



12 September 2025

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome to the start of the 2025 - 26 Academic Year at Ivybridge Community College. It has been a genuine pleasure to see our students return with such energy, positivity and determination. Their enthusiasm for learning and pride in being part of our College community has been evident across all Year Groups and we are excited for the year ahead.

We hope you and your family had a restful and joyful summer break, making the most of the wonderful weather and time together.

Celebrating Outstanding Success

We are incredibly proud to share the exceptional achievements of our students in the Summer 2025 GCSE and A Level examinations. Our Year 11 cohort delivered record-breaking results, with 71% achieving a Grade 5 or above in both English and Mathematics, significantly outperforming the national average of 45%. These results place Ivybridge Community College as one of the highest performing schools in the country, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects the ambition, resilience and integrity of our students, the expertise and dedication of our staff, and the strength of our Finish Line Strategy.

These outcomes are not just a celebration of past success, they are a powerful foundation for future achievement. They demonstrate what is possible when we work together with high expectations, shared routines and a collective commitment to excellence.

A Strong Start for All

This week, we have welcomed our new Year 7 Class of 2030, who have made an outstanding start to their journey at Ivybridge Community College. Their respectful and compassionate approach to settling into College life has been truly impressive. Thank you to all families who attended our Year 7 Starting Event this week, your support plays a vital role in helping students feel confident and secure in their new environment.

Our Year 10 mentors continue to guide transitions with care and empathy and we are maintaining 'soft landings' to ensure every student feels supported as they navigate their new surroundings. Across the College, students have spent time in their Academic Tutor bases revisiting our core routines and exploring how we learn best. Our Induction Assemblies have focused on the importance of showing up, working hard and listening to the experts; principles that reflect our shared values and underpin our culture of focused, disruption-free learning.

Launching My Sentence

We are thrilled to launch our new character development initiative: My Sentence. Inspired by our work with the Association for Character Education, this project invites every student and staff member to craft a personal sentence that captures their aspirations, values, and the legacy they want to leave as a future alumnus of the College.

This initiative is a celebration of character, encouraging students to reflect with integrity, dream with aspiration and express themselves with compassion and respect. Over the coming weeks, students will develop their My Sentence through Tutor time and reflection activities.

We warmly encourage parents and carers to visit our website from Monday, 22 September, where we will be sharing a short film introducing the project and showcasing some of the powerful sentences already created. It is a moving and inspiring glimpse into the hopes and dreams of our College community.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

Looking Ahead

As we begin this new Academic Year, we remain committed to maintaining the highest standards and providing every student with the best possible opportunities. Your support is essential, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the term.

Please find below key dates for upcoming parent/carer events this Autumn Term:

Date and Venue	Title	Intended For
Wednesday, 17 September 2025 5.30 – 7.30pm Performance Hall	How to be Successful in Sixth Form	Year 12 students and parent/carers
Thursday, 18 September 2025 5.00 – 5.45pm 6.00 – 6.45pm Performance Hall	How to Revise Event	Year 11 students and parents/carers
Wednesday, 24 September 2025 Dining Hall and Performance Hall	Year 6 Open Evening	Year 6 pupils and parents/carers
Thursday, 25 September 2025 5.30 – 6.30pm Dining Hall	Ways to Support your child with their Mathematics at Ivybridge Community College	Years 7 - 10 parents/carers
Tuesday, 30 September 2025 Dining Hall and Performance Hall	Year 6 Open Evening	Year 6 pupils and parents/carers
Wednesday, 1 October 2025 5.30 – 6.30pm Learning Resource Centre	Parent and Carer Hub	All parents/carers
Thursday, 2 October 2025 Further information to follow	UCAS Information Parent/Carer Evening	Parents/carers of Year 13 students
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	Year 11 and 13 Finish Line Event	Year 11 and 13 students and their parents/carers
Thursday, 16 October 2025 Further information to follow	Year 8 and 9 Parent/Carer Event	All parents/carers

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that the Academic Year 2025 - 26 is a year of growth, achievement and aspiration for every student.

We are a College that strives for academic excellence, develops character, and provides exceptional opportunities for all.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
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