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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Enrichment at the Heart of College Life**

Enrichment is woven into the fabric of Ivybridge Community College. It is what makes our students' experience truly rounded and memorable. Since September, we have delivered over 150 events, workshops, fixtures and trips, from Volleyball and Dance workshops to Art Clubs, Theatre visits, Wild Tribe, Boccia, Chess, and residential trips to Berlin, Normandy and Twickenham.

We are proud of every student who has stepped outside their comfort zone to try something new. For those still competing in National Cups, good luck! And as we approach the end of term, we are excited for Festive Week: a celebration of creativity and community with activities such as card-making, live music, biscuit decorating, Santa runs and talent shows. Please encourage your child to get involved, details are on the Student Bulletin and College website.

## **Giving Back to Our Community**

As the festive season approaches, we remain mindful of those in and beyond our community who face challenges. Through our Tutor Programme and Character Virtues, students have shown incredible generosity, raising funds through cake sales, concerts and events for local charities. The whole College have shown incredible compassion and charity in their donations to the Ivybridge Food Bank drive so far. We kindly ask that any final donations are taken in to College by Monday, 1 December 2025, as these will then be centrally collected to be delivered during Tutor time on Tuesday, 2 December 2025.

Year 7 Tutor Groups have been given a Call to Action by their College Director to raise money or awareness for a charity of their choice this half term. There are lots of plans for a variety of activities to raise funds in the next three weeks, including festive themed activities in the last week of term. Mrs Shore's Year 7 Tutor Group have already made a flying start to their fundraising and have so far raised £370 for Gables Cats and Dogs Home. They are hoping to reach the £400 mark!

Thank you to every student who has lived out our values of Respect, Aspiration, Integrity and Compassion. These selfless acts remind us that education is about more than academic success, it is about shaping character and contributing to society. Students will be participating in acts of kindness in the coming weeks, with a 'festive thanks' and cards for the community.

## **Working Together for Every Child**

Education is unlike any other profession. We shape lives, communities, and futures. We do not need perfection, but we do need presence, curiosity and respect, for each other and for the process of learning.

As we strive for excellence, let us not lose sight of how important our partnership is in helping every child thrive. The Parent Hub is a great way to stay connected with educational matters and we would love to hear from parents/carers who want to engage further. Please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) if you would like to join future Parent Hub events.

Finally, as always, if you need support or advice, please contact us at [icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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