



Dear parents/carers,

It has been amazing to welcome all of our students back from their summer holidays over the past week; there has been a fantastic atmosphere across all areas of our school. I hope all of our families enjoyed the break and haven't found it too challenging to return to the daily school routine! I hope the roadworks close to the entrance of school haven't caused too many issues; I am reliably told that the work will be finished within the next ten days.

It is worth mentioning again how proud we are of our 2024/25 Year 11 and Year 13 students. Once again, they have achieved some of the strongest exam outcomes ICC has seen in recent history; we wish them all the very best of luck for whatever their future has in store. Our incoming Year 11 and Year 13 students have made a fantastic start – I'm sure they'll take on the challenge and look to achieve an even more impressive set of outcomes next Summer.

All of our students have been adapting to a new set of expectations around uniform this week. It is incredible to see how professional and smart our learning environment has become after just a few days.

### **Attendance**

After the first week of the new year 906 of our Year 7 to 11 students have an attendance of 100%, well done to all!

Our new attendance policy is now available to read on our school website. Please could parents/carers pay close attention to the new absence reporting procedures in Appendix 3 – these procedures were outlined in my letter sent before the start of term. A big thank you to those parents/carers who have been reporting absence with a phone call to their relevant Year Administrator, rather than via email or through the MyEd App – these methods of absence reporting are no longer permitted.

Thank you again for supporting your child to attend school each and every day.

### **October Half-Term Consultation**

Our consultation on whether to extend the length of the October half-term from one to two weeks from October 2026 closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Unfortunately, due to the migration of our ICT services to a new network, the link to the feedback form is still unavailable. However, I wouldn't want the views of parents/carers to go unheard. Please send any thoughts directly to my email ([principal@ifieldcc.org.uk](mailto:principal@ifieldcc.org.uk)) and I will ensure they are considered by the Governing Body. A decision will likely be made and shared by the first week in October.





### **THRIVE & The Power of Community**

In my opening assemblies to students, I have been speaking about 'the power of community', specifically how we all benefit more as a group than as individuals. An important part of our community spirit is the expectation that we all exhibit our six THRIVE values – thoughtful, hard-working, resilient, independent, visionary, eloquent.

Students have been discussing in tutor groups which behaviours, both in and out of school, would fit alongside each value. We are collating these thoughts to ensure we add them to our rewards policy. Our staff have been reflecting on how they can embody these THRIVE values and I would invite parents/carers to do the same.

### **Open Evening 2025**

This year's Open Evening is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Advance notice that students will be dismissed at 12.15 on this day and will have a 09.45 start on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. A big thank you to all students who are due to support and help show why ICC is such a special place.

### **Staff Charity Run**

A final reminder of our Staff Charity Run at Barns' Green on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September in support of St. Catherine's Hospice. A large number of our staff team are running either the 5k, 10k or half-marathon distance – if you have any free time on this day and wish to cheer us on, please come along!

### **Year 7/8 Homework**

At our Year 7 Focus on Learning Evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September parents/carers will learn of our new approach to homework and independent learning. Earlier today Year 7 and 8 students were given a set of homework booklets – these should be brought to school each day and contain a series of easy-to-follow independent learning tasks. Bringing all homework together in one place should help students with the organisation and ability to be INDEPENDENT. The booklets will be monitored by our Bedrock teachers and homework club is open each afternoon for students who wish to take advantage of extra support. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 7 and 8 students will be set a homework detention (updated on Go4Schools in the usual way) if tasks are not completed on-time or to a good standard.

Wishing you all a positive second half of the week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Conlon'.

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