



11 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Enrichment Week Successes 2025

I am delighted to share some wonderful feedback about our current Enrichment Week. We have received glowing reports from several professional companies, all praising the incredible conduct and respect our students have demonstrated at their various centres. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are embracing a vast array of character-building, creative and adventurous experiences beyond the classroom. It has been particularly heart-warming to observe the strong camaraderie between students and staff, with visiting professionals commenting on how authentically we embody our values. I would also like to extend special recognition to our Year 10 and 12 students who are currently on work experience with employers who have been congratulating them for their confidence and professionalism in the workplace.

Last week, a group of Year 9 and 12 students were invited to visit 10 Downing Street as part of the Lessons at 10 Programme, designed to inspire children to have a love of learning by teaching them in one of the state rooms. As quoted by Mr White, Head of History and Politics, "This truly was a memorable visit at every step from walking through the black door, meeting Larry the Cat, to having lunch in the private gardens of Number 10 and 11 in the summer sunshine. At every turn the Events Team made us feel welcome and showed us hidden parts of our national history. One of the most popular moments was entering the White Room and sitting in the prime minister's chair which is usually only seen on the news reports." What an inspirational opportunity and thank you to all those involved for being such excellent role models, your enthusiasm and passion left a noticeable impact on the project organisers and they have already shared that they would welcome Ivybridge Community College to return next year.

End of Year Survey 2024-25

To enable us to reflect on the Academic Year 2024-25, we welcome feedback on your experiences. Our mission is to be a College of academic excellence, which develops character and provides exceptional opportunities for all. The partnership between parents/ carers and the College is essential. As part of the survey, we will be gathering your views on our Enrichment Week Programme given the huge amount of work that goes into coordinating this week and the financial implications for many of our trips (be it through parents/carers or College curriculum funding).

We kindly request that parents/carers and all students, **complete** the [End of Year Survey](#) by **Thursday, 17 July 2025**. We listen and are constantly reviewing our provision and experiences for your children to improve. Each section has an open comment box at the end. Every response will be read by the Senior Team and your valued feedback considered for future continued success at Ivybridge Community College.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences.

Tutor Programme Developments 2025-26

As previously communicated, the College has decided to build upon the many successes of the Strong Starts Tutor Programme launched this Academic Year. As a result of this programme, every student is given a calm and purposeful start to every day and every child is set on a trajectory of success by their Tutor.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

In order for us to meet the needs of all students through our commitments to Literacy, PSHE and personal development, and examination readiness for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, we have made essential adjustments to Tutor Groups.

On **Monday, 14 July 2025**, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be receiving information regarding their Tutor Group and timetable arrangements for the new Academic Year. Students will be expected to attend their current Tutor Group registration as normal at the beginning of the College day. Students who have a change will then move into their new Tutor Groups at the start of Block 1. All students across all Tutor Groups will then spend their PSHE hour with their Tutor and be given the opportunity to follow a generic session on further important information in preparation for September. We will also be communicating this information directly to all parents/carers on Monday so that you can support your child in preparation for the new Academic Year ahead.

All adjustments to Tutor Groups for our most vulnerable students, that may require some additional support and time to process any changes in routine, has been shared with our SEND Team, who will be liaising with families and supporting the students on their return.

Additionally, all Year 12 students will be coming together for their Summer Fair during Block 1 on Monday, 14 July to celebrate and raise money for charity. They will be meeting their new Tutors towards the end of the week.

We have four new members of staff joining the College in September 2025 and unfortunately, they will not be available to support this Tutor session. We have therefore planned for experienced staff to support this session and engage with the same information alongside all other Tutor Groups. All students will have the opportunity to spend time with their Tutors when they return at the start of the new Academic Year and we have ensured that our September return to College plans prioritise this.

A reminder of the start of the Academic Year, September 2025, for all Year Groups:

Date	Schedule
Wednesday, 3 September 2025 Thursday, 4 September 2025	Staff Training Days (non-student day)
Friday, 5 September 2025	Partial Return Years 7, 11 and 12 students only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College transport runs as normal Year 7 students to go straight to the Dining Hall Year 11 and 12 students to go straight to the Track
Monday, 8 September 2025	All students return to College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7, 11 and 12 go straight to Tutor Groups Year 8, 9, 10 and 13 go straight to the Track
Tuesday, 9 September 2025	All students go straight to Tutor Groups

Year 7, 8 and 9 - End of Year Reports, including Assessment Rank Order Information

Following the successful completion of all end of year assessments you will receive, next week, via email, your child's final report for this year.

We are proud of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students who have recently completed their end of year assessments in Mathematics, English, Science, History, Geography and Languages. Your child's report will contain their overall attendance, standardised reading score and the results from these assessments. To provide you with a more meaningful understanding of your child's overall progress we are also including the comparative rank against their peers.

The contents of the report, as well as next year's system of reporting, is outlined below.

Year 7, 8 and 9 - End of Term Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall attendance Common assessment percentage per subject Overall attainment rank across the Year Group Common assessment standardised score per subject Hard Work grade per subject NGRT Reading assessment standardised score

Year 10 students have recently completed their Examination Series. The results for this will be released to students in an Assembly with Mr Kibler, College Director, on Tuesday, 15 July 2025 during Block 5. The full report will also be sent home on this day.

The contents of the report, as well as next year's system of reporting, is outlined below.

Year 10 - End of Term Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall attendance• Overall attainment rank across the Year Group• Examination grade per subject• Examination percentage per subject• Rank across the Year Group per subject• Hard Work grade per subject• GCSE predicted grade per subject

Year 12 students have recently completed their Examination Series. The results for this were released to students in an Assembly with Mr Willow, Assistant Principal, on Thursday, 3 July 2025. The full report will be sent home on Tuesday, 15 July. The contents of the report, as well as next year's system of reporting, is outlined below.

Year 12 - End of Term Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall attendance• Examination grade per subject• Examination percentage per subject• Rank across the Year Group per subject• Hard Work grade per subject• A Level/ Level 3 predicted grade per subject

Rank Order Assessment

Please follow [this link](#) if you would like more information on Rank Order Assessment, or if you would like to opt out of rank ordering, [please complete this form](#) by Monday, 14 July 2025.

Student Lanyards and Timetables

To support the College's efforts to be environmentally responsible, we ask this year that all students **retain their lanyards for the next Academic Year**. The photo ID cards will be reprinted and issued in September. If your child requires a new lanyard, this can be purchased through ParentPay.

Finally, to ensure all students feel fully prepared and ready for the new Academic Year ahead, attendance to College next week is really important. Class teachers in all Year Groups, in all subjects will have carefully planned the last five-days of lessons to ensure all students get the best learning opportunities before the summer break. Students will be receiving their new timetables, meeting their new Tutor and celebrating the end of year successes in their Year Group Assemblies. Every lesson counts and teachers are looking forward to a final week of focussed learning.

There will be some minor refinements being made to timetables over the summer holidays such as room allocations and potential staffing following GCSE results day with Post-16 groupings. Therefore, please review any timetables on Class Charts during August with caution until they have been updated. All students will receive their timetables upon their return on the first day back.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support during Enrichment Week. Please continue to contact the College using icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk if you have any further queries to support your child's education.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal