



5 September 2023

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to seeing our students return from the summer break and hope that you and your family have enjoyed the holiday.

In preparation for the start of the new academic year, I would like to share some important information with you. Please also see the attached letter regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RACC) which hopefully provides reassurance about the College site.

A reminder that Years 7, 11 and 12 return on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 and all students are expected at College on Thursday, 7 September 2023. Year 7 are asked to report to the Dining Hall on Wednesday and students in Years 11 and 12 are asked to report to the track. New timetables will be issued to all students on their first day and we expect them to arrive in the correct College uniform, with the appropriate items ready for learning (PE kit is not required on the first day). Please refer to our website if you are unsure of any of the requirements.

Class Charts

The new system to replace epraise is called Class Charts and details of how to log-in will be sent to parents/carers by the end of this week.

School Meals

As you will be aware from your own shopping baskets and media coverage, food prices have risen significantly since Brexit and the pandemic. Until now we have been able to absorb the cost of these increases, but we have now had to make the difficult decision to apply a price increase across our whole catering provision. This will be the first all-inclusive price increase since September 2019. To support this price increase, the Free School Meal allowance is increasing from £2.40 to £2.65. If you are not currently in receipt of Free School Meals but feel that you may be eligible, please follow this link on our website for further details and instructions on how to apply.

<https://www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+Information+and+Menus&pid=29>

Principal and Tutor Welcome Events

Below is a reminder of the dates and times for the Principal and Tutor Welcome Events taking place during September and October. This will be an opportunity to meet the team and receive updates to support maximising your child's future success.

Principal and Tutor Welcome Year Group Event				
Date	Time	Year	College Director	Pastoral Leader
Tuesday, 12 September 2023	5.00 – 6.00pm	7	Mr T Brown	Mrs L Setter
Wednesday, 13 September 2023	5.00 – 6.00pm	8	Mr O Elliott-Smith	Ms K Allen
Thursday, 14 September 2023	5.00 – 6.00pm	9	Mr N Beard	Mr C Liddicoat
Tuesday, 19 September 2023 <i>Please note the revised date following feedback from parents.</i>	5.00 – 6.00pm	10	Mr M Kibler	Mrs J Tyrrell
Thursday, 28 September 2023 <i>Year 11 Finish Line Strategy (A bespoke event for Year 11)</i>	5.00 – 6.30pm	11	Mr E Willow	Mr T Wynn
Thursday, 12 October 2023 <i>Year 12 Tutors' Evening</i>	5.00 – 6.00pm	12	Ms I Martin (Assistant Principal, Director of Sixth Form)	
Year 13 students will receive information relevant to their studies through the Sixth Form Tutor programme.				

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As we commence the new academic year, we look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support to maintain our high standards and give your children the best opportunities.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
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