



GET COLLECTING!!!

The Academy is now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.

The vouchers enable the Academy to acquire a host of brand new sports equipment which can be used in lessons. Prizes are on offer for the forms in each Year group who collect the most vouchers!

YEAR 10 AMBASSADORS TRAVEL TO BELGIUM



YEAR 12 DANCERS PERFORMING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

PCSA was one of five schools in Torbay to welcome a group of Teachers and Headteachers from Lagos, Nigeria. The group of seven teachers from Lagos spent some time in the Academy working with 6th Form students on a piece of coursework which required them to choreograph a piece of African dance.



TEACHERS FROM LAGOS VISIT ACADEMY

The 6th Form students were treated to a display of singing and dancing from the Lagos group, all dressed in their traditional clothes, who then spent some time teaching them how to dance like a Lagosian.

6TH FORM INTERVIEWS

Any pupil wishing to start a course at the 6th Form during 2014 will receive a letter in the post confirming their appointment time. If you do not receive a letter or the time/ day is inconvenient please speak to one of the 6th Form team. Further details regarding courses are available online at: <http://www.paigntoncommunitycollege.com/sixth-form/>

The first international trip for the Comenius Project departed at the end of half term to Izegem, Belgium. Five, Year 10 Language/Drama Ambassadors travelled to Belgium on Eurostar for an exciting cultural exchange working with seven international schools, staff and students, on a combined Modern Foreign Languages and Performing Arts Project.

On arrival at Izegem they attended a welcome reception at the school where staff and students met with their host families for the week and the students and staff from the other 6 countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain, France and Poland. They had a language lesson in Flemish, followed by presentations from each team of students about their country's history.

During the week students took part in workshops: mime, music and dance. They were welcomed by the mayor in the town hall, met a Belgian expert on the First World War trenches and visited the European Parliament.

An exciting, packed and inspiring week for all, all PCSA students were great ambassadors.

A group of Media & computer technology enthusiasts participated in a day of hands on activities at the Plymouth University.



YEAR 9 MEDIA TASTER DAY

COMPETITION TIME!

This is the first addition of our re vamped newsletter, we want to give students the opportunity to provide a name for the newsletter, for example "Paignton News". For the chance to **win a £20 voucher** or one of the runners up prizes please email news@paigntoncedmy.org with your name, form, and title suggestion by April 30th. The lucky winner will be chosen by a panel of judges and announced next term.



CODY WINS THE KEITH JONES DANCE AWARD

Cody Golding, Year 11, has received a prestigious award from the National Association of Teachers of Dancing. Cody, currently studying BTEC Sport and Dance at the Academy, passed her exam with a merit grade after performing a tap routine which she had learnt in under four weeks. The performance was judged on overall performance, clear tap work and presentation.

Sophie Hunt has been elected as UK Youth Parliament member for Torbay. It should be a very exciting year for Sophie, who has already attended several meetings and has a residential event coming up soon. As a Youth Parliament member, Sophie has opportunities to use her voice in creative ways to bring about social change. We hope Sophie can keep us up to date on her exciting year ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHIE HUNT, YEAR 11

Following our trip to Oxford University on February 6th 2014 with our Year 10 Gifted and Talented pupils, we received some very positive feedback. Pupils enjoyed the day and for half of them, the highlight was looking round the grounds and learning about the history of the University. All ten pupils have been inspired to attend University following this successful visit.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIP



ACADEMY STUDENTS WIN SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

Eight Year 9 students took part in Plymouth University's annual architecture project. This involved a current MA student and sixteen undergraduates working with our students to redesign any part of the school to enhance its use. The students selected the Millennium Garden and worked with students from the university to design and build the scale models. The students were rewarded by winning the sustainability prize.



GIRLS INTO TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

A group of Year 9 girls gained first-hand experience of what Higher Education involves; when they took part in a special event aimed at enhancing student's perceptions and knowledge of technology and engineering. Pupils worked closely with Plymouth University staff and student ambassadors on a variety of tasks and workshops.



