



21 August 2020

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and family members well and that you are having an enjoyable summer holiday.

This letter is to confirm all the start of term arrangements as outlined in the letters shared to all parents/carers at the end of the term on 17 July 2020.

The College website will continue to publish the most up to date government guidance and inform parents accordingly if any further developments take place over the coming weeks which may impact on adjustments to our College procedures.

Face coverings and PPE

Thank you to those parents who have been in contact to share their views on the latest updates in relation to face coverings and PPE and how this may impact students returning to College. It is now the law that people aged 11 years and over must wear a face covering on public transport.

The Westcountry Schools Trust has made the decision that the law regarding the wearing of face coverings **will be adopted on all forms of College transport for all students** who attend a secondary school within the Trust, including Ivybridge Community College. This does not apply to those who are exempt from wearing a face covering on public transport; please follow the link below for further guidance which is on the College website

<https://www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/site/data/files/sept%202019/26F320A78A441E4EE1013E903290F5A4.pdf>

We will also be encouraging and promoting students to wear their face masks where social distancing may be more of a challenge i.e. walking to and from college, during lesson changeovers etc.

Year Group Hubs and teaching arrangements

We have created **Year Group Hub areas** and each Year Group will have designated breaks in their own allocated dining room and outdoors spaces. This means students will **NOT** be allowed any close contact with students from other Year Groups during this period of restrictions.

Students will be permitted to move between classes to allow them to be taught in the correct sets by their usual class teachers, and the implementation of one-way systems and slightly staggered movement times, with increased supervision of corridors will keep all students and staff at a sensible distance from other Year Groups.

All students will be given a full induction of this process alongside their new timetables as part of their induction days and this will be shared with all parents/carers at the start of the Autumn Term on the College website. **The decision to stagger the start dates across all Year Groups will ensure students and staff are fully prepared and inducted in a safe and effective manner.**

Start of the Autumn Term Arrangements

ALL Students will be expected to attend their specific days only for the first week and will then commence onto their full-time timetable from Monday, 14 September 2020.

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Date	Year Group	Meeting point on arrival into College
Monday, 7 September	Years 7 and 12 only	Year 7 welcomed by staff on all entrances and then taken to the Haring Building line up area Year 12 The Main Track
Tuesday, 8 September	Years 7 and 12 only	Year 7 welcomed by staff on all entrances and then taken to the Haring Building line up area Year 12 The Main Track
Wednesday, 9 September	Years 8 and 9 only	Year 8 Astro Year 9 The Main Track
Thursday, 10 September	Years 9 and 10 only	Year 9 The Main Track Year 10 Astro
Friday, 11 September	Years 11 and 13 only	Year 11 The Main Track Year 13 The Main Track
Monday, 14 September	All Year Groups back into College to commence their timetabled lessons. All catering services open to staff and students.	

Teaching and Learning priorities

In order to further strengthen our staggered return for students, and as part of the Induction Programme, the College will be providing work for students in support of the new academic year curriculum from Monday, 7 September 2020. A reminder that Year 12 students need to complete their pre-course summer tasks to support their new A Level studies.

For Years 7, 8, 9 and 12, this will be shared with students on their first day back in College that week. **For Years 10, 11 and 13**, who are not returning until the latter part of the week, there will be introductory videos outlining the set work shared through our website from Monday, 7 September.

Final Reminders

1. College Uniform

All students will be returning in full College uniform (including on the Induction Days).

Please refer to the **Code of Dress brochure** which provides further clarification on our College expectations, including hair styles, shoes, jewellery advice and guidance which can be found on the College website.

All students are required to wear face masks on all forms of College transport.

2. Compulsory Equipment for Learning – A reminder that student's cannot share EQUIPMENT

Please support your child in preparing them accordingly with the compulsory **SUPER 7 (Blue/black pen, purple pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator, KITE Booklet and a reading book** (KITE Booklet will be provided by the College as part of the Induction Programme).

3. Please note that the majority of the College run Buses are almost FULL. (Not Devon Transport)

College Buses will be running as normal from Monday, 7 September 2020.

Parent/Carers of current students who **have not** reapplied for a place, must do so via the College website if they require the Ivybridge College bus service for September 2020. We cannot guarantee a place on some of our main routes if you have not applied in advance. (This does not apply to the Devon Transport service)

4. Eating arrangements for September

All students will require a packed lunch for the first week back (**Induction Week - Monday, 7 September to Friday, 11 September**). Full catering services will commence from **Monday, 14 September 2020**.

We very much look forward to welcoming all students from Monday, 7 September 2020 and we will continue to keep our website updated and inform you if there any changes at government level.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer break and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal