



11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of a highly successful first week of the new academic year, I would like to thank all families for their support in ensuring such a positive start. It has been wonderful to welcome students back with enthusiasm, determination and a strong commitment to learning.

Our attendance figures this week have been excellent and reflect the dedication of both students and families. Regular attendance, punctuality and active engagement remain key to success at Ivybridge Community College, and we know that students who attend well and participate fully in College life achieve the strongest outcomes.

If your child requires any support with motivation, learning, wellbeing or friendships, please do not hesitate to contact us at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk. Our Pastoral and Welfare Team are always available to help, and staff are present at the College gates and in Peverall Hall from 8.25am each morning to ensure students start the day positively and confidently.

A Strong Start to the Year

Through our Welcome Back Assemblies, we have shared our expectations and aspirations for the year ahead. Our focus for 2026/27 is to live our core values of Respect, Aspiration, Integrity and Compassion, alongside our commitment to "Every Lesson, Every Minute, Every Day."

Students have been reminded about the importance of excellent attendance, positive conduct, uniform standards and the responsible use of mobile phones, helping us maintain a calm, respectful and purposeful learning environment where every student can thrive.

Thank you to all families who attended our Year 7 Starting Event this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers engaging with staff and beginning to build the strong partnerships that are so important to a successful College experience. We also look forward to welcoming Sixth Form students and families to our "How to be Successful in Sixth Form" event on Thursday, 17 September at 5.30pm.

Home Learning

This year we are introducing a simpler and more family-friendly approach to home learning. All tasks will be set on Tuesday mornings and completed by the following Tuesday at 4pm, providing greater flexibility for families and helping students develop consistent study habits.

All home learning will be available through ClassCharts, with Tuesday support clubs available for any students who require additional guidance or time to complete their work. Further information can be found in the "Quick Read - Home Learning" guide on the College website.

Celebrating Enrichment

It has been fantastic to see enrichment activities already underway this term. These opportunities help students develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and a strong sense of belonging.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

Congratulations to our Year 10 Netball Squad, who began the sporting year with a competitive tournament against Plymouth High School for Girls, Stoke Damerel Community College and Devonport High School for Girls, demonstrating excellent effort and team spirit throughout. We also wish our Year 8 Netball Squad the very best as they travel to Bournemouth for their National Cup fixture.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we have made an excellent start to the academic year, and I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every student enjoys a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson

Principal