On Monday, 24th February Miss Parsons, art teacher at the Academy, accompanied a group of 6th Form students studying Art & Design, Drama and Dance to Plymouth University



STUDENTS ATTEND PERFORMING ARTS TASTER DAY

for a Performing Arts Taster Day. The sessions were designed to enrich and develop the students' skills, as well as offering them taster sessions at university level. The day was really successful.

OUTCOME OF UNIFORM CONSULTATION

Following a full consultation, the Academy has agreed the changes to the school uniform. This will take effect from September 2014 and will apply to all pupils in Year 7 to Year 11. Our sponsor, Prospects Academies Trust, has agreed to pay for the major new items of uniform for our existing students. Full details can be found on our website.



TABLE TENNIS SILVER MEDALLIST

On Wednesday 26th February, a team of top Table Tennis players from the Academy travelled down to Eggbuckland in Plymouth to compete in the annual South West Individual Championships. Paige Blowers stole the show, claiming the silver medal in the Under 13 Girls competition. Congratulations!



PCSA STUDENTS GO FOR GOLD

Following on from the success of the level two Sports Hall competition at Torbay Leisure Centre before half term, twelve students from the Academy ventured to Plymouth Life Centre on Thursday, 27th February. Outstanding performances included, Charlie Plumridge in the 4 lap sprint, winning her heat, along with Jake Allen throwing a massive 9.75 metres in the Shot Putt event.

GYMNASTICS/TRAMPOLINING/ CHEERLEADING COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to the PCSA Gymnastics/Trampoline/Cheerleading Dream Team, who retains the South Devon Gymnastics title. They performed superbly individually and as a team. Overall a very proud day for the Academy and every pupil showed why they deserved the plaudits.



GOING FOR GOLD!!

Sixteen, Year 8 pupils and two Year 9 Leaders ventured to Torbay Leisure Centre to compete in the Indoor Athletics Championship. They achieved gold medal position, beating Torquay Academy, Torquay Girls Grammar, Westlands and Churston. Well done to Georgia and Aiden for helping to run the field events and two amazing performances from Imogen and Charlie Plumridge who won all of their events!

On Monday, 27th January, some of the Academy's talented Young Ambassadors delivered a series of inspirational workshops as part of a Youth Sports Trust, 'Silver Young Ambassador Conference' held at the Parkfield Youth Centre in Paignton.



YOUNG AMBASSADORS TAKE THE LEAD



CHAMPION'S CENTRAL VENUE CRUSADE

The under-14 Girls' Football Team produced some fantastic football at the stormy Central Venue League Tournament at South Dartmoor Community College. They played six games, winning five and drawing one against KEVICC. The girls topped the league and will go forward to the Devon Championships!

Year 7 pupil, Rebecca Paine is enjoying major success as an Archer since trying the sport at the "Talent Scout" event held last May at our Academy. Rebecca is now the Devon and Cornwall indoor archery Under 12 Individual Junior Lady Champion for 2014.



SHARP SHOOTING!

Rebecca was included in the Brixham Archers' Junior Team, who were also placed first in the Junior Team category, receiving another medal and sharing the trophy with two other Brixham Archers' Juniors - Olivia Bevan (Under 18 Individual Junior Lady Champion) and Josh Diaz Crozier.

The Year 9 pupils involved in the current Sky Sports Literacy Project had a day to remember on their visit to the Plymouth Life Centre. The group were able to watch the elite diving squad in training before putting their speaking skills to the test as they were filmed commentating on the action. They interviewed GB Diving Coach and 'Splash' TV Judge, Andy Banks, on the poolside, followed by a tour of the diving facilities, including the practice 'dry room'.

The pupils had a chance to take part in a diving master class with 'Crazy Coach' Feeto: a Mexican International Cliff Diving Champion!



SKY SPORTS LITERACY PROJECT



TORBAY YEAR 10 BOYS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PCSA 5 - 2 ST CUTHBERT MAYNE

Our Year 10 team played brilliantly despite weather conditions and injuries. Well done to all of the team.

ACADEMY WELCOMES HEADTEACHERS FROM THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

Paignton Community and Sports Academy were one of the Torbay schools which welcomed a group of twenty two Headteachers from the Sultanate of Oman, who were in the Bay on a British Council Study Visit.

