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Believe and Achieve

"This is my favourite day of the year. It was a real pleasure to see all the students and parents as they complete one successful stage of their lives and embark on their next journey. The Major was a fantastic guest who was inspiring whilst also offering practical and real time advice. We look forward to celebrating some excellent GCSE results with these wonderful young people who have been such a delight to work with."

Mark Smith
Joint Acting Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 th July	Open Morning
13 th July	Open Evening
18 th July	Year 7 Celebration Evening
19 th July	Year 8 Celebration Evening
20 th July	Performing Arts Summer Show
26 th July	Last day of term
17 th August	Post 16 results day
24 th August	GCSE results day
5 th Sept	First day of term



Major Arthur Norman-Walker MBE makes presentations on ROA Day

Year 11 ROA Day attended by Major Arthur Norman-Walker, MBE

This year's prestigious ROA day was attended by Major Arthur Norman-Walker MBE, Careers Advisor for the AFCO Office in Exeter.

A glorious sunny day saw Year 11 students celebrate their final day of secondary education. The Major was the special guest who presented the class of 2017 with their National Record of Achievement folders. The event was also attended by over 250 parents, staff and distinguished guests of the Academy.

After presenting each student with their personalised folder, Major Arthur Norman-Walker went on to give the

students an inspiring and motivating speech. He spoke of grabbing opportunities with both hands, seeing the world, having a positive outlook and taking advantage of every occasion. As a recruiting officer for the British Army he also advised the audience about the qualities he looked for and recounted a story about a particular recruit that showed initiative, dedication and passion.

He finished by advising the students of his five mantras which he felt have helped him to be successful in life and he urged the students to try and uphold these; eat well, sleep well, drink plenty of water, exercise and stretch!



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Former student, Mollie Hughes, on Everest

Former Student Becomes First Woman to Scale Everest from North and South Sides

Mollie Hughes successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest for the second time making her the youngest Briton, the youngest European woman and the first English woman to successfully scale the peak from both the north and south sides.

PCSA Interact Club's Rubbish Day Out

Students, staff and Paignton Rotary Club members spent an afternoon conducting a beach clean on Paignton Sands to improve the local environment. This was a great opportunity for the Interact Club to help the local community and keep the beach clean for others. Mr Cook, Head of Outdoor Education said "It was fantastic to see our students and the local community come together to improve an area which we all like to use"



PCSA students' rubbish day out!



Students take part in mock election



Election News

Paignton Academy took part in a mock election and Labour was the very clear winning Political Party amongst our young voters!

LATEST NEWS



Sports Day



Meerkats Crowned 2017 Sports Day Champions!

During an action packed week leading up to Sports Day 2017, all students had the opportunity to participate in events ranging from shot put and high jump to the 1500metres.

It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying a full day of top sporting activities made even more special due to the Olympic theme running through the day. Wearing their team colours students raced in front of their peers to be crowned 100metres, hurdles, 200metres and relay champions 2017.

Year 11 Prom at Lupton House

With exams over and summer fast approaching, the final event of the Year 11 calendar saw the Prom take place at the wonderful Lupton House. The sun was shining, the outfits sparkled, pupils dressed to impress and arrived in style.

New Head Boy/Girl & Prefect Team

Please join us in congratulating the following students on their new roles in the Academy:

Head Boy - Harry Thompson

Head Girl - Taiga McFarlane

Deputy Head Boy - Max Dorothy

Deputy Head Girl - Katie Gower

Senior Prefects - Steven Roblin, Sam Ripley,

Lauren Ballinger, Leah Perry



Prom 2017 at Lupton House



Head Boy and Head Girl with Mr Scott, Head of Year, and Miss Casey, Pastoral Manager



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Students attend the Salter's Institute Festival of Chemistry



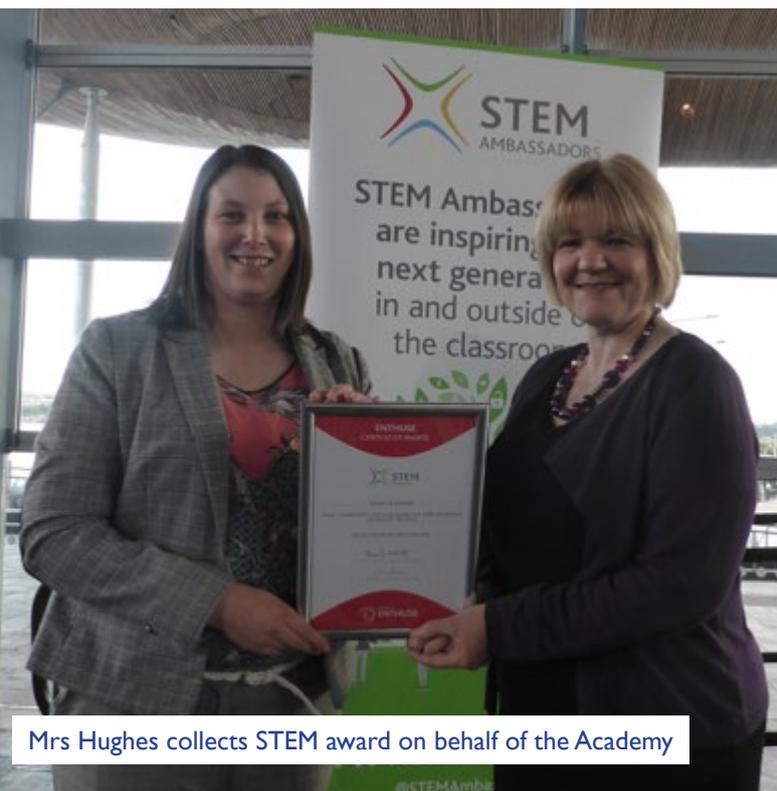
Young Scientists Thrive at the Salter's Chemistry Festival

Four young scientists attended the Salter's Institute Festival of Chemistry where they competed in two chemistry challenges. Sophie Stothard (Year 7), Gemma Evans and Joe Ruocco (Year 8) used chromatography and burning compounds to determine who had committed the crime. Students had to create endothermic and exothermic reactions to result in an exact temperature. All representatives showed outstanding teamwork, communication skills and scientific knowledge.

STEM Announce PCSA as Secondary School of the Year

PCSA are extremely pleased to be announced as joint winners of the STEM Enthuse Regional Awards - Secondary School of the Year. The award recognises the impact of continuing professional development working alongside the National STEM organisation. The Secondary category considers the contribution that teachers and schools make in engaging pupils in STEM subjects. STEM subjects are Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Mrs Hughes, Head of KS3 Science, represented the Academy at the prestigious awards ceremony.



Mrs Hughes collects STEM award on behalf of the Academy

"This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to Douglass Yorgason, Director of Science and his Science Team, who have fully engaged with STEM at various levels to further develop and enhance Science provision for our young people at the Academy. We would also like to thank Claire Arbery from STEM, Senior Regional Network Lead, for her ongoing support promoting Science at the Academy."

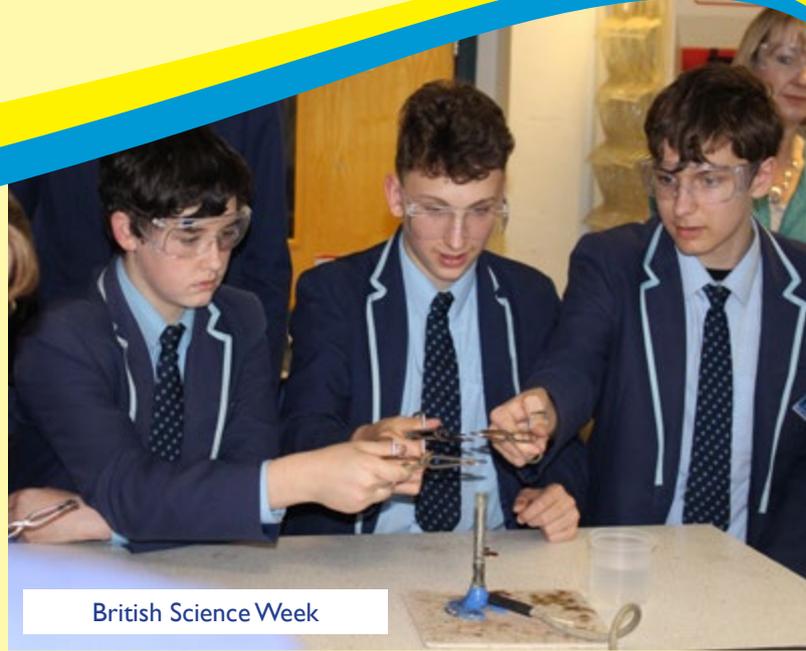
Jason Trevarthen
Joint Acting Headteacher

British Science Week Goes Off with a Bang!

The science department embraced British Science week with daily challenges and exciting science demonstrations.

Mr Yorgason, Director of Science, showed eager KS4 students how to increase the value of copper coins by turning them first into silver, and then into gold! Meanwhile, Mr Swettenham shocked his students by setting fire to a hard earned £10 note!

Members of the KS3 Science Club also performed an experiment combining chemicals in order to make Elephants' Toothpaste aka a fantastic foamy fountain!



British Science Week



Year 7 students take part in MADE project

MADE Project

Seventy Year 7 students took part in the Torbay MADE (Manufacturing Activities Designed to Engage) pilot project - a series of manufacturing focused activities designed to inspire, motivate and engage young people in STEM learning. It was supported by Tim Durrant from local business EFFECT Photonics Ltd, Brixham.

Students were challenged to design and make a teaching aid that would help primary students to understand more about the principles of balance, magnetism, switching circuits and the internal reflection of light.

A CREST Success

This year saw the Silver CREST award being run for the first time and, as we had a record number of students, a grant from the British Science Association/STEM made it possible.

Students have been working on various projects such as bath bombs, future travel, testing ceramic materials and looking at the principles of Archimedes density. Students have devised methods, practical investigations and reports with their project culminating in presentations to the Senior Leadership Team and the Director of Science.

Mrs Hughes and Miss Edmonds commented on how students handled the presentations; they talked with maturity and a great deal of knowledge about their projects which impressed the Senior Leadership Team and the Director of Science.



Congratulations to the Ten Tors Team



Ten Tors 35 mile team

PCSA's Ten Tors team completed 35 miles in a new Academy record, finishing on Sunday just after 2pm. Well done to Bethan Poppe, Harry Thompson, Max Dorothy, Ben Taylor, Nathan Smith and Jack Wale for completing this tough and demanding, yet rewarding, event.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Success!

Year 10 students have completed their Silver Assessed Expedition in the Black Mountains of Wales, having carried out their practice expedition last month in the South Hams. They were completely self-sufficient throughout the three days. Well done to Chelsea Taylor, Tyler Cooper, Max Dorothy, Ben Taylor, Harry Thompson, Josh Frampton and Kallum Bowden.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award success for Year 10 students

Army Enrichment Days

Year 10 students participated in an Enrichment Day with the Armed Forces which saw them take part in activities covering employability skills, practical team building, human rights, international law and conflict.

Year 10 enjoy Army Enrichment Day



Royal Marines Visit the Academy

Two members of the Royal Marines Visibility Team visited the Academy in March to run activities for a group of Year 9 students. They took part in sports and PT activities, followed by a presentation on 'Life as a Royal Marine'.

Royal Marines visit Year 9



Dawlish Warren Field Trip 2017



Year 10 at Dawlish Warren

Year 10 Geographers were taken to Dawlish Warren to look at coastal processes and coastal defences. The data they collected formed part of the material needed for their exams in Year 11. It was an interesting time to visit Dawlish Warren as the Environment Agency are currently in the middle of their estimated £14 million coastal defence upgrade project and the students collected data regarding long shore drift and visitors' opinions of the defences in place.

GCSE History Group Visit Berry Pomeroy Castle

Students were challenged to independently complete a treasure hunt amongst the ruins and dark recesses of reputedly the most haunted castle in Britain. This trip helped them to interpret the historic site, which is essential for their GCSE exam. They came away with a better understanding of the site's major challenges in its construction and were able to identify from its ruins the notable turning points over time.



History students visit Berry Pomeroy Castle



Primaries at PCSA for Inspiration Day

PCSA Hosted Inspiration Days for Local Primaries

Our latest Inspiration Days hosted over 380 Year 5 students. Nine local primary schools took part in an exciting multi-disciplinary day aiming to develop self-confidence, self-worth and a 'can-do' approach to learning. The day gave students the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops led by professionals from a wide range of disciplines including Music, Science, Dance Mats, Animal Activity, Battlefield Live and Tae Kwon Do.

PCSA students from Years 7,8 and 9 helped support the day and were leaders for each group. They showed fantastic leadership and communication skills and were outstanding ambassadors for the Academy on the day.

CPR Training for All KS3 Students

Year 11

Students Test their First Aid Skills

The British Red Cross gave a lifesaving first aid course to Year 11 students. The Outdoor Education students learnt a variety of skills including; how to assess a casualty, resuscitation techniques and how to deal with life threatening bleeds, broken bones and burns. A great opportunity for students to learn some vital first aids skills which may save someone's life.



British Red Cross Lifesaving First Aid course

CPR workshops, delivered by the PE Department, utilised practical resources kindly donated by the British Heart Foundation and enabled all students to develop their knowledge of how to respond to a casualty and administer effective CPR if required.

Swimming Success for Year 9 Boys



Charlie Wilkes and Marcus Coombes receive swimming award

After ten years of commitment Year 9 students, Charlie Wilkes and Marcus Coombes, have achieved their Stage 10 National Plan Award in Competitive Swimming. This is the highest level achievable within the scheme. Congratulations to them.

Year 7 Success



Jasmin Comley completed the "Bubble Run" in Plymouth for charity.



Sophie Stothard achieved a silver medal in the Paignton Dance Festival UI3s Modern Dance Category.



Katelyn Buswell is the British Baton Twirling Federation National Champion in Duet and 2 Baton. She also achieved 4 silver medals in Military, Basic, Solo and Team twirl!

Year 8 Rounders



Year 8 play St Cuthbert Mayne at rounders

County Cup Winners



Congratulations to Joe Perry and Ewan Howarth, Year 10, who were part of the U15s Devon County Cup winning team.

Olympic Silver Medallist Visits PCSA!



Olympic rower, Annie Vernon visits the Academy

Olympic Silver medallist, Annie Vernon, visited the Academy, to deliver a series of workshops to the students on the Sky Sports 'Living for Sport Programme'. Annie led two excellent sessions with the group, educating them about her "6 Steps of Success" before leading them through a competitive practical session which focused on effective communication and problem solving.

Visit to Wembley



Students watch England compete against Lithuania in a World Cup qualifier at Wembley

Students Interview International Footballers



Students interview England U18 Schoolboys team

Year 9 Sports Literacy group were given the unique opportunity of interviewing some of the England U18 schoolboys team, as they developed their research for their first assessment task.

They then got to witness the England U18 school boys showcase their talents as they competed against their Northern Irish counterparts in the Schoolboy International fixture held at Torquay United's Plainmoor Stadium.

Year 12 ICT Students Attend Talk on Virtual Reality at Torbay Hospital

Year 12 ICT students were really fortunate to be visited by Dr Nicholas Peres, one of the leaders of the use of Virtual Reality (VR) within healthcare. Students were given a talk on the current and future uses of VR within healthcare and were allowed to experiment with the use of Google Cardboard and the Oculus Rift!



Y12 students look at the use of Augmented Reality at Thorpe Park

Year 12 ICT students visited Thorpe Park to look at the creation of the new Derren Brown Ghost Train ride. The ride is one of the first of its kind to use Augmented Reality to really create a scary experience!

Former student Vicky Lees Talks to Aspire Law Students

Former student, Vicky Lees, delivered a presentation to the Year 13 Law students. Vicky is a Graduate member of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, working towards a qualification as a Fellow, specialising in Family Law. After successfully attaining her Law with Business Studies Honours Degree (BSc) and Graduate Diploma in Law from the University of Plymouth, Vicky completed her Bar Professional Training at the University of the West of England.



Former student, Vicky Lees, talks to Aspire Law students

Dance and Drama Students Take Part in 'Into the Woods' Workshop

Guest teacher, Polly Ferguson, from 'Doorstep Theatre Arts' used a mixture of dance, acting and movement skills to create characters and perform to numbers from the musical. Students will be able to use the experience as part of their Unit 2 Preparation for Production work.



Students taking part in theatre workshop



Bake-off - staff versus students

The Great PCSA Bake Off – Staff v Students

At the end of March Year 7 students led by Kayleigh Brewer, Cailin Cudd and Grace Williams took on the staff in a bake off and cake sale for both Cancer Research and the Lymphoma Association. The final count of £205.34 shows the staff sold just £9.00 more than the students making them the winners!

Boys Will Be Brilliant Project

10 male students from PCSA spent time supporting Kings Ash students from Years 3 and 4 with a range of tasks based on the title 'Who do I want to be?' Our students helped the primary children to write about their aspirations for the future in terms of career choices and the personal qualities and skills required to make dreams come true.



Boys Will Be Brilliant project



Five bake for Comic Relief

Famous Five Bake for Charity

Five students: Elise Warren, Hollie Yates, Kayleigh Shepherd, Tamzin Rowe and Izzy Ryman, had been baking all week with friends and family to ensure they had plenty of cakes ready for a break-time sale. The sale was a success and made £110 for Comic Relief.

Student of the Month

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Callum Weller 7R	Callum has consistently worked extremely hard in all of his subjects, especially Maths. He has managed to improve his levels in Maths aiming at two whole levels above his target.
Coleby Baker 8P4	Coleby works tirelessly in Science lessons, often staying late to help the teacher. His determination means he is working well above his target grade. He is a pleasure to teach.
Issy Roper 9P3	Issy is a committed music student who has also shown maturity in helping with several music clubs and supporting younger students.
Aysegul Dogantekin 10M3	Aysegul has done very well in her French PPE despite only having started to learn French in Year 9, and having English as a second language.
Toby Wood 11M2	Toby works extremely hard but on top of that he is also unfailingly kind. He has recently taken up photography and took it upon himself to print and frame one of his photos for his teacher.
Chloe Walton 12TUI	Chloe has had a fantastic month: she has produced some excellent work in IT, Business Studies and Finance.

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Megan Henderson 7G1	Megan has achieved excellent exam result (Creating +) in French, always works hard and shows a real aptitude for French.
Amelia Williams 8G2	Amelia has become increasingly confident in Maths as a result of attending after school Maths Club with a goal of exceeding her target grade and moving up sets.
Charlie Fleming 9P3	Charlie is always willing to have a go with a good sense of humour!
Callum Hulme 10M2	Callum has been working really hard in Unit 9 of his ICT course and has completed the work to Distinction standard ahead of schedule.
Kayla Woodbridge 11E4	Kayla has never stopped pursuing her A+ grade target. She has improved her exam technique and case study knowledge now achieving an A* in her last PPE.
Melissa Wallis-Higgs 12TUI	Melissa has completed all of her ICT units to a high standard and is currently achieving a Merit Pass.

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Maddison Hooper 7P1	Maddison finds mathematics challenging at times; however, she is resilient, and perseveres. She has attended both interventions and after school support to help her gain a full understanding.
Aaron Botterill 8G5	Aaron is very helpful in class. He is always on task and works well independently. He is focused and contributes fully in the class.
Hollie Yates 9P1	Hollie always gives 100% effort in every lesson and tries ardently to improve and achieve in Dance. She takes pride in all of her work and always has a smile on her face. She is a pleasure to have in the lesson.
Emily Hill 10E2	Emily has a fantastic attitude to her GCSE Geography. Her book work and note taking is to a very high level, her independent work is brilliant and she will go above and beyond to complete and catch up with any work that she has missed.
Sam Pearce 11V2	Sam is really focused on his future, striving to reach his full potential. He often asks for extra revision and attends revision classes after school. Sam is always so polite and well mannered; he appreciates all the help he receives.
Kyle Smith 13TUI	Kyle is working exceptionally hard in BTEC ICT. He is completing his Business Unit to a very high standard. He is also building his confidence and taken on board feedback.

Mark Smith Acting Head



Mr Mark Smith has been appointed Acting Headteacher from 1st September 2017.

Mark Smith Acting Headteacher

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