

# News from the Principal

News for parents, carers, students of the Academy and the community of Paignton



## Christmas 2013



### Principal pays tribute to courageous Ryan



Academy Principal, Miss English, paid tribute to Ryan Cahill, a Year 10 student, for his courageous act to provide safety to a mother and her young son. Whilst on his way home from school Ryan came across a young woman at the wheel of her car who was unconscious having just undergone an elliptic fit. The car was stationary on the busy Torquay Road with the woman's five year old son in the back seat.

Ryan, an Army Cadet and First Aider, was swift to jump into action, placing the woman in the recovery position whilst in the car. He immediately called an ambulance, giving details and a location. He then escorted her five year old son away from the busy road to safety, wrapping him in his coat and reassuring him whilst providing first aid to the mother until the ambulance arrived. Ryan proceeded to fully hand the situation over to the paramedics.

The paramedics praised Ryan's actions commenting, "it is extremely rare to see someone of a young age maturely handle and deal with a serious situation on the busy road which could have had very serious consequences."

Ryan remarked, "I am just happy to help people and it's good to know I've helped save someone's life". Ryan is a supporter of compulsory first aid training and is campaigning for its implementation in all schools.

Principal Jane English stated, "Ryan is an excellent example of the socially responsible young people we have in our Academy. He was quick thinking and put the care of others above himself, we are all very proud of Ryan and his actions".





## A Message from: Jane English, Principal

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term and Christmas is almost upon us, it is good to look back and reflect on the many exciting events which have taken place and others which are planned for 2014.

It has been a very successful term which has seen staff and students working very hard indeed, not only in the classroom but above and beyond the normal school day. It is important that students have a much wider experience than just academic study and the Academy provides lots of opportunities; the annual pantomime being one of them, which was as usual brilliant and a really good way to start the festive season along with the community lunch when our students were the perfect hosts to our elderly neighbours who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Both of these events made me very proud of our students in the Academy; they are a real credit to us all.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014.



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International  
School Award  
2011-2014





PCSA recently hosted the National College of School Leadership endorsed OLEVI 6 week teaching programme.

Trained and accredited facilitators Jason Trevarthen, Deputy Principal, and Jess Hunter, Specialist Leader of Education, (pictured below) were delighted with the response from PCSA teachers and those from across Torbay.

Mr Trevarthen stated, "we are always striving to improve our practice, this programme has a highly successful track record of developing teachers. National statistics suggest 88% of participants on the course change classroom practice for the better and improve learning for students."



## Revision Hub on the VLE!

In order to prepare students for terminal examinations subject staff and Heads of Faculty have produced the "Revision Hub," for students at PCSA.

The Revision hub is hosted on the Academy's VLE and should be used by all students preparing for exams. Information available includes: exam board specifications, past papers and mark schemes, suggested revision guides, advised revision websites, podcasts to support revision and details of revision sessions.

[http://www.paigntononline.com/category/subject\\_revision\\_hub/](http://www.paigntononline.com/category/subject_revision_hub/)

It is vital for all students to revise using the correct materials and only through practice and use of past papers can they fully understand exam board expectations and achieve the best grade they are capable of.



## Working together to maximise student learning and progress – Homework and Classwork

Many parents and carers are now aware that they can gain access to homework set for students via the SIMS Learning Gateway.

Please encourage your child to make use of the SIMS Learning Gateway and check homework set with them. In order to ensure all students achieve their potential, high expectations are encouraged both within the academy and at home.

Expectations include:

- Always produce work to the best of your ability.
- Ensure work is well presented.
- Date each piece of work.
- Underline date and title.
- Use a ruler for straight lines.
- Always check and write out spellings correctly.
- Respond to the Academy Marking Stamp used by your teachers.

If any parents are unable to access the learning gateway please contact your son's/daughter's Head of Year.





# “Outstanding” Inspection Result for PCSA’s Torquay United Link

PCSA’s link with Torquay United and League Football Education was officially commended on receipt of an official inspection report, which in particular praised the teaching of the Torquay United Youth Team tutors Mr Clark and Mr Power. The report specified several outstanding features in relation to meeting the individual needs of learners.

PCSA Deputy Principal, Jason Trevarthen, was delighted with the outcome of the report:

*"This external report reflects the high quality of teaching, learning and support provided for our young people. Both Mr Clark and Mr Power deserve credit for their expertise and dedication, providing the best possible learning environment for our 6th Form students."*



## Construction Team visit local building site

The Academy's Construction classes were introduced to the construction industry with a visit to Hayes Road. Students were able to meet a variety of tradespeople and gain valuable insight into the industry. The young learners were accompanied on a tour of a completed building and a new project on a brownfield site: both of which will provide care facilities for Sanctuary Housing. The students will be closely following the construction of this new building from start to finish so that they can learn about the whole construction process including planning, construction and project management. This is all courtesy of Leadbitter, a Bouygues UK company, who is delivering the entire development.

The students were a credit to the Academy and were enthusiastic and polite throughout the visit.



During the next visit in January the students will observe the digging out, concreting and leveling of the foundations.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Additional Qualifications:

### Level 1 Food Safety and First Aid

This term 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have had the opportunity to gain a number of additional qualifications to compliment their existing studies.

Congratulations to members of the Academy and 6<sup>th</sup> Form who recently gained their Level 1 Food Safety Qualification. They were: Tyler Ferry, Sadie Symons, Robyn Thomas, Clara Hollstein, Patrick Lenz, Gabby Thom, Becca Thom, Lewis Wilson, Ashley Gater and Jenny Mills.

The popular First Aid Qualification was achieved by: Ashley Gater, Connor Lovegrove, Kira Tapp, Lewis King, Clara Hollstein, Patrick Lenz, Peter Bolton, Callum Brown, Luke Hallett, Josh Hoo, Tom Tremlett, Jake Waddell, Josh Garside, Aaron West, Lauren Cooper and Josh Barton.



## **Dux Award Visit to Exeter University 2013**

The Dux Award Scheme recognises and rewards high performing students in Year 9. One student is selected from the year group who has shown the most improvement and has high academic achievement. Our winner was Jasmine Drury; her day included a general introduction to higher education with workshops covering a range of different disciplines areas including the Social Sciences, Business and Science.

There were two academic sessions which Jasmine was actively involved in, they were; "Synthetic Biology" and "The Business School". They showed her how the work of leading academics has connections to the real world.

Activities were facilitated by current staff and students from the University and Jasmine was able to discover more about student life at Exeter University.

## **G & T 2013/14 Launch**

September saw our launch for the new Gifted and Talented students joining us in Year 7.

A target group of 21 students from the 2013-2014 cohort, who were seen to have the potential to achieve a high standard, were selected for inclusion to this year's target group.

Students and parents were invited to an information evening where the students were presented with a Gifted and Talented Project folder and the parents were able to find out more about our Gifted and Talented Programme.

Two students; Katie Gower and Edward Simpson, were also presented with prizes for their high academic achievements during their time at the Academy so far.

## **Information Evening for Year 10 Gifted and Talented**

On the 25th September, the Gifted and Talented Students Team held an information evening for the Year 10 students and their parents to provide an update on current progress and a chance to discuss feedback from teachers.

Information was provided about future developments and also how the programme will continue at KS4.

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## **Rome Trip**

### **Attention all 6<sup>th</sup> Formers!**

In May 2014 the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Travel and Tourism group are planning to visit Rome for five days at a cost of just £460.

Whilst we're there we plan to visit: The Vatican, The Colosseum, the Catacombs, Trevi Fountain, and the Water Park to name a few. We're looking for a £150 deposit at the end of January followed by three more monthly payments. Look out around the school buildings to find out how to sign up.



## COMENIUS Project



We have been very fortunate to be selected by the British Council to take part in an International Project to link up with another seven schools across Europe. This will be an exciting cross curricular project between MFL and Performing Arts over the next two years. The Academy has been awarded a grant which is to be used to subsidise student travel allowing them to visit these partner schools in France, Spain, Poland, Bulgaria, Belgium and Romania.

The Theme is "Singing Europe" and the project will put together a musical where each country creates one chapter of the musical, and creates a song to the tune of "Ode to Joy".

Each Country packs a suitcase with items from their own culture showing tolerance and democracy. We can include: Music, Literature, History, Geography, English Language, Science, IT, Languages, etc, within our performance or "suitcase." The final scene takes place in Poland where all the parts come together in the "House of Europe" showing what it takes to become a European citizen.

Each partner school will host once with students being placed with local families: each country will normally send five students. In September 2014 we will be welcoming thirty students and twelve members of staff. It is our intention that those who are involved will host on a reciprocal basis.

**Trip to Belgium (Izegem):** 23 - 28

February 2014

**Trip Bulgaria ( Sofia):** 12 - 17 May 2014

**England (Paignton):** 21- 26 September 2014

**Trip to Romania: (Sfantu Gheoghe Transilvania):** November 2014

**Trip to Spain (Vigo):** February 2015

**Trip to Poland (Lubelskie):** May 2015

Congratulations to Mrs Browning, Head of Modern Foreign Languages for all her hard work in winning this Award.

## Paignton Academy Hosts Nigerian Visit

Earlier this term the Academy hosted a visit of eight delegates from the Ministry of Education in Lagos, Nigeria. Heading the trip was the Honourable Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Mrs Olayinka Oladunjoye.

The purpose of the visit was to look at good practice in the UK, in particular Special Educational Needs, Vocational Training and Quality Assurance, and has been organised through the British Council.

In addition to spending time at Paignton the group visited Oldway Primary School, Mayfield School, Combe Pafford and Torquay Academy. They also received inputs from representatives from Torbay Council and Prospects Academies Trust. The five day visit also provided an opportunity for any local school interested in joining the British Council Connecting Classrooms programme to meet and talk to the team from Lagos.

It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors from Nigeria and to share good practice with them. They bring a wonderful cultural dimension to the school. I very much appreciate the help and support from my Headteacher and Torbay Council colleagues for giving their time to facilitate a rich and valued programme for our visitors.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award



In November I went to St James' Palace in London, with Mr Cook, Head of Outdoor Education, and in the presence of HRH The Earl of Wessex received our licence to become a directly licensed centre for DofE. This means we are now able to offer DofE at Bronze, Silver and Gold Level to our students.

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of November students from the Academy were presented with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Jacob Lovell, Dan McMaster, William Paton, Luke Smith, Matt Smith, Emmy Westlake, Holly Benfield, Thomas Dingley, Robert Dyson, Charlie Ferry, Paige Ferry, Bradley Judkins and Elise Arden-Trew all achieved their Award: the first students to complete the Award since the Academy became a directly licenced centre.

The Award ceremony took place at Beverly Holiday Park in Paignton and was attended by 145 students from Torbay. Certificates were presented by Torbay Council Chairman Julien Parrott and former Academy student Mollie Hughes. The Bronze DofE Award requires participants to complete skill, physical, volunteering and expedition sections over a period of 6 months. This included a two day one night expedition on Dartmoor in which students needed to be completely self-sufficient for the whole expedition.



## LINK 7 Charity Event December 2013



As part of our SMSC curriculum, Year 7 students were challenged to raise some money for charity by making Christmas crafts and running stalls on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in WRC main school hall. Parents, family and friends were invited and the students worked extremely hard to make it the success it was.

The event was packed with parents, staff and students enjoying all the amazing things the students had made that morning. The crafts ranged from Christmas tree decorations, to 'boxes of love' all made that morning. Keeping to deadlines and the importance of charity were the key elements that the students learnt. Students were also allowed to wear more festive attire to boost the fundraising total.

A total of £230 was raised by the students which went to 2 well deserved charities: Clic Sargent and Child's I Foundation. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the students in this worthwhile event.

## Ex-Student gains Degree

Jordan Colledge completed her studies in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at the Academy in June 2010. Jordan had studied Psychology, Sociology and Law. She obtained a place at the University of Plymouth to study Law and achieved a First Class Honours Degree in Law [LLB] and graduated in the summer of 2013.

She is currently carrying out voluntary work at the Torquay Magistrates Court on the witness support programme. She intends to return to University in September 2014 to study for a Masters Degree in Jurisprudence. She would like to become involved in Legal research as a career.

Peter Smith, Head of Law at Paignton Academy and Jordan's Law teacher, said "Jordan was always one of the most hard-working and conscientious students I have ever taught. Her success is very well deserved and I am sure she will do well in whatever she attempts. Her achievement is an example of how the Academy has supported and encouraged students throughout their secondary education".



## Academy Annual Panto

This year staff and students at Paignton Community and Sports Academy were treated to a spectacular and professional pantomime performance of Aladdin, at the Palace Theatre in Paignton. The annual Academy pantomime always creates a real buzz and showcases the talents of our top performers.

There were over 50 students from Year 7, all the way through to Year 13 who performed as part of the cast. After months of rehearsals and support from the Creative and Expressive Arts Faculty the students delivered two evening performances on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Both nights were enjoyed by a packed crowd that included hundreds of parents, staff and students. The following day the cast were able to delight a crowd of over 300 local primary school pupils who enjoyed a morning performance on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> December. There was a fantastic atmosphere that saw maximum audience participation from the primary pupils.

Huge thanks must go to the students but especially the Creative Faculty staff who worked tirelessly to ensure once again there was a successful, enjoyable and professional production to allow our students to shine.



## Winter Dance Show

On November 28th December, the performing Arts Department held their annual Winter Dance Show. This was an opportunity for students to perform the dance pieces they have been working on since September. Sixty students performed in the show, ranging from Year 7 through to Year 13. The performance was a mixture of student and teacher choreography and teacher created pieces.

The dedicated students took part in many rehearsals previous to the performance and

showed true professionalism on the day. The performers demonstrated an exceptional standard of dance and were well received by their audience.



## Inspiration Days



This term has seen the Academy host two Inspiration days for a variety of our feeder Primary Schools. 105, Year 6 students attended a "Creative" Inspiration day and 120, Year 5 students attended a "Physical" Inspiration day.

These days were developed after the publication of a Department for Education report that suggests students from coastal towns have lower aspirations than those from bigger towns and cities. These Inspiration days were a positive step to ensure students who join the Academy have high levels of self esteem and high aspirations.

Through a variety of workshops on both days the students were given the opportunity to try new activities, be inspired through working in teams and develop a "can do" attitude by learning from their failures. The days involved use of a number of outside agencies who are experts in developing self esteem and allowing students to experience success in new and engaging practical activities.

Thanks must go to Mrs Dale who organised Day one in conjunction with Play Torbay and the support from the sixth form and Year 7 leaders, who were fantastic. The organisation of day two is thanks to Mrs Vernal and the support of our team of excellent Year 9 leaders.

One primary student commented, "My favourite part of today was doing loads of new activities and meeting lots of new people. I will love to come to Paignton Academy!"

A primary teacher said, "It was a great day; all the children really enjoyed the range of activities and enabled them to try new things, a very successful event, thank you".

And our leaders were described as incredibly kind, most polite and helpful, a credit to the Academy.

It is hoped to continue with more Inspiration days on a regular basis.



## Father Christmas visits the Academy



On Wednesday, 11th December, 25 elderly people from Hayes Road and Tweenaway retirement homes joined us in the Library at Waterleat Road for the annual Community Christmas Lunch.

They were welcomed by our Principal, Jane English. There was an appearance by Father Christmas (Will Virgo – Head of Year 8) and his Little Elf (6ft 7in History Teacher Ian Wadsley) who gave all our guests a gift.

A delicious Christmas lunch was followed by coffee and mince pies while everyone joined in singing carols with a small school choir.

A team of eleven Year 8 and 9 pupils, helped by a 6th Form student, were on hand to set the tables, meet and greet our visitors and serve lunch. When everyone had left they also helped clear up. They did all this with smiles on their faces and were a credit to the Academy.

# Year 9 Option Process

Year 9 students are about to embark on a key time, as January will give them the opportunity to select option subjects as they move across to Borough Road. This site is more specifically equipped to cater for the range of fantastic options on offer as they study exam based subjects throughout Year 10 and Year 11. All Year 9 students will have the opportunity to select three, 3 hour options alongside their core lessons. After the Christmas break staff from Borough Road will come across to talk to the students and assist them in their decision making, holding assemblies and tutorials.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> of January giving the students a prime opportunity to speak with staff. This is two weeks before Year 9 options evening, one of the biggest nights of the year. Options evening is on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January and will allow students and parents the opportunity to visit Borough Road and see what is on offer and find out details surrounding each course.

After the evening, students will then have time to select their options with pastoral support. To ensure a variety of choice, rather than select from option blocks, students will select three options and the Academy will work to match their choices. With three hours of allocated time for each subject the diet of study and scope for each subject is drastically increased on previous years.



## LITERACY AND ART PROJECT 2013



PAIGNTON  
COMMUNITY &  
SPORTS ACADEMY



CURLIDGE STREET  
ACADEMY

Year 5 students from Curledge Street Primary School have been working with staff and students from PCSA in a joint project focusing on literacy and art. Year 5 and Year 7 students have been working together alongside specialist Literacy and Art teachers on a project where Year 5 have created persuasive letters, exciting poetry and used ICT software to import artwork.

The main focus of the project has been to raise literacy levels of students in Year 5 by using the artist 'Banksy' as inspiration. The children have developed research skills, understood his perceptions of the world and then used his ideas of hidden meaning within artwork to produce their own pieces.

A display of their work and a celebration of the joint venture will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December in the main school hall on WRC at 4pm.

## KS3 English

A number of Year 7 students have been working on a literacy project with Year 5 students from Curledge St Academy. They have provided great role models for the younger students and have further strengthened the link between our two academies. The students involved are:

Dominic Ford  
Aiden Lethbridge  
Chloe Mitchell  
Kaycee Morgan  
Ethan Robinson (7P2)  
Dylan Barham  
Luke Everist  
Charlie Rebello

"Why Me?", the exciting Key Stage 3 English competition has been launched. The challenge is for Years 7 to 9 is to write 1,000 words based around the title 'Why Me?' The finished piece can be of any genre and can take the form of a story, poem or play.

Three lucky winners per year group will have the opportunity to have their book published as an e-book. Competition is expected to be fierce and all entries will be submitted by the end of term.



A number of students are receiving offers and interviews for courses that they have applied to study at the end of Year 13. We would like to wish students good luck and should they need any further support they can speak to a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team or log on to [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

## 16-19 Bursary Funds

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form are able to apply for financial assistance to support their learning from the Academies 16-19 Bursary Fund. Full details of eligibility can be found on the website through the following link or alternatively by requesting an application form from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team. [www.paigntonacademy.org](http://www.paigntonacademy.org)

## Application Form

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form at Paignton Community & Sports Academy is actively committed to ensuring the best economic outcomes for its students. We welcome students with a willingness to learn and develop through education.

Sixth Form Applications will open on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 you can download an application from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form section of the school website. [www.paigntonacademy.org](http://www.paigntonacademy.org)



If you would like any Advice and Guidance on choosing your options please contact a member of the Careers Team or log onto the Careers subject tool bar on the main Academy site.

## Short Courses

Year 12/13 Bonus Friday Courses:

- Upgrade your CV!
- Employability skills!
- University Appeal!

**£5 secures your place (PCSA subsidise your full course fee).**

## Charity Cake Sale



This term 6<sup>th</sup> Form students (pictured) raised money for Macmillan Trust and the Philippines Disaster. They baked cakes and sweet treats and sold them to fellow students and members of staff.

## Learn2Live Presentation 2013

Learn2Live began in October 2007. It was based on a road safety presentation by South Yorkshire Fire Brigade. The presentation is based on a short video depicting the scene of a group of friends going out for a night and having a collision. The emergency services arrive, one of the friends is taken to hospital where they pass away, and finally the family are informed.

As the different emergency services arrive, the video is paused and a member of that emergency service comes out on stage to tell of a collision they have attended. The stories they tell are real and told from their own personal point of view.

The final speakers are all (extra) ordinary people, who have had a member of their family killed or seriously injured in a collision. They speak of the collision and also of the effect it has had on them and their family. The very last speaker is someone who has been the driver in a fatal collision.

Students gained a considerable amount of insight into the true reality of driving without due care and consideration. We encourage 6<sup>th</sup> Form students to be safe drivers and passengers.

# Celebration Evening

Students, parents and carers attended the Sixth Form Presentation Evening. Many students received subject commendations in recognition of outstanding effort, commitment and attainment. Students who were nominated by staff for the following awards:

<b>Ashleigh Grindrod</b>	<b>Student of Year 12</b>
<b>Connor Harris-Wooldridge</b>	<b>Sports Shield</b>
<b>Kerstin Stewart</b>	<b>Vocational Cup</b>
<b>Leah Joyner</b>	<b>Linden Cup for A Level Achievement</b>
<b>Elisse Phipps-Collard</b>	<b>Performing Arts Cup</b>
<b>Jack Wills</b>	<b>Drama Cup</b>
<b>Sophie Carter</b>	<b>Dance Cup</b>
<b>Jason Kennard</b>	<b>Torquay United Player of the Year</b>
<b>Laura Peacock</b>	<b>Volunteering Cup</b>
<b>Liam Rider / Connor Walker</b>	<b>Pastoral Cup for Achievement through Adversity</b>



## E-hair Salon

Our post 16 Hairdressing students are looking for models on Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments are between 10.30 and 13.30. For more information speak to a member of staff in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form/ Careers Office.



Services we have to offer include:

- Blow-dry
- Straighten/curling
- Hair ups
- Plaiting

Other services we offer include:

- Semi-Permanent Colour
- Foils
- Root Regrowth
- Some cutting is available

Anyone that may possibly be interested in having a colour must have a skin test in case of any allergies at least 48 hours before service.

## **PCSA Keep Their Cool at the Winter School Games!**

PCSA were one of many schools around the Bay to compete in the Annual Winter School Games held at Torbay Leisure Centre on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. The games were a host to a variety of games including volleyball, cycling, hockey, dance, tag rugby, rowing and table tennis. Those who performed exceptionally within their sport will progress onto a Level 3 County Competition held at Exeter University in April.

The day swept off to a quick start following an inspiring and informative speech from our very own Young Ambassadors Kingsley Burrows and Nareece Ford. Success was evident from the early stages of the day, with both PCSA rowing teams claiming the number one spot! The table tennis competition saw PCSA narrowly miss out on winning, coming a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Torquay Boys Grammar School and drawing with Westlands. Both volleyball teams performed superbly, with the girls' team securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a tough competition against Westlands and Torquay Academy.



The cycling event saw PCSA draw in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Brixham Community College and the hockey team performed exceptionally well to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. The girl's tag rugby team took on the bitter winds and showed off their skills on the field to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Congratulations to all students and teams that participated on the day. You represented the Academy superbly and your efforts on the day were terrific!

### **Ladies' Academy Netball Squad**



The first week back after the summer break saw the first netball league match for our new second team. The team is made up of students and staff, who were all excited and thoroughly enjoyed the match.

### **Soccer Stars Successful Selection**

Year 9 soccer stars, Jamie Robinson and Damien Sobota, have been selected from a wealth of local talent to represent this year's U14 Torbay Schools' Football Team.



### **New Rugby pitch inspires National Cup Win**



The new Rugby pitch at Waterleat Road played host to an action packed Year 10 National Cup game, inspiring the team to a resounding victory. The round two match saw the Paignton Academy side overcome a bigger side from Sir John Hunt Community College in Plymouth 47-17.



### **South Devon Cross Country**

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November a selection of talented students were selected to compete in the South Devon Cross Country Championships at Stover School. Georgia Lea (Year 8) finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place to secure her place for the Devon Trials, Isaac Reeves in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Owen Coldwell in an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## First 35 mile Ten Tors Training Walk

Paignton Community and Sports Academy students have begun their training for the 35 mile Ten Tors event. On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December students completed a 14km walk around the Princetown area of Dartmoor. Students learnt some basic navigation skills and gained an understanding of the physical requirements needed for the Ten Tors event.

PCSA staff accompanied students on their first walk; however it was down to the students to navigate. In groups of 2 or 3, they took turns to navigate the group around 6 different tors in the Princetown area. A fantastic start to the season, with all students completing the walk in a remarkably quick time.



## Sky Sports Literacy Project Visit Plymouth Raiders

After a busy day working with Sky Sports Athlete Mentor, David Hill, the Sky Sports Literacy students from Year 9 then made their way down to Plymouth Pavillions, home of the Plymouth Raiders Basketball team as part of their sports media project.



Here, the group were greeted by Chief Executive, Dave Briggs, who took them on the Raiders 'Behind the Scenes' Tour where the students were able to see the players and cheerleaders preparing for an important BBL Cup

Semi-Final clash against the Leicester Riders.

The students were then able to watch the game from exclusive VIP seats, take part in the half-time free-throw shoot-out, before meeting 'Foxy' the mascot and all of the players and asking them some questions court-side after the game.

## Paralympian Visits Paignton



On Friday 29th November Paralympic GB swimmer and Sky Sports Athlete Mentor, David Hill, came to the Academy. He met the Year 9 students currently taking part in a Sports Literacy Project in association with the Sky Sports 'Living for Sport' initiative, who were able to demonstrate their developing communication skills within his interactive workshops.

David also provided some excellent advice on planning and goal-setting which will help the students organise in school and for their own sporting commitments.

David, who delivered an inspirational talk to Year 7 students in the afternoon as part of their anti-bullying day, was also extremely impressed with the sports facilities available at the Academy and suggested that they were among the best he had seen in the South West.

## Volleyball Fever Hits Mayfield!

A number of the best Young Leaders from Year 11 travelled to Mayfield Special School to deliver an afternoon of Sitting Volleyball.



## **Young Ambassadors Develop Their Skills**

On November 11th, some of the Academy's most promising Sports Leaders, Georgina Jones, Nareece Ford, Kingsley Burrows, Georgia Dowell and Aidan Gallagher, were invited to develop their promising skills at the regional Young Ambassadors Conference held at Marjon University in Plymouth.

The conference, organised by Paignton's John Julyan and Nick Gillard on behalf of the Youth Sport Trust, involved a host of informative and practical workshops, aimed at highlighting and expanding upon a variety of key leadership skills required by all Young Ambassadors. Additional inspiration and motivation on the day was provided by YST Athlete Mentor and former Olympic Team GB Waterpolo captain, Craig Figes (a familiar figure to the Paignton students after his recent guest appearance at Sports Day).

All of the students contributed admirably throughout the challenging sessions and now look forward to putting their skills into practice within their new Young Ambassador roles here at Paignton.



## **Sheffield National School Games**



Eight students from Paignton Community & Sports Academy, had the unique experience of going to Sheffield to volunteer at the Sainsbury's National School Games. The games were held for 1600 young athletes, competing from all over the UK, in 12 different sports. Like at London 2012, volunteers were pivotal to making these games a success, and all of the young people enjoyed their experience.

## **Fantastic Start for Year 7/8 Basketball Season**

Tuesday October 15th saw the first Central Venue League fixtures for the Year 7 Basketball team, which ended up with some fantastic results for the Academy.

## **Ex Paignton Student Scoops Torbay Sports Personality 2013**

The Torbay Sports Awards on the 7<sup>th</sup> November saw ex Paignton student Shane Medlan win the overall Sports Personality award as well as his individual category award. Shane completed Year 11 in the summer of 2013. Shane was chosen as overall Sports Personality of the year after a remarkable year of competitive achievement and personal transformation.



As a BTEC sports student Shane began focusing on boxing 18 months ago. This new direction enabled Shane to be very successful, in just 12 competitive bouts, Shane has become Western Counties ABA champion at welterweight level, and gone on to reach the National Junior ABA semi-finals.

This a fantastic achievement for Shane and all staff are extremely proud of him.

Shane is now a dedicated boxer and has secured himself an apprenticeship in Electrical Installation. The Academy wishes Shane every success for his future.

## Torbay Sports Awards - Girl's do Academy Proud

## Terrific Tournament for Table Tennis Teams



November saw the U14 Girls' Football Team, Nareece Ford and Olivia Dean represent the Academy and their clubs in the finals of the Torbay Sports Awards. The gala evening was fantastic and the girls were amongst a star studded crowd: Bob Wilson, Mary King MBE and Chris Hargreaves, as well as other international sports stars.

They were an absolute credit to the Academy and all did superbly well, crowned as runners up in their respective categories:

Girls' Football Team - Team of the Year  
 Nareece Ford and Olivia Dean - Young Volunteers of the year.

Some of the Academy's star table tennis players travelled down to Plymouth to take part in the annual regional Team Tournament held at Eggbuckland College. PCSA acquitted themselves well all day and performed admirably against some formidable opposition, including many County level players.