They spent three days with Headteachers and staff in primary and secondary schools as well as a range of lectures on the context of Education in the UK, School Leadership, School Self Evaluation and Teaching and Learning.

The group also got to enjoy some of the attractions with visits to Kents Cavern and Coleton Fishacre before going to London for the last leg of their visit.



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PARIS TRIP

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department took 35, Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE French students to Paris, to enable them to experience the culture and language of France. For some of the students this was their first trip abroad. They had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors for the Academy and returned with the desire to improve their language skills even further.

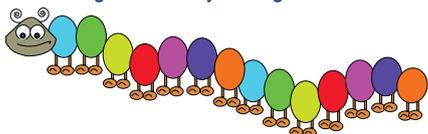


LAW STUDENTS VISIT EXETER CROWN COURT

Two groups of Year 12 Law students visited Exeter Crown Court in late January. The groups were able to see the cross-examination of the defendant in a serious assault case, the evidence of a Senior Forensic Scientist in a murder trial and the sentencing of a defendant who was charged with wounding his former girlfriend. There was also the opportunity for the students to talk to representatives of the 'Victim and Witness care and Support Scheme'.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

On April 20th (Easter Sunday) at Clennon Valley (12.30pm onwards), there is a Guinness World Record attempt for the longest walking human centipede, raising money for Save the Children. People have to stand side by side with their legs tied together and walk 30 metres forward. It is a huge challenge and the current world record is 2,961! There are lots of other fun activities taking place including an adult and child assault course. Let's all try and break the record for Torbay. Please bring ties to tie your legs!

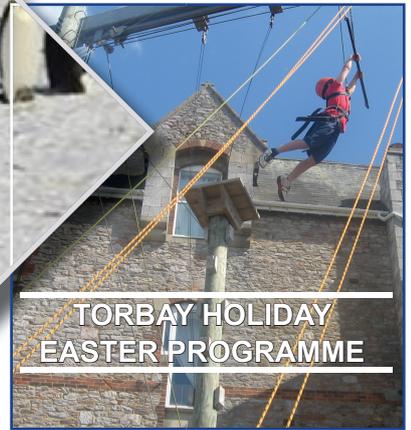


KEVIN HALLAM IN ANTARTICA

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ..

Kevin Hallam left the Academy in 2004; he travelled to Antarctica in November 2013 to become the Wintering Communications Manager for the British Antarctic Survey. Based at the newly constructed base at Halley (Halley VI) his duties include; managing the IT systems, satellite phones, radio communications and controlling the landing aircraft.

Life at the base is very unusual with temperatures ranging from -40C to -50C, 24 hours of daylight during summer and 24 hours of darkness in winter; confined to base except to collect snow to melt for water. The environment is flat and there is only silence, snow and ice as far as the horizon. It is the purest place on Earth, which is why it was picked for the experiments about the ozone layer and climate change.



TORBAY HOLIDAY EASTER PROGRAMME

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MONDAY 7TH APRIL – THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 4-17 YEARS

ALL AVAILABLE TO BOOK VIA THE WEBSITE:

www.torbayholidayprogramme.com

Make your Easter holiday more exciting by joining in the fun at the Torbay Holiday Programme! There are a variety of activities on offer to suit everyone. Choose from: Activity day at Grenville House, Animal Care, Arsenal Soccer School, Battlefield Live, Crabbing & BBQ, CSI Whodunit Forensic Challenge, Fishing, Gymnastics & Trampolining, Horse Riding, Let's Get Cooking, Mini Tennis, Model Making, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Mountain Biking, Police Experience, Surfing, Sweet Treats & Crafts for Easter, Trampolining & Wall Climbing, Warhammer Workshop.

Year 11 Art and Design students were invited to attend a GCSE coursework catch up workshop with Miss Julian and Miss Parsons during the half term break. The day was a great opportunity for students to review and improve coursework, focusing on larger scale work. It was a great success and we are hoping to offer another day during the Easter Holidays.



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