to host a regional 'AI in Education' event in partnership with Dell Technologies, Microsoft and Intel, welcoming schools from across the region to explore the future of AI in education.
- We are looking forward to welcoming a celebrated local author on Thursday, 2 July 2026 to recognise some of our keenest readers in Year 7.

Inaugural Speech Day – Save The Date - Saturday, 11 July 2026

Preparations are well underway for our inaugural Speech Day on Saturday, 11 July 2026, a celebration of student achievement alongside music, sport, local stalls and family activities. Families will be warmly welcomed for cream teas and summer celebrations.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support and understanding during what has been a challenging week for our wider College community.

Thanks to the professionalism and care of our staff, the College

has remained calm, supportive and firmly focused on students' well-being and learning.

We look forward to a successful remainder of the term ahead, including welcoming those families attending our SEND Conferences next week. We still have spaces for any families that would like to drop by.

- **SEND Conference – Transition (Year 6) – Monday, 15 June 2026** [here](#)
- **SEND Conference – Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) – Tuesday, 16 June 2026** [here](#)
- **SEND Conference – Key Stage 4 (Year 10) – Thursday, 18 June 2026** [here](#)

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

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