Ivybridge Community College



Rachel Hutchinson Principal

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Parental Feedback/Communication

Parental support is of key importance to us in striving further towards beyond outstanding and consequently, over the next two weeks (between Tuesday, 5 March to Tuesday, 19 March 2019 inclusive), we are asking you to kindly sit down with your child and look through their College exercise books and complete the Parental Feedback sticker. Please note that during this period no formal homework will be set to facilitate this activity, except for Year 11 students.

This will provide you with a great opportunity to discuss with your son/daughter about how he/she is progressing in their academic studies and how our PACE strategy (please see exercise book for full explanation) is being used to develop independent learners.

We have also provided space on the sticker to write a Thank a Teacher note if you think it is appropriate.

I would like to also inform you of the up and coming Parent Partnership Communication leaflet, which is currently being produced in discussion with our Parent Forum. This outlines the various ways in which you can communicate with us to ensure that your requests are dealt with promptly and effectively.

In addition, we are launching three new initiatives this academic year.

Firstly, at the College there will be an opportunity for students in each year group to be able to talk to their Head Girl and Head Boy about any issues they wish to share, to improve Teaching and Learning or to raise concerns with the Teaching Body.

We are also introducing Parent Surgeries, to complement the normal lines of communication. This will provide you with an opportunity to book an appointment with a member of the Leadership Team, in order to communicate face to face about the developments of the College.

Thirdly, during the Summer Term we will be introducing eParent, which is a system whereby parents will be able to email members of staff directly, with a brief communication that will enable parents to sort out any queries and /or to raise concerns to the Teaching Body.

It is hoped that these initiatives will enhance our strategy of continuing to improve our lines of communication, which will be explained further in our new communication chart.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your support in our relentless journey to provide the very best education for your child.

Yours faithfully

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