

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

The Academy is delighted to report that whole school attendance has again increased for the sixth consecutive year; the attendance for the academic year 2013/14 was 93.3%.

We would like to thank parents and students for their continued support, as there is a clear correlation between good attendance and good grades.



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NEW UNIFORM SUCCESS FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS!



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This summer saw the Academy's staff and students celebrating our best ever Post 16 results.

Subjects with a 100% pass rate were: English Literature, Philosophy and Ethics, Psychology, Maths, Certificate in Childcare, Financial Studies, Information Technology, Business Studies, Dance, Performing Arts, Public Services, Travel and Tourism, Applied Science, Art and Design and Sport.

100% of students achieved two good level 3 qualifications (A level or equivalent) and 92% achieved three good level 3 qualifications.

This year saw students' average points score increase dramatically, average points score per exam entry increased by 20 points and average points score per student increased by 43 points giving the Academy these brilliant results.

Academy Principal, Jane English, said, "I am very proud indeed of our students and all they have achieved, Post 16 study is not easy, it is so different from studying GCSEs, and so to achieve these results is a real accolade for everyone."

ACADEMY STUDENTS CELEBRATE GCSE SUCCESS

During August PCSA students were celebrating their GCSE results which this year saw more A* and A grades than in previous years.

In particular Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, Sport, Leisure and Tourism and ICT saw an increase in these top grades.

Students performed well in English Language with the expected levels of progress at 74% being 5% above the 2013 National Average.

Subjects who saw significant increase in the A* and A grades were Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, Sport, Leisure and Tourism and ICT.

Subjects in which students achieved a 100% A*-C pass rate were Drama, Music, Public Services, Sport, Product Design, Construction and Leisure and Tourism.

Academy Principal Jane English said, "We are particularly pleased this year with the significant increase in top grades and the achievement and progress in English language. Students and staff are to be commended for all their hard work."



FLYING THEATRE COMPANY VISIT ACADEMY

The Flying Theatre Company performed a comedy for students in Years 8 and 9, almost exclusively in French. The students were involved in the performance, and the response afterwards was overwhelmingly positive. Très bon!

NORMANDY / PARIS DISNEYLAND TRIP

The MFL Department ran another exciting and successful trip for 35 KS3 students in June. They stayed at the PGL centre at Château du Tertre in Normandy for 4 days taking part in outdoor activities such as trapeze and team challenges.

From there they travelled onto Paris and were able to enjoy lunch under the Eiffel Tower. They then had a day in a Disney hotel, visiting Disney Village and spent our final day in Disneyland itself.



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PCSA will be hosting the Comenius Project "Singing Europe" and welcoming 45 international staff and students from Poland, Spain, Belgium, France, Romania and Bulgaria on 21st September.

This is a first for the Academy and we have been very ambitious by hiring the Palace theatre in Paignton on the Monday 22nd September from 6.30 - 9.30 where all the international teams will give a performance representing their national and cultural identity. Please come along and support.



ACADEMY AWARDED BY PRINCE'S TEACHING INSTITUTE

The Academy has been awarded the The Mark or Feathers (Prince's Teaching Institute logo) to use on our PCSA stationery. The MFL Department has been recognised by the Prince's Teaching Institute for its hard work in creating a challenging curriculum and enthusing pupils through its many organised events throughout the year.





TORBAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – SUMMER SUCCESS

This year's Holiday Programme attracted over 330 children and young people from all over Torbay to its wide range of activities, including Stand Up Paddle Boarding, and Mini Master Chef.

The programme, which runs every Easter, Summer and October school holidays, encourages young people aged 4-17 years to get active, learn new skills, have fun and meet new friends.



SUMMER SCHOOL 2014 – BIGGER AND BETTER!

85 students including some new Year 7s, had an amazing number of activities and opportunities available to them for the last two weeks of the summer holidays. These ranged from Bushcraft to Battlefield Live, cooking, sports and a big day out at Woodlands. However it wasn't all about fun, it is called Summer School for a reason! Every day the students had a lesson linked to the activities they had participated in the day before. The impact was incredible with 100% of students improving in both literacy and numeracy levels.



WORLD CUP AND ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL GREET'S PAIGTON STUDENTS

On Saturday the 13th September a coach full of rugby players from PCSA took part in an Exeter Chiefs' Super Saturday experience.

The day involved the students receiving coaching from the professional players, a behind the scenes tour, a chance to be the guard of honour as the players ran onto the pitch and then the opportunity to watch the Chiefs play Leicester Tigers and collect autographs afterwards.

The students were also lucky enough to meet and have their pictures taken with Jack Nowell, the England winger and see the Rugby World Cup on display!



SIMPLY COFFEE SUPPORT PCSA INTERNATIONAL TEAM!

Fifteen of PCSA's most talented Year 10 students have just returned from a once in a lifetime trip to represent England in the International Football Tournament held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Team Manager Kieron Scott, said "It was a fantastic opportunity for a very talented group of boys who developed their footballing ability and social skills, with the wide range of cultures taking part. As always their behaviour, effort and attitude throughout was impeccable and it was a pleasure to take them

overseas. Many thanks to Simply Coffee for their Sponsorship and continued support."

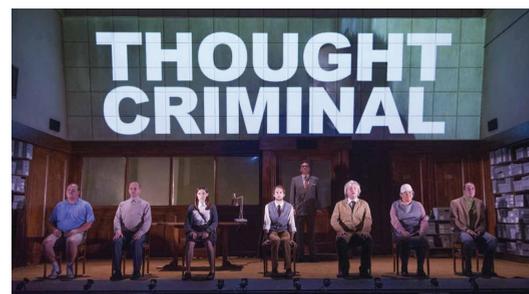
The team cannot thank SimplyCoffee enough for supplying the kit, tracksuits and kit bags, giving the Academy the professional look they deserved, whilst representing the United Kingdom at such a prestigious tournament.



SIMPLY COFFEE SUPPORTS INTERNATION TEAM!

STUDENTS VIEW 1984 ADAPTION AT THEATRE

61 KS4 and KS5 Drama students went to see a breath-taking and thought provoking performance of a new adaption of George Orwell's '1984' at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth.



JOIN KEY STAGE 4 STUDY CLUB

Would you like to improve homework performance and grades?

Would you rather complete homework with support if needed from a teacher?

Would you like to complete some of your homework before going home?

Do you want access to ICT and revision material?

The study club offers friendly advice and a place to work, refreshments free of charge, homework advice if needed, revision guides available and access to PCSA computer systems and software.

Come along to the VLC every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

See Mr Trevarthen for further details.



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