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Dear Parents and Carers

Exceptional Opportunities

This week our focus has been firmly on supporting students as they plan for their futures and broaden their horizons. We were delighted to host a highly successful Careers Fair, welcoming over 35 exhibitors who shared valuable insights into a wide range of industries and pathways.

Students engaged exceptionally well with our visitors, demonstrating professionalism, curiosity and confidence. Many past students have secured apprenticeships and employment through connections made at this event, and it is inspiring to see this year's cohort already beginning to open similar doors of opportunity.

Events like the Careers Fair enrich the curriculum delivered through PSHE, helping students make meaningful links between their studies and the world beyond school, while giving real context and purpose to their learning.

Academic Excellence

Alongside this, all Year 11 students took part in their Futures Interviews this week. These individual conversations allowed them to discuss next steps, including Sixth Form applications and further pathways, and to reflect on what matters most to them. Throughout, students showed maturity, ambition and a strong motivation to achieve their very best. This process has been a valuable stepping stone as they build momentum ahead of the summer examination season.

Year 12 students also attended the UCAS Fair in Exeter, giving them direct access to universities and training providers. Experiences like this reinforce our strong commitment to high-quality careers education and to helping students see the purpose behind their studies. We aim to ensure every young person leaves Ivybridge Community College with the knowledge, confidence and aspirations to succeed in whichever pathway they choose.

Building Character

Our younger students have also embodied our College values this week. Year 8 students have impressed us with their Room 101 English speeches, which they planned, wrote and rehearsed with great care. Their presentations have demonstrated focus, resilience and growing confidence in public speaking. Equally commendable has been the way students have supported one another, listening attentively, offering thoughtful feedback and showing real empathy. These experiences play an important role in building character, communication skills and self-belief. We encourage you to ask your child what they chose to banish to Room 101 and how they felt their speech went.

Student Voice and Feedback

As part of our ongoing improvement strategy, the Leadership Team will soon be launching new Student Feedback sessions through meaningful, focussed discussions. If

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you would like your child to take part, please contact us at icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk, and we will ensure their views are heard.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal