



2 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been another exceptionally positive week at Ivybridge Community College, with students embracing new opportunities, celebrating success and representing the College with pride.

Showcasing Excellence and Ambition

A particular highlight was welcoming more than 450 Year 6 families to our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. Thank you to all of our Student Leaders and musicians who helped make the event such a success, and especially to Lois Lockley (Year 7), Ruby Merrison and Fin Newbury (Year 13) for sharing their experiences with such confidence, honesty and positivity. They were outstanding ambassadors for the College and a real credit to our community.

This week we also welcomed colleagues from the WeST School Improvement Team, Community Council and Trust Board as part of our ongoing review and improvement processes. Visitors praised the calm, purposeful atmosphere across the College, the quality of teaching and learning, and the strong culture that continues to support student success.

One Trustee reflected:

"I witnessed calm corridors and purposeful learning environments, pupils were focused; teachers gave clear instructions and classroom resources, including individual and interactive whiteboards, were used effectively. Because the school's core systems and culture are already strong, leaders and the School Improvement Team are well placed to identify the less obvious refinements that can secure further gains."

Feedback such as this not only celebrates the positive culture across the College but also reinforces the value of working collaboratively with our wider community to ensure that every student receives the very best educational experience.

We are currently seeking a Parent Representative to join the WeST Community Council, providing a rewarding opportunity to help shape the future of the College by representing the views of parents and carers. No previous governance experience is required and full support is available.

Nominations close: Friday, 9 October 2026 - To put yourself forward, please use the link:

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

Co-Curricular Launch Off to a Flying Start!

Finally, the highlight of our week has been seeing students from across the College throw themselves into our newly launched Co-Curricular Programme. From forest school, candle making, to surfing, dance and many more exciting opportunities, it has been wonderful to see students embracing new experiences, developing new skills and building new friendships.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

More than just enrichment, these experiences bring our values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Aspiration to life. Whether working collaboratively, demonstrating resilience when trying something new or pursuing a personal passion, students are developing the confidence, character and sense of purpose that will help them thrive both within and beyond the classroom. The energy and enthusiasm on display this week have been truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing the programme continue to grow throughout the year.

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

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal