



21 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching December, with just four weeks left before the Christmas holidays! There is still so much to look forward to as we head towards the end of term.

Our students have been working incredibly hard in their lessons and this is reflected in the significant increase in positive praise points throughout the College. Their commitment and engagement are truly commendable. Mr Cresswell, Deputy Principal for Quality of Education, has been particularly impressed by the growing independence and confidence shown by our learners. This was particularly evident in the recent Year 11 Exam Series 1 practice papers, where students demonstrated real progress.

Academic Excellence

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to celebrate this journey with their Year 11 child earlier this week. These events are a fantastic opportunity to reflect on successes and identify areas for improvement. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those mature Year 11 students who came independently with the support of our staff. At Ivybridge Community College, our mantra, **“Show up, work hard, and listen to the expert”** continues to make a real difference for all students.

Visiting Professionals – “Impressive”

On Thursday, 20 November, we were proud to host over twenty school leaders from across the South West as part of a leadership training programme. They spent time observing lessons, walking our corridors and speaking with staff and students. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. They were particularly impressed by the calm, focused learning environment and the strong relationships between staff and students. It was wonderful to hear how engaged our students were in every lesson. I am immensely proud of the way our staff and students work together to give 100% effort every day and continually strive for improvement. Well-done to everyone!

Exceptional Opportunities

We are fortunate to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities, supported by dedicated volunteers and staff. A special thank you to our Sixth Form students who regularly help with activities for younger students, and congratulations to the Year 12 students who have recently completed their Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Ambassador training.

We have also celebrated students achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and those preparing for Ten Tors with Mr Payne on the moors at weekends. Alongside this, our many sporting clubs and fixtures continue to thrive thanks to the commitment of staff and the support of parents of carers who help with transporting their children. These experiences truly enrich our students' education, thank you for making them possible.

As we finish another busy week, I could not be prouder of our students, their achievements and, most importantly, their positive attitudes towards learning.

Please remember to share all your wonderful successes at our Proud Table. Wishing you all a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming more parents to future events this term.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

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