



# PAIGNTON ACADEMY

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## Welcome



It has been another exciting and inspiring week at Paignton Academy, with students continuing to embrace opportunities that develop confidence, ambition and resilience both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Year 9 students recently enjoyed an engaging Sports Experience Day at Plymouth Marjon University, where they explored the world of sport science through a range of interactive activities, including reaction testing, treadmill analysis and even an anti-gravity treadmill experience. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into university life and future career pathways.

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate the many achievements of our students beyond school. Congratulations to Brody in Year 7 on achieving his Taekwondo Black Belt, Bobby in Year 9 for securing 1st place in his recent racing competition, and Alfie in Year 10 for representing the Exeter Chiefs Academy U15s — all fantastic accomplishments that reflect dedication and perseverance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see our students embracing every opportunity and representing Paignton Academy with such pride.

**Mr Williams**



## The CARE Store SUMMER 2026 Edition is Here!

We're excited to announce that our CARE Store has been refreshed for the **Summer 2026 Edition!** Take a look around and enjoy spending your CARE points.

At Paignton Academy, our values are at the heart of everything we do.

CARE stands for Community, Ambition, Relationships, and Excellence.

The CARE Store is a rewards initiative where students can use their earned CARE / Kindness Points and House Points to purchase a fantastic range of items from our CARE Store brochure.

 [Browse the CARE Store brochure](#)

 Once you've chosen your item(s), simply place your order using the online 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 find both the brochure and the order form on our dedicated Rewards page on the Academy website. [CLICK HERE](#)



# Year 9 Sports Science Adventure at Marjon!

Last week, some of our Year 9 students visited Plymouth Marjon University for an exciting and hands-on Sports Experience Day!

Students got stuck into a range of interactive activities, including testing their reaction times, measuring jump height, and analysing grip strength.

They also explored the science behind exercise by discovering exactly what happens to the body while running on a treadmill.

One of the biggest highlights was the chance to try the incredible anti-gravity treadmill, where students experienced what it might feel like to run on Mars!

To round off the day, they headed to the sports hall to test their speed and even braved the university's cool room at a chilly  $-11^{\circ}\text{C}$ !

A fantastic day all around—students not only had fun but also gained a valuable insight into sport science and university life. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Girls into Maritime

Some of our lucky Year 10 students recently visited Noss Marina, where they took part in a range of exciting, hands-on activities. These included on-the-water exploration, navigating a rescue mission using a bridge simulator, wiring navigation lights, and completing chartwork and navigation tasks.

The experience was a real eye-opener, giving our girls a valuable insight into the wide range of careers available within the maritime industry. They had an amazing time and came away feeling inspired and motivated.

A huge thank you to the fantastic team at South Devon College Marine Academy for hosting us—Charlotte Bounsall, Rebecca Sanders, Paul Singer CMgr MCMI, and Holly Manvell.

Thank you for helping to inspire the next generation of young women to explore the exciting opportunities within the maritime sector here in Devon and beyond!



## Pirate Enterprise Success at Waterleat Road!

We had an exciting week last week at Paignton Academy, trialling a brand-new Work Experience Workshop in partnership with Next Steps South West.

Some of our lucky Year 10 students took part in this fantastic opportunity, gaining valuable skills and practical tools to help them understand how to apply for and secure work experience placements in what is currently a very challenging climate.

The workshop ran over two days and, as a split site school, that meant delivering four sessions in total. A busy but incredibly worthwhile experience!

We are extremely grateful to Ewa, Pete and Fran at Next Steps South West and our student ambassadors for their time, support and expertise in delivering such engaging and impactful workshops.

We're also delighted to share that one of our students has already secured a work experience placement following the sessions - and we're hopeful this will be the first of many success stories to come.

Thank you again to everyone involved for supporting our students to take these important next steps.





# Student Success!



## Brody, Year 7

Year 7's own Brody achieved his Taekwondo Black Belt this weekend what an amazing accomplishment!

Your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off.

Keep kicking goals, Brody!



## Bobby, Year 9

Over the weekend, Bobby from Year 9 took part in a racing competition and achieved an incredible 1st place win!

This outstanding accomplishment reflects true commitment, determination, and perseverance.

Well done, Bobby – what a fantastic achievement! We are so proud of you!

## Alfie, Year 10

We are incredibly proud to share that Alfie, one of our Year 10 students and a dedicated player for Paignton Rugby Club, represented the Exeter Chiefs Academy U15s last weekend – a fantastic achievement!

Everyone at Paignton Academy would like to congratulate Alfie on this well-deserved success. We look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next!



# Help Us Build a Future

This summer, students from Paignton Academy are heading to Sri Lanka 🇱🇰 to help build essential facilities in a small village.

This isn't just about construction—it's about:

- 🤝 Community
- 🌍 Cultural exchange
- 💡 Personal growth
- ❤️ Making a real difference

We're fundraising in school, but we need your support to reach our goal! Every donation—big or small—goes directly towards materials and tools that will truly change lives.

Donate here:

<https://gofund.me/717114e1f>

Thank you so much for your kindness and support



## Dates for Your Diary

YEAR 11	GCSEs	07/05/2026 - 17/06/2026
All Years	Half Term	25/05/2026-29/05/2026
YEAR 10	BRC Geography Field Trip	09/06/2026
YEAR 10	WRC Geography Field Trip	12/06/2026
YEAR 8	BRC Pirate Enterprise Day	19/06/2026



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