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Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

As another busy half term draws to a close, I wish to draw your attention to the many successes highlighted on our website and in particular our good news stories that are being shared with you.

Ofsted Inspection: 14 – 15 January 2020

We are pleased to inform you that under the new Ofsted Inspection Framework the College has been recognised as Good in all categories. Inspectors said,

"Pupils are proud to attend Ivybridge. There is a calm, purposeful learning environment throughout the school"

"Leaders are very reflective. At all levels, they drive improvements to the quality of education with commitment and understanding. Governors share leaders' quest to ensure the academic, social and emotional success of all pupils"
Ofsted 2020

The full report is available on the College website and will be published on Ofsted's website over the coming days.

The format for school inspections has changed considerably; a new framework for inspection came in to existence at the beginning of September, and as a result we are one of the first schools in the area to be inspected under the new requirements. The College welcomed the rigour and thoroughness of the new inspection process and the challenges posed so that we can confidently continue our quest for excellence in all aspects.

The report praises the College in the following areas:

- Pupils are attentive in class, aspiring to achieve well. Pupils take pride in their work.
- The curriculum, where pupils develop strong knowledge and skills in a breadth of subjects.
- The Mathematics and Geography curriculums are examples of excellence. Pupils develop exceptionally strong knowledge and achieve well above national figures at the end of Key Stage 4.
- Teachers focus on securing pupils knowledge and skills so that they can move on to more complex concepts.
- Sixth Form students receive highly effective guidance regarding their next steps into Higher or Further Education, work or apprenticeships. Consequently, the proportion of Sixth Form students entering work or continuing in education is above the national figure.
- Leaders pay great attention to the well-being of pupils and staff. Staff told inspectors that they felt well supported and were proud to work at the College.
- Safeguarding: The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Leaders are vigilant in ensuring the physical and emotional safety of pupils.

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What does the College need to do to improve further?

Leaders need to ensure:

- Teaching and Learning in all subjects is as coherent and well sequenced as in Mathematics and Geography.
- Teaching supports the best possible education for pupils with SEND more consistently.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at the College, we would like to thank you for your continued support and regular feedback.

The Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all our staff that go above and beyond to make Ivybridge Community College a special place.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors