



17 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrating an Exceptional Year

As we reach the final few days of the Academic Year, there is so much to celebrate. This has been an exceptional year for the College, filled with academic progress, personal growth and memorable achievements across every part of our College community.

Our students have consistently demonstrated Aspiration through their determination to achieve their best, alongside the Respect, Integrity and Compassion that are at the heart of our College values. Supported by the care, dedication and high expectations of our staff they have achieved remarkable success. From the fantastic *Aladdin* and *Little Shop of Horrors* productions and the national success of our Greenpower Racing Team, to outstanding sporting achievements, impressive student leadership and stunning artwork worthy of a professional gallery, our students have continued to make us incredibly proud.

We ended the term in true celebratory style with a wonderful Speech Day, bringing together students, families, staff, local organisations and colleagues from across the Trust. Led so confidently by our Student Leaders, the day recognised progress, excellence, enrichment and character across Years 7 to 10, before continuing with a lively community fair. It was a joyful and fitting way to end the year, and the beginning of what we hope will become a very special annual tradition.

End of Term Arrangements

We are looking forward to the final three days of term, which will include our Co-Curriculum programme, Year Group Sports Days, Celebration Assemblies and opportunities for students to bring together their learning from across the year.

To recognise students who attend during the final three days, we will be awarding special All-Star 30 points on class charts. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends and enjoys these positive end-of-term experiences.

Futures, Community and New Beginnings

In August, we look forward to celebrating the hard work and achievements of our students on results days. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us from 8.30am on both dates for photos and celebrations:

- A Level Results Day: Thursday, 13 August 2026
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday, 20 August 2026

As the year comes to a close, we would also like to thank the dedicated teachers and support staff who are moving on from Ivybridge Community College. Many have given years, and in some cases decades, of loyal service to our students. Their care, commitment and passion have made a lasting difference to countless young people, and we wish them every success in the next chapter of their journeys.

Next week College Directors will write to all families with key information to help students prepare for the new Academic Year. This will include a reminder of each student's Tutor and Tutor Room, along with details about when parents and carers can access Class Charts to view student timetables for 2026–27. Timetables will be available on Class Charts from Thursday, 3 September 2026.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

We know that being able to see timetables in advance can help students feel organised, prepared and reassured ahead of the new term. The letter will also include important updates about uniform and mobile phones, in line with the latest Department for Education guidance.

If you need any further information before the end of term, please contact the College via icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk. For students with key workers who may need additional one-to-one support, please contact send@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk before 4.00pm on Wednesday, 22 July 2026.

100% Attendance All-Star (30 Points)

To support a strong and positive start to the new academic year, all students who attend on the first day back in September will receive 30 Class Charts points as part of our Attendance All-Star reward.

Research shared by the Department for Education highlights the importance of strong attendance from the very beginning of the school year. Students who attend well in the first week are more likely to maintain good attendance throughout the year, which supports their progress, confidence and enjoyment of school.

We will be launching a number of positive initiatives next year to support attendance, particularly for students who may find this more challenging. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and would like additional support or guidance, please contact us at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk so that we can work with you to help your child feel connected and supported in College.

Looking Forward

As we say goodbye to this remarkable Academic Year, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our entire College community. Our students, staff, families and governors have all played an important part in the successes we have shared.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. It makes a real difference to our students and to the life of the College.

I hope you all enjoy a safe, happy and well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any further support or assistance before the end of term.

Useful Information

- Reception opening times will change from September, with an earlier opening time in response to parent feedback and to improve accessibility for families.
- The icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk inbox will not be monitored during the summer holiday.
- Please see the attached "Where Can I Get Help During the Holidays?" guide for useful support services and signposting available over the summer break.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal