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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of September, it has been fantastic to see our College community settle into a strong rhythm of learning and our daily routines. Establishing a consistent pattern to support 'The Ivybridge Way' is promoting students to thrive in an environment that promotes high expectations and personal development. Thank you for such a positive start.

Our Year 7 students deserve a special mention, they have made an excellent start to College life, with many already involved in enrichment clubs and stepping up as student leaders. Their enthusiasm is inspiring!

Year 6 Parent Event Success

Last Wednesday, we welcomed over 600 visitors to our first Year 6 Parent/Carer's Evening. The College was buzzing with energy as our brilliant student leaders and staff guided families through curriculum areas and enrichment opportunities. A heartfelt thank you to Year 7 student Phoebe Holliday, who spoke so eloquently about her transition to the College after only two weeks, and to Year 13 leaders Millie Taylor and Owen Gurney for sharing their inspiring journeys. With another sold-out event next week, we are incredibly proud of our students, our staff and family members that have been so supportive of the College.

You Said... We Did,

Thank you for your feedback from last term's parent/carer survey. One key theme was the need for greater consistency across staff practices:

- **You said:** Inconsistent approaches can be unsettling and unfair for students.
- **We did:** We are enhancing staff training and providing opportunities to practice College routines with students. This includes clearer communication and shared expectations, starting with our fire evacuation procedures and some of our teach-check-practice classroom routines. This will continue throughout the year.

Introducing the Parent/Carer Hub

We are excited to launch our Parent/Carer Hub, a new initiative to strengthen the partnership between home and College. The first session will be held on **Tuesday, 1 October, from 5.30 - 6.30pm** in the Learning Resource Centre. Please sign up [here](#) if you would like attend. These six sessions throughout the academic year will offer opportunities to engage with leadership, ask questions, and explore key topics.

The first session will focus on our **PSHE Policy**, including how RSHE is delivered at the College and updates to statutory guidance coming in September 2026. Please note: this consultation is on policy, not curriculum. As per the Department for Education, "*Parents are not able to veto curriculum content.*" Our curriculum is aligned with the Westcountry Schools Trust and PSHE Association guidance.

You can find our PSHE curriculum on the College website, and further updates are shared via our Safeguarding Bulletin.

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Attendance Matters

Finally, a reminder that regular attendance and active engagement are key to student success. If your child is struggling with motivation or College life, please reach out to our Pastoral and Welfare Teams at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk. We are here to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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