



PAIGNTON ACADEMY

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Welcome



It has been a truly busy and uplifting week across our academy, with so many opportunities for students to challenge themselves, represent the school, and celebrate their talents. Our students have shown real determination and pride while competing in a range of sporting events, from netball and football fixtures to county-level swimming competitions, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout. It has been especially encouraging to see students experiencing live sport for the first time, stepping out of their comfort zones, and embracing every moment with enthusiasm.

Alongside sporting successes, we are incredibly proud of the many individual achievements beyond the pitch. From outstanding performances in baton twirling and performing arts to exciting industry opportunities and recognition at regional competitions, our students continue to show what can be achieved through commitment, confidence, and passion.

As the week draws to a close, excitement is building for our upcoming production of High School Musical Jr, a show that celebrates friendship, self-belief, and being true to yourself. Thank you to our staff, students, and families for your ongoing support—please enjoy reading more about this week's highlights in the newsletter.



Paignton Academy



Please like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with Paignton Academy's news.

Bath Netball Trip

Last Friday, 40 of our Year 7–11 girls travelled to Bath for an exciting netball fixture against Nottingham Forest. It was a closely fought match, with Nottingham Forest taking the win, but the real highlight was the fantastic standard of play shown by both teams.

For many of our students, it was their first time experiencing live sport, and they threw themselves into the atmosphere with enthusiasm and pride! Our girls represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

We hope you all had a wonderful time and made memories to last!



Year 7 Girls – First Competition of the Season!

A brilliant start to the season for our Year 7 Footballers, who took part in their first central venue tournament hosted right here at Waterleat Road. The girls faced several local schools and showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and school spirit in every match.

Both of our teams came away with a mix of results, but more importantly, it was a confident first outing with plenty of positives to build on. It was wonderful to see so many of our girls out on the pitch representing the academy and enjoying their football.

A huge thank you to Coach Freya and Coach Ava—two of our dedicated Year 9 students—for volunteering their time to coach and referee. Your support truly makes a difference.

Well done to everyone involved. A great start to the season!

Football Club runs every Thursday after school on the Astro at Waterleat Road with Miss Hine and Miss Leahy. All abilities welcome—come along and get involved!



Another Fantastic Careers Day at our Waterleat Road site!



This week, our Year 9 students enjoyed another inspiring Careers Day at our Waterleat Road site which was an important event as they prepare to make their GCSE option choices. The day was all about raising aspirations, broadening horizons and helping students see how their learning connects to real world career pathways.

A huge thank you to our fantastic guest speakers and partners who helped make the day such a success:

- Scarlett from South Devon College– Learning styles and apprenticeships
- South Devon College Uniform Public Services Team (including a former Paignton Academy student!) - for delivering energetic communication and team-building sessions
- Ewa Fojt and Peter Reeves (Next Steps South West), alongside higher education students from Exeter University, sharing insights into post 16 pathways, future planning and employer skills
- Catherine Bennett and Abigail Jackson from Knights Brown – Careers in Construction
- Jamie Richards and Tash Westlake from the Sports Team at South Devon College – Ambition and aspirations and post 16 options
- Teejay from Plymouth Marjon University and Paul from Plymouth University - University study and course options

It was another busy, motivating day full of learning, collaboration and future focused thinking. A brilliant experience for our students, and a great example of what strong employer engagement can achieve

If you would like to get involved and help inspire the next generation, please get in touch:

Careers@paigntonacademy.tsat.uk





Student Success!



Sophia, Year 7

Huge congratulations to Sophia in Year 7, who took part in her very first baton competition last weekend in Southampton.

She did absolutely amazing and represented our school with so much confidence and enthusiasm.

We're all incredibly proud of her achievement and can't wait to see what she does next. Well done, Sophia!