The **Under 16 Boys** stormed through their group with convincing victories over hosts Eggbuckland and a much-fancied Devonport High team, before being edged out at the semi-final by eventual winners, Stover School.

The **Under 13 Boys** finished a close second in their group, just missing out on progression to the knock-out stage.

The **Under 13 Girls** were the only team in their category that attended on the day, but they grasped the opportunity to gain some important match-play experience against some of the other older girls and boys teams.



## BMX Sponsorship for Rob Tyrell!



Rob Tyrell from Year 9 has successfully gained Sponsorship as a result of his superb ability performing on his BMX bike.

Rob said, "I started BMXing when I was 10 years old. I've enjoyed it ever since. I ride at all the local parks including Parkfield, Victoria Park, Decoy and Mount Hawk in Cornwall. I spend much of my holidayS riding everyday and learning new tricks."

Rob has recently had a promotional video produced and we wish him well as he further develops in the sport.



# PCSA Keep Their Cool at the Winter School Games!

PCSA were one of many schools around the Bay to compete in the Annual Winter School Games held at Torbay Leisure Centre on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. The games were a host to a variety of games including volleyball, cycling, hockey, dance, tag rugby, rowing and table tennis. Those who performed exceptionally within their sport will progress onto a Level 3 County Competition held at Exeter University in April.

The day swept off to a quick start following an inspiring and informative speech from our very own Young Ambassadors Kingsley Burrows and Nareece Ford. Success was evident from the early stages of the day, with both PCSA rowing teams claiming the number one spot! The table tennis competition saw PCSA narrowly miss out on winning, coming a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Torquay Boys Grammar School and drawing with Westlands. Both volleyball teams performed superbly, with the girls' team securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a tough competition against Westlands and Torquay Academy.



The cycling event saw PCSA draw in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Brixham Community College and the hockey team performed exceptionally well to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. The girl's tag rugby team took on the bitter winds and showed off their skills on the field to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Congratulations to all students and teams that participated on the day. You represented the Academy superbly and your efforts on the day were terrific!

## Ladies' Academy Netball Squad



The first week back after the summer break saw the first netball league match for our new second team. The team is made up of students and staff, who were all excited and thoroughly enjoyed the match.

## Soccer Stars Successful Selection

Year 9 soccer stars, Jamie Robinson and Damien Sobota, have been selected from a wealth of local talent to represent this year's U14 Torbay Schools' Football Team.



## New Rugby pitch inspires National Cup Win



The new Rugby pitch at Waterleat Road played host to an action packed Year 10 National Cup game, inspiring the team to a resounding victory. The round two match saw the Paignton Academy side overcome a bigger side from Sir John Hunt Community College in Plymouth 47-17.



## South Devon Cross Country

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November a selection of talented students were selected to compete in the South Devon Cross Country Championships at Stover School. Georgia Lea (Year 8) finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place to secure her place for the Devon Trials, Isaac Reeves in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Owen Coldwell in an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## First Aid

Please be aware that the school does not provide pain relief/medication. Parents should supply this for their son/daughter with a completed consent slip (green form available from Reception).

### Prescribed Medication:

The student's medication should be provided in its original container and box with the Pharmacist's label showing the student's name and dosage. The school cannot accept medicines that have been removed from their original container nor make changes to dosage on parents' instructions (this has to be changed by the pharmacist/doctor to be able to produce a new label for the box/medicine).

### Non Prescribed Medication:

Paracetamol (soluble or tablet) is the only pain-killer accepted at school for students to bring in. These should not be used for more than 3 days continuously. Please note Ibuprofen and Aspirin (whether tablet/liquid form) are not acceptable unless prescribed.

All medicines handed into school should be accompanied by the fully completed 'green form' showing: name of school, name of student, address, medical condition, name of prescribing doctor, medicine, dose, frequency of dose and parent/guardian signature with date.

**N.B.** It is essential that all medication is handed into reception as soon as the student arrives at school. Students are not permitted to carry any form of medication around school.

If unwell, students should follow school procedures in which they must be seen by either their Head of Year or the First Aider who will make contact with parents and, if deemed necessary, arrange for them to go home. It is helpful for students that do need medication if parents have a chat with the College's First Aider on 403661 or with the Head of Year.

## Important Exam Information

### Certificates

Certificates for students who left in summer 2013 are available **NOW** from the Exams Office. If a student is unable to come in then a parent/carer/friend can collect them with a letter of authorisation and ID. All certificates have to be signed out as proof of collection. It is vital that certificates are collected otherwise they will be destroyed and you will have no proof of your qualifications. Please remind any past students that we still have some certificates dating back to 2008.

### Summer Exams

Years 10, 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Statement of Exam Entries will be given out before Easter and Final Summer Exam Timetables will be given out to students after Easter. GCSE/GCE exams are scheduled to run from 6<sup>th</sup> May until 25<sup>th</sup> June. Controlled assessments and BTEC onscreen tests will be held continuously throughout the year.

