



25 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

All staff and students really are in the full flow of the first half term. It's been lovely for our duty staff to engage with our students in the early autumn sunshine.

Student Leadership Launches

This week we have been delighted to congratulate our new Student Leaders, who have been appointed following a successful application process. We have already been impressed by the enthusiasm, confidence and maturity they have shown in stepping forward to take on these important roles. Our Student Leaders play a valuable part in our College community, helping to represent the student voice, support College events and act as positive role models for others. Taking on leadership responsibilities provides our students with opportunities to develop their confidence, communication and teamwork skills, while also encouraging a strong sense of belonging and community. We are particularly excited that our new Student Leaders will soon begin their training in preparation for our Year 6 Open Evenings, where they will have the opportunity to welcome and support prospective students and their families. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them flourish in their new roles

Could You Be the Voice of Parents in Our College Community?

Our College thrives because of the wonderful partnership between families, staff, students and the wider community. One of the most important ways parents/carers can help shape that partnership is by becoming an elected Parent Representative on our WeST Community Council (WCC).

We are currently seeking nominations for our Parent Representative vacancy, and we would love to hear from parents and carers who are passionate about helping our College continue to flourish. Community Councils play a vital role in bringing the lived experiences of our families to the governance table. Parent Representatives help ensure that the views, ideas and perspectives of parents and carers are considered when discussing school life, community engagement, student well-being and the overall experience of children and families within our school community.

You do not need any previous governance experience, just a genuine interest in supporting the College and representing the voices of fellow parents and carers. Whether you are full of ideas, keen to make a difference, or simply want to give something back to the community, this could be a rewarding opportunity for you.

The WCC meets three times a year after College hours and there is genuine support and training to help you excel in your elected parent representative role.

Nominations open: Friday, 25 September 2026

Nominations close: Friday, 9 October 2026

To put yourself forward, please complete the nomination form using the link below:

[1. WCC 8 Elected Parent Nomination Form September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

By becoming a Parent Representative, you will help ensure that parent and carer voices continue to be heard, valued and represented in the decisions and discussions that shape our College community.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to make a positive contribution to the Community Lived Experience of our College. Your voice matters, and we would love it to be part of the conversation. Together, we can continue to build a thriving College community where every voice counts.

Co-Curriculum and Enrichment

It has been a fantastic week of enrichment and sporting success, highlighted by 120 Year 7s attending football club, brilliant cup wins for our Girls Football and Year 9 Rugby squads, and a clean sweep of victories for our Netball teams. Beyond sports, Year 7–9 students enjoyed inspiring workshops with professional cartographer AD Downton. With our updated enrichment programme [here](#).

We are also delighted to launch our exciting Co-Curriculum Programme next Wednesday, 30 September 2026. These opportunities are an important part of College life, helping students to develop a strong sense of belonging, discover new interests, develop their character, build confidence, and develop as a whole person beyond the classroom. We encourage all parents and carers to read the email communication carefully, as it contains key information about locations, timings and any kit or equipment requirements for each activity. Students can find the location of their activity on their timetables, or ClassCharts. We are really looking forward to seeing students getting involved, trying new experiences and making the most of the fantastic opportunities available to them. Details of all our enrichment opportunities can also be found on the College website, so please take some time to explore what is on offer. We are excited to get started next Wednesday and look forward to a fantastic year of Co-Curriculum experiences!

Looking ahead

Wednesday, 30 September 2026, 5.30 - 7.00pm Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday, 1 October 2026, 5.30 - 6.30, Year 12 and 13 UCAS, Next Steps and student finance talk

As always if you have any questions regarding our Co-Curriculum or opportunities at the College please contact icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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