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Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week, I wrote to you describing the immensely positive return of staff and students to Ivybridge Community College. Together they have generated significant momentum that is providing a brilliant foundation on which great things can be achieved throughout this academic year and beyond.

I also wrote about the importance of community feedback to our journey of continuous development and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some key updates with you.

At Ivybridge Community College, students are moving between lessons with more purpose than ever and as such, lessons are able to start promptly and corridors are clear and calm. We are aware that, at present, some students are arriving ever so marginally late to lessons for reasons out of their control, particularly the design of the buildings. In response to these observations and feedback received, to maintain the high standards expected, we have added 1 minute to student movement time between lessons.

We have also taken the decision to sanction lateness to lessons with Reset instead of Reflection. We feel that a sanction of 2 Blocks and a breaktime supports the development and maintenance of good punctuality whilst continuing to prioritise the importance of disruption-free learning.

These adjustments will take effect when students arrive to College tomorrow and they will receive a presentation in Tutor Time to ensure that they are fully updated.

We will reiterate to students the importance of prioritising their own timely transition to lessons, to ensure that they are not held up by peers and that by leaving lessons wearing full uniform, will ensure that their movement is not delayed by corrections being made in corridors.

Feedback received from staff, students, parents and carers has been used in conjunction with experiences 'on the ground' to inform these adjustments and I want to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for the calls and emails received offering additional feedback and considerations.

Please do continue to use the channels of communication shared on our website to ensure effective and efficient responses.

Yours faithfully

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