Ivybridge Community College

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the midpoint of the autumn term, we are delighted to reflect on the many successes of our students and the overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents, carers and visitors, who consistently highlight the warmth of our community, the confidence of our students and the pride they take in being part of Ivybridge Community College.

Celebrating Enrichment Success

On that note, it has been wonderful to see the number of fixtures, competitions and events taking place across such a wide range of sporting activities. Congratulations to all our students representing the College in sporting fixtures. Well done to the Year 11 Rugby Performance Squad for winning against West Buckland School in the National Cup. Well done also to our Rugby and Netball Central Venue teams who have made an impressive start to the season, and huge congratulations to our Year 7 footballers who have played in their first National Cup games, with the Year 7 Performance Squad winning against Lipson.

We would also like to recognise the dedication of our Ten Tors teams, who continue their training programme with determination and enthusiasm. The commitment shown by students and staff involved has been outstanding.

For the fifth consecutive year, our students will compete in the Greenpower International Final at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday, 18 October 2026. This significant achievement gives them the opportunity to showcase the electric car they have designed, built and raced through practical STEM learning, celebrating their engineering skills, teamwork, problem-solving and resilience and outs of 100s of other kit cars this puts us in the top 35 in the world. It also reflects the College's commitment to innovation, sustainability, raising aspirations and preparing young people for future careers. We would like to thank Luke Skorka-Brown, Richard Barry and our dedicated volunteers for their invaluable support as well as our sponsors BuildX, Quantum Sports Cars, GMD and Plessey, whose generosity helps make this remarkable opportunity possible.

Parent Election: Have Your Say

We are pleased to let you know that the parent election for Ivybridge Community College's WeST Community Council (WCC 8) is now open.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have put themselves forward for this important role and for their willingness to represent the views of parents and carers and contribute to the work of the WCC.

Parents/carers are now invited to take part in the election and vote for their preferred candidate. The election form includes information about each candidate, together with their supporting statement, to help you make your choice.

The election is open from Friday, 16 October 2026 until Friday, 30 October 2026.

For the opportunity to vote in the Parent Election, please complete the form here.

Please ensure your vote is submitted before the election closes at 11.45pm on Friday, 30 October 2026.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

We would really encourage all eligible parents and carers to take part. Your involvement helps ensure that the parent voice continues to be represented within our WeST Community Council. Thank you for taking the time to have your say.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Year 11 students every success as they prepare for Examination Series 1 over the coming week. Their commitment to learning, attendance at lessons and engagement with Block 6 sessions has been exceptional and demonstrates the determination with which they are approaching this important stage of their education. We would also like to remind families that attendance matters. Every lesson, intervention and revision session provides valuable learning opportunities and students who are not in College can quickly fall behind. If your child is experiencing difficulties affecting attendance, please do get in touch via icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk so that we can work together to provide the support they need.

Over the October half term break, Ivybridge Community College, alongside Westcountry Schools Trust, is preparing to move from SIMS to Arbor, providing a more streamlined system for managing College information and communication. We have planned for a smooth transition but wanted to share this with you.

Please note that **Friday, 23 October 2026 is a non-student day**, and therefore the College will be closed to students. We thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure every young person is safe, successful and able to flourish.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal