



5 April 2019

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 End of Spring Term Letter

As we approach the end of term and the mid-way point in the academic year, it is a good opportunity to look back on the Year Group's journey thus far and reflect on our successes. Our students have made a fantastic start to life at Ivybridge Community College; have settled in well and firmly embraced both opportunity and challenge. I have been impressed with the level of dedication shown by them in all their lessons and their engagement in the many extracurricular activities on offer. Having high standards each day will amount to an attitude that they can be proud of and lead to success in the future.

There are, quite simply, too many successes to be able to name in one letter but I will give it a go. We have a range of excellent achievements in extra-curricular ventures including, Music, Gym, Dance and Sport and not to mention the achievements of other clubs including the Sustainability Group who are working hard to develop a more sustainable, environmentally friendly College and the recent Book Quest Challenge. Special congratulations must go to Freya Morris, who is a 2019 Crufts Winner. Freya and her puppy won 'Best Puppy' in her Breed. Well done Freya!

This term students have been diligently making Eco bricks as part of a community project in the College. The aim is to put good use to our single use plastics and create something that as a Year Group we can admire. We have also celebrated the start of the Year of The Pig in the Chinese calendar with a celebratory menu, the students thoroughly enjoyed the noodle dishes and following requests from the Student Council, these will now be a mainstay on the menu. I would also like to personally thank all our students who have supported charities, from cake sales to 'Mufti Days', the support has been fantastic. Our College Charities: The Mustard Tree, Gables Farm and Dame Hannah Rogers School are hugely appreciative of the donations and support.

More recently, we were delighted to welcome award winning author Dan Freedman to the College who spoke to all Year 7 students in our LRC. This was a great experience, ranging from encouraging a reluctant reader to inspiring the next generation of authors. This followed World Book Day, where we were genuinely delighted to see the students embrace the fun and fantasy of dressing up as their favourite fictional characters. A special mention must go to Mrs Snodin's Tutor Group who all looked brilliant dressed as Peter Rabbit. I do hope the students enjoyed the day and continue to support this next year. However, I must say, my own fancy dress as Bruce Bogtrotter and Mrs Setter's Mrs Trunchbull from Matilda, did not end well for me in our assembly. Consequently, I will be avoiding chocolate cake for some time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the College who support our Year 7 students. Our Assistant Head of Year, Mrs Setter and Year 7 Tutors are without a doubt one of the best teams in the College. Their dedication to the pastoral and academic support of their tutees and willingness to go the extra mile is outstanding. Finally, and most importantly, thank you to parents and carers as your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

Yours faithfully

Tom Brown
Head of Year 7

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