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Dear Parents and Carers

Resilience in the Sunshine: A Positive and Purposeful Week

It has been another very positive and purposeful week at Ivybridge Community College. Despite the continued warm weather, our students have shown great resilience, cooperation and maturity. We have been very proud of the calm and mature way they have responded.

The Summer Term continues to be busy and enriching, with trips, events and opportunities taking place across the College. Staff have made appropriate adjustments to support students in the heat, while continuing to ensure high-quality learning. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with attendance.

Students will shortly receive their Key Stage 3 Assessment Reports, and we are delighted to see a significant upward trend across every Year Group. This reflects the hard work, commitment and determination of both students and staff. We are also very proud of our Year 10 students following their end-of-year examinations. If they continue to show the same effort and focus, they are well placed to be our highest ever Year 11 achievers.

Futures, Community and New Beginnings

We have also been incredibly impressed with our Year 12 students during Futures Week. Through university visits, workshops and professional interviews, students have engaged in mature and thoughtful conversations about future pathways, careers and life beyond College. We are very grateful to the many professionals from our wider community who generously gave their time to support and inspire our students.

As we look ahead to September, we are delighted to welcome our new teachers for their Induction Day. We are pleased to welcome: **Daniel Wase**, Secondary Intervention Teacher – Numeracy, **Josh Kaboleh**, Teacher of History, **Francis Waine**, Teacher of History, **Emily Briant**, Lead Practitioner, Social Mobility (returning), **Courtney Wood**, Head of Performing Arts.

Mobile Phone Update

Since the introduction of the statutory mobile phone ban, the majority of our students have been extremely compliant in not using their phones during the College day. However, there are still occasions when students ask to use their phones to contact home about forgotten items or ParentPay account top-ups. The latest Government guidance is clear that schools must ensure there is no mobile phone use during the school day. Please therefore ensure your child's ParentPay account has sufficient funds before they arrive at College, ideally by checking the balance the evening before. If urgent contact home is needed, students should speak to the Pastoral Team regarding forgotten items, or the Finance Team for catering account support. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Celebrating Success and Looking Ahead

Preparations are also underway for our inaugural Speech Day this Saturday, where we will celebrate the achievements, character and contributions of our students. Congratulations to all students who will be attending to receive awards. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to recognising your hard work and success. The celebrations continue, as Speech Day is followed by our Fun Day, open to the wider community from 1.30 to 5.30pm, an event not to be missed, please do come along.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

We are delighted to share our plans for the final three days of term, from **Monday, 20 July to Wednesday, 22 July 2026**. Students in Years 7–10 and Year 12 will take part in enrichment activities, interactive experiences and specialist workshops, providing an exciting preview of our new **Co-Curriculum Programme**, launching next academic year. A detailed letter will be shared with families, including timings, venues, required items and lesson arrangements. As a reminder, students must wear full College PE kit and trainers for all three days.

As we approach the last week of term, we will continue with another strong attendance push. Every day still matters and we want all students to finish the year positively. We also look forward to launching our **Attendance Matters September 2026 Initiative**, which will support and celebrate excellent attendance as we begin the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal