



10 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

With just one week before our Year 11 Examination Series 1 and two weeks until the October half-term, Ivybridge Community College is thriving with energy, learning and exciting opportunities. I am delighted to share some recent highlights that reflect our core values of respect, aspiration, integrity and compassion.

### **Year 11 Block 6 - Our Best Attendance Yet**

This week saw the launch of our Year 11 Block 6 sessions, which are after-College study opportunities designed to support students ahead of the Examination Series 1. We are thrilled that over 70% of Year 11 students have been attending these sessions, showing incredible aspiration and integrity in their commitment to success.

Held in the Haring Building, these sessions offer expert-led subject support and deeper learning experiences. The atmosphere has been inspiring, with students stepping up maturely and making the most of every opportunity. We encourage all Year 11 students to continue attending, use their Teams folder, ask for help and stay focused. Their hard work will undoubtedly pay off; well done to everyone involved and thank you to staff for volunteering their services.

### **Power Up - Year 6 Academic Excellence Programme**

We were excited to welcome 70 Year 6 pupils to the first of our Power Up sessions this week. This initiative gives prospective students a taste of the academic challenge and high expectations of the College, while fostering compassion and connection with our staff and community.

Over three sessions, students will explore:

- **English** - developing inference skills through poetry
- **Mathematics** - discovering patterns and sequences in nature
- **Science** - hands-on experiments with unicellular and multicellular organisms

These sessions support a smooth transition to secondary school and reflect our commitment to nurturing aspiration from the very beginning.

### **My Sentence - Inspiring Personal Growth**

Over the past month, students and staff have been crafting their personal My Sentence, a statement that reflects who they are and who they aspire to be. These are now being collected by our Microsoft Forms on ClassCharts and we have been overwhelmed by the thoughtful and inspiring contributions.

This weekend, please ask your child about their sentence and encourage them to complete the Microsoft Form so that their sentence is shared with us. Reviewing ClassCharts is a great way to celebrate their progress and positive points. Success breeds success and we are committed to helping every student be their best through meaningful learning experiences.

If you would like to speak with a member of staff about your child's journey or how they can get more involved in College life, please contact us at [icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk). We are here to support you.

**Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion**

### **Save the Date – Summer Fayre Extravaganza: Saturday, 11 July 2026**

Following your feedback from our 2024 - 25 survey, we are excited to announce a new event that brings our end-of-year celebrations together: the **Summer Fayre Extravaganza!**

This community event will feature:

- Student performances and showcases
- Celebration of achievements
- Fun activities for all ages

We are inviting families, friends and local groups to join us in building a day full of joy, connection and community spirit. If you would like to get involved or share ideas, we would be delighted to hear from you with the aim of creating a memorable experience that brings everyone together, away from screens and into shared celebration.

### **Staying Connected**

Communication remains a top priority. We are committed to your child's learning and welcome your feedback, whether it is celebrating staff who have made a difference or suggesting ways we can improve. Your insights help us grow and together we make Ivybridge Community College a place where memories are made and futures are shaped.

Wishing you a restful and joyful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson

**Principal**