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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of Term 3, I am delighted to share a summary of our students' achievements and the continued progress we are making as a community. Despite one of the wettest New Years on record, our determination to uphold our vision, striving for academic excellence, developing character and providing exceptional opportunities for all, has remained stronger than ever.

Academic Excellence

This term, students completed internal assessments across all curriculum areas and families will have received reports with key information and cohort ranking. We continue to encourage students to celebrate their successes and set personal goals for improvement, supported by excellent attendance, one of the most important factors in strong progress.

Ivybridge Community College remains well above national averages in both academic outcomes and attendance. Over 93% of our students have maintained strong attendance so far this term and it has been a pleasure to acknowledge their commitment with 100% attendance certificates in our celebration assemblies this week.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have shown exceptional focus during their examination series and we now turn our attention to preparing them for the start of the formal examinations in 40 days' time. Thank you to all families who have attended meetings and events; your partnership plays a vital role in shaping our students' success.

Developing Character

The continuation of *My Sentence* and our *Proud Table* has encouraged many students to share their personal achievements with confidence. We have loved celebrating weekly, the high-quality work students have brought to us, including those who receive support from the Inclusion Team and are eager to showcase their progress.

A particular highlight this term has been recognising Arabella Faulkner our recent alumni member for her voluntary work as the South West Regional Ambassador for the Holocaust Educational Trust. Her message "*Remembrance is an act of resistance against hatred*" captured the depth of compassion, respect, integrity and aspiration we work to instil in our young people. Arabella is an outstanding role model for our community.

Please take a moment to explore the many student successes shared through our weekly social media posts.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

Exceptional Opportunities

We are fortunate to offer a rich range of extra-curricular activities despite national challenges around staffing and funding. From volleyball, netball, rugby, football, badminton, cricket and hockey, to STEM events, fieldwork, outdoor education, theatre visits and performing arts, opportunities continue to grow.

Next term, our ambition is for every student to attend at least one club. We will continue recognising students who already participate and provide start-up vouchers to support children who may face financial barriers to joining local community activities.

If you volunteer with local groups; sports clubs, cadets, arts organisations or others, we would love to hear from you so we can share these valuable opportunities with our students. Please contact the College at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk if you have organisations to promote or want to enquire about start-up vouchers.

Preparing for Term 4

A strong and organised start is key to success. Please remind your child of the following:

- **Uniform** – 100% compliant, including correct footwear
- **Equipment** – timetable and essential items each day
- **Show Up - Attendance** – make every day count
- **Work Hard** – set a new personal target based on assessments
- **Listen to the Expert** – seize every learning and enrichment opportunity

Next term, students will also receive further guidance on our commitment to becoming a smartphone-free school, in line with developing national expectations. We will be continuing to consult with parents and carers throughout and would like to thank the significant number of parents/carers who have expressed an interest in being involved in the consultation process.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and restful half term break.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson

Principal