Angel, Year 7

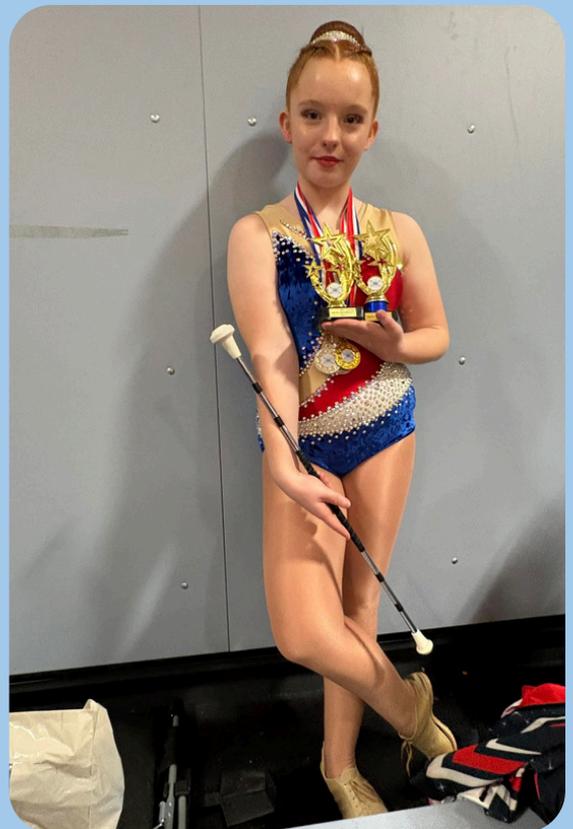


A huge congratulations to Angel in Year 7, who recently dazzled at a baton twirling competition in Eastleigh.

Competing with the Paignton Sapphires, Angel delivered outstanding performances and earned multiple awards across both individual and team events.

Her skill, confidence, and commitment to her sport shone through in every routine.

Angel is a fantastic example of what dedication and passion can achieve, and we're incredibly proud to celebrate her success.



Mason, Year 9

Mason in Year 9, has been attending Stagecoach School of Performing Arts for an incredible seven years.

He recently took part in an Industry Experience Day, where he met with agents and performed a monologue — and he absolutely smashed it.

The agents were so impressed that he's been offered representation by one of London's top talent agencies, Happy Feet.

Huge well done, Mason. This is such an amazing achievement!

Keep your eyes peeled... you might just see him in some upcoming shows!



Lewis, Year 7

A huge congratulations to Lewis in Year 7, who has just competed in the Devon County Championships after successfully achieving the tough qualifying times needed to take part.

Lewis took on six disciplines and delivered something truly remarkable — six personal bests! On top of that, he secured two regional consideration times, an incredible achievement for a young athlete.

His dedication to training, consistent effort, and determination to improve have clearly paid off. We are incredibly proud of his progress and can't wait to see what he achieves next.

Well done, Lewis — keep shining!



High School Musical Jr

– Tickets Now on Sale!

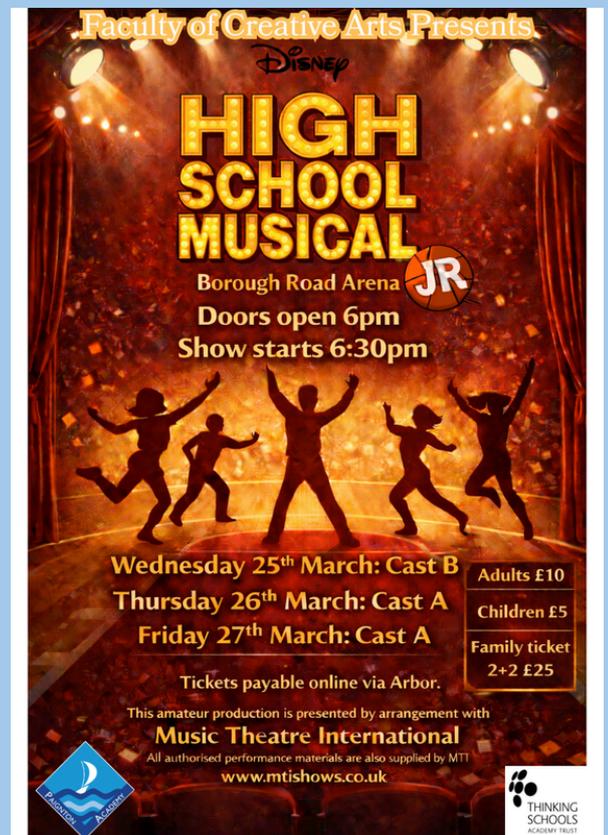
We're thrilled to announce that tickets for High School Musical Jr are officially available to purchase.

This beloved 2000's classic brings together everything we love: a heartwarming love story, friendship challenges, and the timeless question—should I fit in with my peers or be true to myself?

It's a story full of energy, music, and fun. What's not to love?

Tickets are available now via Arbor in the School Shop.

 We're ALL in this together! 



Dates for Your Diary



Year 9	Parents' Evening	12/02/2026
All Years	Half term	16/02/2026-20/02/2026
Year 11	Exams	04/03/2026-13/03/2026
Year 7	Parents' Evening	19/03/2026
All Years	High School Musical Performances	25/03//2026-27/03/2026
All Years	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026