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Welcome

As we come to the end of another busy term, I want to thank all of our staff, students and parental community for all of their hard work and support. Spring Term is always a busy time as schools complete the GCSE/L2 content for our Year 11s, complete mock examinations and then put in place extra interventions so that our students have every chance of success in the final examinations which start soon after the Easter holidays.

During the Easter holidays, our staff will again be doing all that they can to support our senior students by delivering Easter revision classes during week 1 and 2 of the holidays. These are really important and have a real impact on the outcomes that students get in the summer. As always, attendance is key: students that turn up to school at least 90% of the time go on, at Paignton Academy, to achieve outcomes in line with the national average and it is positive outcomes which transform lives: they lead to access to a wider range of courses post 16 and have a significant impact on future careers and earnings.

However, the Term has not all been about our Year 11s. A key highlight for me was last week's production of High School Musical and seeing so many of our outstanding students, across all year groups taking part and delivering a first-class performance was truly memorable. Thank you to all of the students who took part in this production and again to all the staff and parents who supported them.

Finally, we say goodbye today to Mr Carpenter, Assistant Principal, who is leaving the Academy to become the new Headteacher of Preston Bridge. This is a fantastic promotion for Mr Carpenter and testament to all of the hard work, commitment and dedication that he has shown to Paignton Academy and the wider Paignton Community. He has also played the leading role in ensuring that our students transition from primary to secondary so successfully and smoothly. After 21 years at Paignton Academy, we will all miss Mr Carpenter, but we are absolutely delighted to see him progress on to the next stage of his career as Headteacher. Well done Mr Carpenter and thank you for everything you have done to support our students at Paignton.

Wishing our community a peaceful, relaxing and thoroughly enjoyable Easter holiday and a reminder that school starts back again on Monday 20th April.

Best wishes,

D.WILLIAMS

The CARE Store is Here!

At Paignton Academy, our values are at the heart of everything we do. CARE stands for **Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence** — and now we are proud to launch the much anticipated **CARE Store**.

The **CARE Store** is a rewards initiative that allows students to use their earned **CARE / Kindness and House Points** to purchase a range of items from the CARE Store brochure -

[CARE Store brochure](#)

Once you have chosen your item/s please place your order via this form:

[Paignton Academy - The CARE Store – Fill in form](#)

The **CARE Store** isn't just about rewards, it's about recognising students who step up, try hard, show kindness, and represent the Academy in the right way.

You can also locate the brochure and the order form on the dedicated rewards page via the website:

[Paignton Academy | Thinking Schools Academy Trust](#)



Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

On Friday, our drama production of High School Musical Jr. wrapped up, and we couldn't be prouder!

Some of our amazing cast members took a moment to reflect on their experience and answer a few fun questions about being part of the show.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and attended the performances. Your support, cheers, and energy meant the world to our students and helped make this production truly unforgettable.



What was your favourite thing about the show?
 Getting on the stage and performing.

If you could play any character other than the one you play, who would it be and why?
 Sharpay because she has an attitude.

Why should students come and take part in next years show?
 Because you make life long memories.



What was your favourite thing about the show?
 The supportive creative arts staff.

If you could play any character other than the one you play, who would it be and why?
 Sharpay, because she is iconic.

Why should students come and take part in next years show?
 It is something you don't experience every day.



What was your favourite thing about the show?
 The boys changing room not being packed and making new friends along the way.

If you could play any character other than the one you play, who would it be and why?
 Troy because he is a cool character.

Why should students come and take part in next years show?
 It improves your drama skills and we put on excellent shows.



What was your favourite thing about the show?
 Getting on the stage and performing.
 Growing as individuals and performers.

If you could play any character other than the one you play, who would it be and why?
 Coach Bolton because he has a lot funny one liners.

Why should students come and take part in next years show?
 Because you can strive to be the best version of yourself.

The TSAT Take Over, Palace Theatre

Students from Paignton Academy stepped into the light at the Palace Theatre for the TSAT Takeover, joining voices and dancers with schools across the region in a performance alive with rhythm, colour, and expression.

But beneath the spotlight lay something deeper — quiet dedication, unwavering commitment, and hours of unseen effort woven into every note and every step. Precision met passion; discipline shaped artistry.

A powerful reminder that excellence is built long before the curtain rises.

Miss Kerek has put together this fantastic video showcasing our performers. Enjoy the highlights and celebrate the brilliance of our young talent. Please see our Facebook Page for the video.



[The TSAT Take Over, Palace Theatre](#)



Year 8 Nurture Science – Climate Change Project

This term in Science, our Year 8 nurture group has been exploring global warming and its impact on climate change.

Students have been learning about the challenges our planet is currently facing and the importance of taking action.

As part of their work, students designed these fantastic information posters to highlight the effects of climate change and offer ideas on how we can help mitigate its impact.

We're incredibly proud of their creativity, understanding, and commitment to making a difference!



Netball Awards Round-Up!

Last week marked our final Netball Club session of the school year, and what a fantastic way to finish! We celebrated the hard work, dedication and talent of our players by presenting awards across each year group, including:

- **Most Improved**
- **Most Consistent**
- **Coach's Award**
- **Club Spirit**
- **Players' Player** – voted by the students themselves!

It's been a brilliant season of Netball, and we are incredibly proud of every team that has represented the Academy this year. Your commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm have made this season one to remember.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who attended and supported the club throughout the year. Enjoy the break — we can't wait to be back on court next school year!



That's a Wrap on Girls' Football for This School Year!

Last week marked the final Central Venue Tournament of the year, hosted at Paignton — and what a brilliant way to finish the season!

We were proud to end the year with two fantastic Year 7 girls' teams, with Team "Paignton Town" finishing their season unbeaten, winning every single match!

It has been amazing to see so many girls playing football, growing in confidence, and proudly representing the academy throughout the year.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who has attended training, taken part in matches, or supported the teams. Your hard work and enthusiasm have made this a memorable season.

We'll be back next school year — stronger, excited, and ready for more football!



Happy Easter to all the Parents, Carers and Staff at Paignton Academy!

We hope you have a wonderful and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20th April.



Dates for Your Diary



All Years	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026
All Years	First Day of Summer Term	20/04/2026
Year 8	Parents' Evening	23/04/2026
Year 10	Parents' Evening	30/04/2026



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