



Welcome



Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2026–27 academic year! It has been a pleasure to see our Academy come back to life this week and last, filled with energy, enthusiasm and a real excitement for the year ahead.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 students, who have made an outstanding start to life at Paignton Academy. You have settled in brilliantly, embraced every opportunity and already become an important part of our school community.

This week's newsletter celebrates so much of what makes our Academy special—from our excellent GCSE English and Maths results, which reflect the hard work of our students and staff, to the incredible talent on display during our Frozen Jr. auditions. We also recognise students who have gone above and beyond for our community, and we're excited to launch our Autumn Term clubs, offering something for every student to get involved in.

Thank you to all our parents and guardians for your continued support as we begin this new academic year. Together, I know we will make 2026–27 a year filled with ambition, opportunity and success.

Mr Williams

What a fantastic start to the Autumn Term as we complete our first full week back in school!

A special welcome to our new Year 7 students, who have made an excellent start to life at Paignton Academy. You have settled in brilliantly and are looking incredibly smart in your uniforms.

It has been wonderful to see our school buzzing with energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards learning.

Here's to a term filled with success, growth, new opportunities and memorable experiences for every student.

We can't wait to see what this year will bring. Let's make it a great one together!



Paignton Academy Celebrates Strong GCSE Improvements!

We are delighted to celebrate significant improvements across a range of GCSE English and Maths measures this year, reflecting the dedication, resilience and ambition of our students.

Highlights include:

- ✓ 9% increase in students achieving Grade 4+ in English & Maths
- ✓ 6% increase in students achieving Grade 5+ in English & Maths
- ✓ Outstanding gains in English Literature, with a 16% increase at Grade 4+ and a 14% increase at Grade 5+
- ✓ Continued improvements for key student groups, including Boys, EAL students and Pupil Premium students

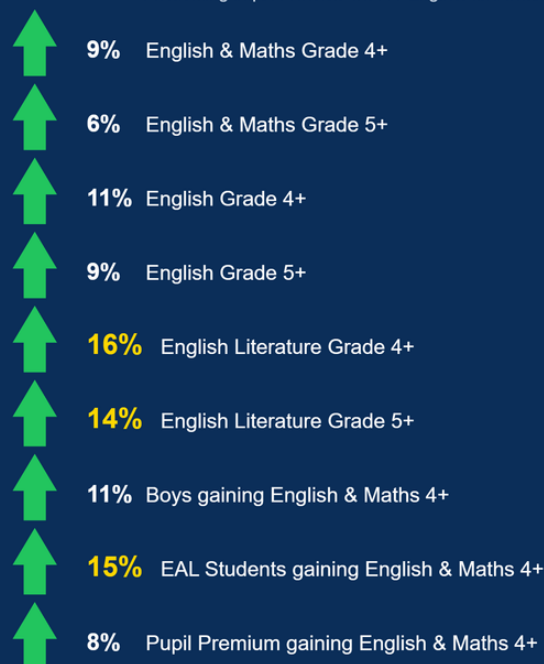
Every percentage point represents the hard work, determination and commitment of our students, alongside the unwavering support of our staff, families and wider school community.

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together and look forward to building on this success in the years ahead.

Congratulations to all of our students and thank you to everyone who has played a part in making these achievements possible.

GCSE RESULTS ON THE RISE

Celebrating improvements across English and Maths



Every percentage point represents student success.

Congratulations to our students, staff and families.





PAIGNTON ACADEMY

OPEN EVENTS



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026

Tours at 4.30pm and 6.10pm - BOROUGH ROAD

Attendance will be by pre-booking only

To book please click on the link below:

[Paignton Academy Event Booking Form October 2026](#)

or visit our website and click on 'Our Academy', 'Visit Us' (in Quick Links)

We are expecting high demand so early booking is essential!

www.paigntonacademy.org

THAT'S A WRAP ON FROZEN JR AUDITIONS!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has taken part in our auditions this week!

We have been absolutely blown away by the talent, enthusiasm and effort shown by every student who stepped into the audition room.

We are incredibly lucky to have so much talent on offer here at Paignton Academy, and you have definitely made some of our decisions very difficult!

The cast list will be posted outside the Drama rooms by Friday, so keep your eyes peeled!

And then the real fun begins... rehearsals officially start NEXT WEDNESDAY!

We cannot wait to get started and bring Frozen Jr. to life!



The poster is for "Disney FROZEN JR." auditions. It features a blue background with snowflakes and a winter scene. At the top left is the Paignton Academy logo, and at the top right is the Thinking Schools Academy Trust logo. The text "AUDITIONS FOR OUR NEXT SCHOOL PRODUCTION" is prominently displayed. Below this, the Disney "FROZEN JR." title is shown in large, icy letters. The poster asks "DO YOU WANT TO SING, ACT AND DANCE IN A MAGICAL MUSICAL ADVENTURE?" and includes the tagline "Let it go and be part of something amazing!". It lists three audition categories: Principal Auditions (Tuesday 8th September 2026, BRC Arena, 3:30pm - 5:45pm), Who Can Audition? (Students in Years 7 - 11), and Ensemble Auditions (Wednesday 9th September 2026, Waterleat Road Drama Studio, 3:30pm - 5:45pm). It also mentions that questions should be asked to Miss Duffin or Mrs Dale and ends with the phrase "BE BRAVE. BE BOLD. BE YOU.".

Community Champions at Paignton Academy

We would like to give a huge shout out to two of our amazing students, Ellen and Alfie.

Throughout last term, Ellen and Alfie volunteered their time every single day to help keep our school and local community tidy by picking up litter. Their dedication, kindness and pride in their environment have not gone unnoticed.

We are incredibly proud of the positive example they set for others and would like to thank them for making a real difference to our school community.

Well done, Ellen and Alfie. You are both absolute stars!



AUTUMN TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS ARE HERE!

We're delighted to launch our Autumn Term Clubs Programme at Paignton Academy!

Whether you're interested in sport, music, drama, art, reading, or trying something completely new, there's something for everyone. Clubs are a fantastic way to develop new skills, build confidence, make friends, and get involved in academy life.

- ✓ Open to students of all ages and abilities
- ✓ No booking required for after-school clubs
- ✓ Just turn up and get involved!
- ✓ A great opportunity to represent Paignton Academy with pride

We look forward to seeing lots of students taking part this term and making the most of the opportunities on offer.



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Dates for Your Diary



All Years	Open Evening Borough Road	1st October 2026
All Years	Non-Pupil Day	16th October 2026
All Years	Half Term	Monday 19 th October 2026 - Friday 30 th October
All Years	Non-Pupil Day	2 nd November 2026



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