## Parking at the College Sites

There have been several occasions recently when parents who are collecting their children, have driven into the College car park narrowly missing pupils exiting school. We therefore would like to request that you do not bring your vehicle into the College premises between the times of 2.50pm and 3.15pm: thank you for your co-operation.

Please note that gates to the car park at Borough Road will be locked between 2.50 and 3.10 pm.

We would also respectfully ask all parents not to park and block entrances to our resident's houses along Waterleat Road as this causes a great deal of inconvenience to them.

Thank you.

# **Did you know that just registering your son or daughter for Free School Meals means that the Academy gets extra money?**

**Register now to make sure we don't all miss out!!**

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Student Premium'. For every student registered the Academy gets £600 this year.

If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with costs of Out of School Activities and Clubs, Activities Week and the Academy's Holiday Programme.

## **How Does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the College for an application form.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £600 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £600 extra.

## **Do you Qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

**Please talk to us about registering your child today.**

Students can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits in their own right.  
**Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**

# Information for your Notice Board

## BOROUGH ROAD CENTRE CONTACT DETAILS:

**Main Office Tel: 01803 403003**  
**Main Office Fax: 01803 403004**  
**Attendance Office: 01803 403721**  
**E-mail: brdadmin@paigntonacademy.org**

**Web-site: paigntonacademy.org**

## WATERLEAT ROAD CONTACT DETAILS:

**Main Office Tel: 01803 403005**  
**Main Office Fax: 01803 403006**  
**Attendance Office Tel: 01803 403602**  
**E-mail: wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org.**

## LEADERSHIP TEAM 2013/14

**Principal:** Miss J English—Waterleat Road  
**Deputy Principal:** Mr M Smith—Borough Road  
**Deputy Principal:** Mr J Trevarthen—Both Sites  
**Assistant Principal:** Mr M Williams—Borough Road  
**Assistant Principal:** Ms V Rogers—Waterleat Road  
**Assistant Principal:** Mr A Thomas—Waterleat Road  
**Director of Finance:** Mrs G Gribbins—Waterleat Road

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

**Head of Key Stage 3:** Miss H Wilkinson

**Head of Key Stages 4 and 5:** Mr T Willcocks

	HEADS OF YEAR	PASTORAL MANAGERS:
Year 7	Miss S Eagles	Miss K Casey
Year 8	Mr W Virgo	Mrs N Rundle
Year 9	Miss E Preston	Mrs E Kelly
Year 10	Miss J Brown	Miss M Wilson
Year 11	Mr M Cocker	Ms A Sanford

**Years 12/13 Pastoral Team:** Mrs L Hay  
Mrs T Humphries

**Please note:**

Year Groups 7, 8 and 9 are based at the Waterleat Road Centre and Year Groups 10, 11 and 12/13 are based at the Borough Road Centre.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

Contact numbers for parents who need help with Special Educational Needs:

**KEY STAGE 3 Ms M Fulcher 01803 393856**  
**KEY STAGE 4/5 Mr B Chapman 01803 403729**

## ABSENCE LINES

Contact numbers to report a Student's absence are as follows:

**KEY STAGE 3 MRS CHAPMAN 01803 403602**  
**KEY STAGE 4 MRS BALLINGER 01803 403721**  
**6TH FORM MRS HUMPHRIES 01803 403746**

**ABSENCE AND WELFARE OFFICER:**

**MRS LISA JONES: 07501 030498**

## TERM DATES 2013/14

### AUTUMN TERM:

First Day - Thursday 5th September 2013  
 Last Day - Friday 20th December 2013  
 Staff Training Days – Tuesday, 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 2013

### SPRING TERM:

First Day – Monday 6th January 2014  
 Last Day – Friday 4th April 2014

### SUMMER TERM:

First Day – Tuesday 22nd April 2014  
 Last Day – Friday 25th July 2014

### HALF TERM DATES:

*Autumn* – Monday 21st October 2013 – Friday 1st November 2013 (10 days)  
*Spring* – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2014 (5 days)  
*Summer* – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2014 (5 days)

## TERM DATES 2014/15

### AUTUMN TERM:

First Day - Thursday 4th September 2014  
 Last Day - Friday 19th December 2014  
 Staff Training Days – Wednesday 3rd September

### SPRING TERM:

First Day – Monday 5th January 2015  
 Last Day – Friday 27th March 2015

### SUMMER TERM:

First Day – Monday 13th April 2015  
 Last Day – Friday 24th July 2015

### HALF TERM DATES:

*Autumn* – Monday 20th October 2014 – Friday 31st October 2014 (10 days)  
*Spring* – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2015 (5 days)  
*Summer* – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2015 (5 days)

*Day's Holiday—Friday 1st May 2015*  
*Bank Holiday—Monday 4th May 2015*