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Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of Week 2, I would like to begin by thanking all those who attended our Year 12 *How to Be Successful in the Sixth Form* evening and our Year 11 *Finish Line Strategy* event. These sessions were designed to equip families with the tools to support their children through the year ahead, and to reinforce our core message: *Show up, work hard, and listen to the expert.*

We cannot overstate the importance of student attendance and active engagement at Ivybridge Community College. Our systems are carefully designed to support learners of all abilities and we know that those who attend regularly and apply themselves consistently, achieve the best outcomes. If your child is finding it difficult to stay motivated, engage with their learning, or navigate College life, please do not hesitate to contact us at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk. Our Pastoral and Welfare Team is here to help.

Catering and Transport Updates

This term, we welcomed Aspens as our new catering provider across the Trust. As with any transition, there have been adjustments and we are grateful for the feedback from parents/carers, students, and staff. Aspens are working closely with us to improve food quality and service speed, and we are already seeing positive changes. All meals are freshly prepared on-site each day, with full support for dietary and allergy needs. While we are still on the journey toward consistently high standards, we are confident in Aspens' commitment to excellence. Please continue to share your thoughts at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

We are also aware of the transport challenges affecting some students. While these services are managed by Devon County Council's Transport Team, we are actively engaging with them to support improvements. We will continue to issue Late Notes and students are not penalised for delays beyond their control. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Celebrating Student Success

A huge congratulations to our Rugby Coach, George Montgomery and the Senior Squad for their resounding win against Bristol (31 – 12) in their first cup match; a fantastic start to the season and a warm welcome to our new players who have joined Ivybridge Community College from other schools for both the Rugby Academy and academic excellence.

We are also thrilled to announce that a number of our Year 8 students have been selected to join the newly established WeST U13 Netball Performance Squad. Many congratulations to those players on this achievement and we look forward to hearing all about your future successes.

If your child hasn't yet joined one of our many clubs, this weekend provides a great time to explore the opportunities available. Please use this link to review all the activities on offer. Enrichment activities help students build perseverance, teamwork, and character, all of which strengthen their academic success.

Sneak Peek: My Sentence Film

Over the coming weeks, students will explore their sentence during Tutor time and through reflective activities. From **Monday, 22 September 2025**, parents and carers can visit our website to watch a short film introducing the initiative and hear some of the incredible sentences already written. It is an inspiring glimpse into the heart of our College community.

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We are excited to share a first look at our inspiring *My Sentence* film, now available on our [Facebook page](#) and our brand-new [Instagram](#) @ivybridge_community_college. This powerful initiative, developed in partnership with the Association for Character Education, invites every student and staff member to craft a personal sentence that reflects who they are, what they value and the legacy they wish to leave behind.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to a successful and engaging term ahead.

Yours faithfully

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