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Welcome



As we approach the end of another successful academic year, it is wonderful to reflect on the many opportunities, achievements and memorable experiences our students continue to enjoy.

This week's newsletter celebrates another fantastic performance from our Musical Theatre Club, whose Night at the Musicals production showcased exceptional talent, dedication and teamwork. We also highlight our successful Plant Festival, which not only raised valuable funds for our Sensory Garden but demonstrated the enthusiasm and enterprise of our students.

There are also inspiring stories of academic enrichment, with students visiting Plymouth University to explore the world of History and Humanities, alongside opportunities for our young leaders as applications open for next year's Form Captains. We are equally proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Dillon, who has earned his Black Belt, and Florence, who has secured a place in the Devon FA U14 Squad.

Finally, we wish our Sri Lanka expedition team every success as they set off this weekend. We know they will represent Paignton Academy with pride, embrace every opportunity, and return with unforgettable memories and experiences. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about another week of success, ambition and achievement across our Academy.

Mr Williams

FORM CAPTAIN APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN – 2026/27

Are you a confident communicator? Do you want to help represent your form and make a positive difference in our school community?

We are excited to invite applications for the role of Form Captain for the 2026/27 academic year!

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your leadership skills and ensure that student voice remains at the heart of school life.

- Complete the application form linked below
- Tell us why you would like to be a Form Captain
- Share the qualities and skills you would bring to the role

Application deadline: **Friday 11th September**

We encourage all enthusiastic, responsible, and motivated students to apply.

Good luck!



**APPLY
NOW**

Plymouth University: A History Lover's Dream!

On Thursday 2nd of July, the History department chose 12 passionate Historians to visit Plymouth University for a Humanities taster day. Oliver, in Year 9 wrote the following article to describe the day.

"I found our visit to Plymouth University captivating. We took part in 3 different sessions and got to tour the campus.

In our first taster session, which focused on History, we utilised historical sources including the fantastic "I have a Dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We annotated this speech and supported it with our knowledge and opinions of the Historical context which I retrieved from my Year 8 lessons on the American Civil Rights movement. I found it fascinating to utilise my learning in school within a different academic environment.

Following this, we took part in an International Relations & Politics session, in which we were given a nation to use as a case study to debate and share our ideas for hypothetical scenarios. My learning of History in school really helped me to understand this focus through using my critical thinking skills.

Our last session of the day was for English & Creative writing, where we spoke about the traits that make up the genre of Science-Fiction, and how it has risen in popularity in recent years. We continued this work by beginning to plan our own Sci-Fi story, I used my passion of History to create a "what-if" scenario if Germany was able to win the Second World War.

To conclude our trip to Plymouth University, we commenced a tour of the campus. This I found overwhelming! This is due to the campus itself being so big, along with the activities you can do on site, which include a basketball court the size of our sports hall! The campus interior and exterior looks so fresh and modern.

This whole experience has further convinced me of wanting to attend university in the future to study History, which I hope I can do at Plymouth University."



Plant Festival – Thursday

25th June

Our Plant Festival at Waterleat Road, held exclusively for students and staff in our wonderful new Sensory Garden, was a great success!

Pupils took part in a garden-themed treasure hunt quiz, working together in small groups to answer the questions. Once they had completed the quiz, the race was on to be the first team to search the garden for a hidden Kinder Egg. Inside was a special note that could be exchanged for a sweet prize.

Alfie, Year 7, proudly ran his own stall, selling plants that he has carefully looked after and nurtured himself. Meanwhile, Freddie, Year 7, did a fantastic job selling raffle tickets for a beautiful planted pot filled with colourful bedding plants.

The event was enjoyed by everyone and helped showcase the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils. We are delighted to announce that the Plant Festival raised over **£300**, which will help support future activities and projects. The funds will also help us continue developing the garden by growing vegetables, fruit and flowers, giving pupils valuable opportunities to learn about gardening while producing flowers that can be used to decorate the school for celebrations and special events.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped make the day such a memorable success!



What an Incredible evening at

Night At The Musicals!

A huge congratulations to every member of our Musical Theatre Club for delivering such an outstanding performance. Your talent, commitment and enthusiasm shone from start to finish, and you should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved.

Not only did you entertain a wonderful audience, but you also represented Paignton Academy's CARE values every step of the way—showing Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence throughout the rehearsal process and on stage.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our talented performers and helped make the evening so special.

Musical Theatre Club will return in September at lunchtimes! More information about which lunchtime sessions will be running will be shared soon, so keep an eye out.

Well done once again to our amazing cast—you truly were outstanding!



Student Success!



Dillon, Year 10

A huge congratulations to Dillon in Year 10, who absolutely smashed his Black Belt grading yesterday and successfully achieved his Black Belt!

This is an incredible achievement that reflects Dillon's hard work, dedication, perseverance, and commitment over many years of training. Earning a Black Belt is not just about skill – it's about resilience, discipline, and never giving up.

We are incredibly proud of Dillon and all he has accomplished. What a fantastic milestone and a well-deserved reward for all of his effort.

Please join us in congratulating Dillon on this outstanding success!



Florence, Year 8

A huge congratulations to Florence on an incredible achievement!

After progressing through the Devon FA U14 trials, where 33 girls attended the final trial stage, Florence has been offered a place in the Devon FA U14 Squad for the 2026/27 season.

This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects Florence's hard work, dedication, talent, and commitment to the game. To be selected from such a strong group of players is something to be immensely proud of.

Well done, Florence! We wish you every success with the Devon FA U14 squad and look forward to following your football journey.



The countdown is on... We leave for Sri Lanka this Saturday!

Our team of 13 incredible students is getting ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

While there are certainly a few butterflies fluttering around, there's even more excitement as we prepare to embark on this unforgettable journey together.

A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, generous community, and, of course, our amazing students. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and fundraising efforts have made this opportunity possible, and we are so grateful for your support every step of the way.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Next stop... Sri Lanka!

See you on the other side as we return with memories, experiences, and stories to last a lifetime.



Dates for Your Diary



Year 11	Year 11 Prom	10/07/2026
All Years	Celebration Evenings	13/07/2026- 16/07/2026
All Years	Last Day of Term	17/07/2026
Year 7 ONLY	First Day of term	02/09/2026
Years 8-11	First day of term. Please see the letter sent with this newsletter for year group staggered start times.	03/09/2026



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