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Rachel Hutchinson  
**Principal**

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Year 10 End of Term Letter**

As we draw to the close of another academic year, it is time to reflect on the last two years of our journey in Key Stage 4. I remember starting as Head of Year 9 with a contingent of students who were nervous about starting their GCSE courses. As they now move into Year 11, I have seen every student develop into a fine young adult and I feel privileged to have shared a part of that journey with them. I have taken an interest in both their academic and extra-curricular pursuits and I will miss each and every one of them next year.

We have such a vast array of talent in the Year Group and it is always encouraging to see so many students taking part in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities on top of their academic studies. There are so many wonderful achievements within the Year Group. Our Rugby team put in a sterling performance in the National Cup, narrowly getting beaten by a strong Millfield team in the playoffs. This is coupled with national representatives in Swimming and Gymnastics, just to name a few, as well as several Year 10 students representing the College with distinction in the English Schools' Athletics Association Track and Field Cup. I have also been blown away by the talent on display with our year group's performances in Musical and Drama productions. It is truly inspirational to see the level of commitment that has gone into these! In addition to this there have been a number of students involved in Ten Tors on the 35 mile route and some have started the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. These achievements are indicative of the enthusiasm with which this Year Group undertake everything they do.

Next year is an important year that will pass in the blink of an eye. It will be the culmination of what will be five years at the College and students will get the results that reflect the amount of effort they have put in. I have been incredibly proud of their mature approach towards Work Experience this year and have already had a number of emails commending our exceptional students in their places of work. Hopefully the Work Experience week has provided the motivation to work hard towards getting the grades they need for the courses they want to enter. To that end, I feel it is prudent to remind you of a few important dates for the next academic year. We have two sets of Mock Examinations. The first will take place in November and the final Mock Examinations will take place in March. I wish students all the best for these.

I could not do the job that I do without the support of our Tutors. Our students are fortunate to have an exceptional group of Tutors providing pastoral support every step of their journey. I also wish to thank Mrs Pearce, our Assistant Principal, for the support she has given the Year Group as well as Miss Board, our Assistant Head of Year, for the wonderful work she has done for our students. She has a personable and caring approach that will be missed next year. We have also been lucky to have an amazing group of keyworkers and support staff that has provided a high level of pastoral support for our students. Finally, as always, a big thank you to you, the parents and caregivers. The partnership we have formed is vital in ensuring the success of our students and I value the support you have shown the College.

This will be my last year at Ivybridge Community College, so I wish to take the time now to thank the students and you, the parents and carers, for making my time here so memorable. After eight years in the UK, my family and I are moving to New Zealand. It is a new chapter in our lives and one we are looking forward to. However, it is tinged with sadness as this College has been such a big part of my life and I will miss it dearly. I leave the ship in good hands next year with Mr Brown and Mr Anniss and am looking forward to getting a report about how well they have done.

Yours faithfully

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**Head of Year 10**

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