Ivybridge Community College

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Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrating Academic Success

As we approach a well-deserved October half term break, we are delighted to share the recently published Department for Education performance data for 2026.

Ivybridge Community College has been recognised as Devon's highest-performing non-selective state-funded school for GCSE outcomes and is ranked among the top-performing schools across a range of measures in the South West.

Our students achieved an Attainment 8 score of 54.6, with 83% securing at least a Grade 4 in both English and Mathematics. These outstanding outcomes are a testament to the hard work, determination and aspirations of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of families. It is an achievement of which our entire College community can be immensely proud. We encourage everyone to take a moment to celebrate this success, and invite you to read the information for further details here.

Our current Year 11's continue with the same positivity, embracing the future pathways series so positively. The vast majority of students have shown dedication and respect throughout, and we are proud of their approach. To prepare for the examinations after half term, students are encouraged to complete their Home Learning and access additional revision materials through the Year 11 Microsoft Team. Coursework also continues in many other subjects, such as creative arts subjects, so students must complete the tasks set for half term to maintain their progress. Invitations to our results event will be sent after half term; in the meantime, please save the date: Thursday, 19 November 2026. We also look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students at our Annual Awards Evening on Wednesday, 16 December 2026.

Staffing Update

This term, we say a fond farewell and thank you to two long-serving members of our staff community, who together have dedicated more than fifty years of service to the College. On behalf of students, staff and governors, we extend our sincere thanks to Sam Lumley and Jamie Vincent for their valued contribution and commitment to Ivybridge Community College over many years.

As we celebrate and recognise the dedication of colleagues who have helped shape our College community, we also look ahead with confidence to the future. Through careful planning, successful recruitment and effective timetabling, we are pleased to confirm that all classes will continue to be taught by our own specialist teaching staff next term. This includes arrangements to support internal promotions, maternity leave cover and other staffing adjustments. We remain committed to keeping families informed of any temporary changes and ensuring continuity and high-quality provision for all students. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us via icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk.

Parent Election: Have Your Say

A gentle reminder that voting remains open for the parent election to Ivybridge Community College's WeST Community Council (WCC 8). Parents and carers are invited to review the candidate statements and cast their vote via the election form here by Friday, 30 October 2026.

Respect ▪ Aspiration ▪ Integrity ▪ Compassion

Transition from SIMS to Arbor

Over the October half term break, Ivybridge Community College (alongside all schools of the Westcountry Schools Trust) will be moving from SIMS to Arbor, providing a more streamlined platform for managing College information and communications. Extensive planning has taken place to ensure a smooth transition; however, we appreciate your patience should there be any temporary disruption during the transfer period.

Finally, please note that tomorrow is a non-student day and the College will be closed to students. We hope you enjoy a restful break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 2 November 2026.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
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