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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has joined our Instagram community since its launch last term. It is wonderful to share and celebrate the many achievements across Ivybridge Community College, and this week has been no exception.

Although the weather prevented us from holding our traditional outdoor Remembrance Day Parade, students and staff showed great respect by reflecting in their classrooms. Many of our students who belong to local organisations joined forces with our talented musicians to lead our Commemoration. A special congratulations to our musicians who played the Last Post both at College and during the Sunday service, an excellent example of aspiration and integrity in action.

### **Annual Sixth Form Open Evening**

Last night's Sixth Form event was a tremendous success, with an outstanding turnout of students and families. Thank you to Mrs Offer, Ms Martin and the team for creating such an inspiring evening. If you were unable to attend, please contact us to arrange a visit.

### **Introducing the Ivybridge Community Council**

We are delighted to announce the launch of the revised governance model of a WeST Community Council for our College. The Community Council will bring together parents and carers, staff and community members to support and challenge the College in four key areas: safeguarding and inclusion, behaviour and ethos, curriculum enrichment and staff wellbeing.

We are seeking new members from both staff and parent/carers, and we warmly invite anyone interested in seeking further information or make an expression of interest to visit the Westcountry Schools website [here](#).

### **Mobile Phone Monitoring Update**

Last week, we began research into mobile phone use at the College to ensure our policy supports learning and wellbeing. We are pleased to report that student engagement has been excellent with their willingness to reflect on their screen time habits, demonstrating a commendable honesty.

We encourage you to take an interest in your child's screen time and online interactions. If you need advice or support, please contact Matt Annis, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of the Safeguarding Team at [safeguarding@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk). A gentle reminder: students should keep their mobile phones switched off and in their school bag during the school day. Should you need to urgently make contact, messages can be passed through the College Reception.

### **Year 11 Finish Line Strategy – Parent/Carer Event**

We are excited about the upcoming Year 11 event on Wednesday, 19 November 2025. Students will receive their first examination series results along with copies of their English and Mathematics papers. This event is about working together, students, parents/carers and teachers to ensure every young person feels supported and confident as they prepare for the months ahead.

Our aim is to leave nothing to chance, giving students the best possible opportunities to practise effectively and succeed without fear of failure.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve our mission of academic excellence, character development and opportunities for all.

Yours faithfully

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