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Welcome



As we reach the end of the first half term of the 2026/27 academic year, it is wonderful to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities and experiences our students have enjoyed across Paignton Academy.

This week's newsletter highlights the exciting opportunities available to our students, from our Year 9 Mini Medics workshop, which offered a fascinating insight into healthcare careers, to the fantastic progress being made by our cast of Frozen Jr. after just ten rehearsals. The dedication, enthusiasm and creativity shown by our students continue to make us incredibly proud.

Sport has also got off to a brilliant start, with our Year 7 boys securing an impressive 8–1 victory in the National Cup and our Year 7 netballers representing the Academy in competitive fixtures for the first time. Our Year 9 netball team is also preparing for the National Schools competition at Exeter University, demonstrating resilience and teamwork as they build towards this exciting challenge.

These achievements reflect the ambition, commitment and willingness to embrace new challenges that we encourage across our Academy. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field or through enrichment activities, it is fantastic to see our students developing their skills, building confidence and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

I would like to thank all our students, staff and parents/guardians for their continued support during this first half term. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, takes time to relax and recharge, and returns ready for another successful term. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mr Williams

The Autumn Edition of the CARE Store Brochure is Here!

Browse the brochure to discover the fantastic range of rewards available for students to purchase using their CARE Points - from stationery essentials and treats to exciting rewards such as Prom tickets and much more.

At Paignton Academy, our values are at the heart of everything we do. CARE stands for:

- ⭐ Community
- ⭐ Ambition
- ⭐ Relationships
- ⭐ Excellence

Students earn CARE Points by demonstrating these core values every day.

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

Our CARE Store team are looking forward to receiving your orders, which will be delivered during Tutor Time.

🔗 Please find the link to the CARE Store section of our website below and start browsing today! **SHOP NOW**



Mini Medics Day 2026

Our Year 9 students recently took part in an exciting Mini Medics Workshop at South Devon UTC, Newton Abbot, where they experienced a range of hands-on medical activities and gained a fascinating insight into careers within healthcare.



Students had the opportunity to:

- Take blood samples
- Record and print an ECG
- Try keyhole surgery techniques
- Use an ultrasound machine to see inside the body
- Take a picture of the inside of their own eye

The workshop highlighted the wide variety of career opportunities available within the NHS and helped students explore possible future pathways in health sciences.

At the end of the session, every student received a certificate of participation, recognising their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day.

A fantastic experience that provided valuable practical skills, real-world insight and plenty of inspiration for the future!







Year 7 National Cup Victory!

A fantastic first match for our Year 7 football team, who secured an impressive 8-1 victory over St John Hunt in Round 1 of the ESFA National Cup!

Goals came from Tommy (2), Logan, Maximiliano, CJ and Rhys (2), while a strong team performance and excellent defending helped secure the win.

Congratulations to all the boys on a brilliant first outing in Paignton Academy colours. We now look forward to Round 2!

Check out Mr Smith's full match report on our website!

Year 7 National Cup Victory!



Excellence from Paignton at Our First Year 7 Netball Tournament of the Year!

The last week of term saw our Year 7 Netballers proudly represent the academy for the very first time in competitive fixtures. We were delighted to have 18 students representing the academy, with some girls playing in their first-ever netball matches!



Both teams had an excellent day, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout.

The Diamonds, many of whom had never played netball before joining us, produced some outstanding performances, winning 2 matches, drawing 1, and narrowly losing 2 games by just a single goal. This is an excellent start to the season and highlights the incredible progress they have already made.

The Stars were equally impressive, winning every match they played and showcasing some excellent netball throughout the day. Their skill, teamwork, and positive attitude were a credit to the academy.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 7 players for their effort, commitment, and sportsmanship. What a fantastic start to their netball journey with us!

Well done, girls! We can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings.

Year 9 Off to National Schools!

Our Year 9 Netballers took part in their warm-up tournament this term as they prepare to represent the school at the National Schools competition at Exeter University.

The team played four competitive matches throughout the afternoon, experiencing a mixture of results. Regardless of the scoreline, the girls demonstrated fantastic resilience, maintained a positive attitude, and supported one another brilliantly throughout.

We are incredibly proud of their determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It's onwards and upwards as they look ahead to the National Schools competition!

Good luck, girls - we're all behind you!





Frozen Jr. Rehearsal Update!

What a fantastic start to our Frozen Jr. journey!

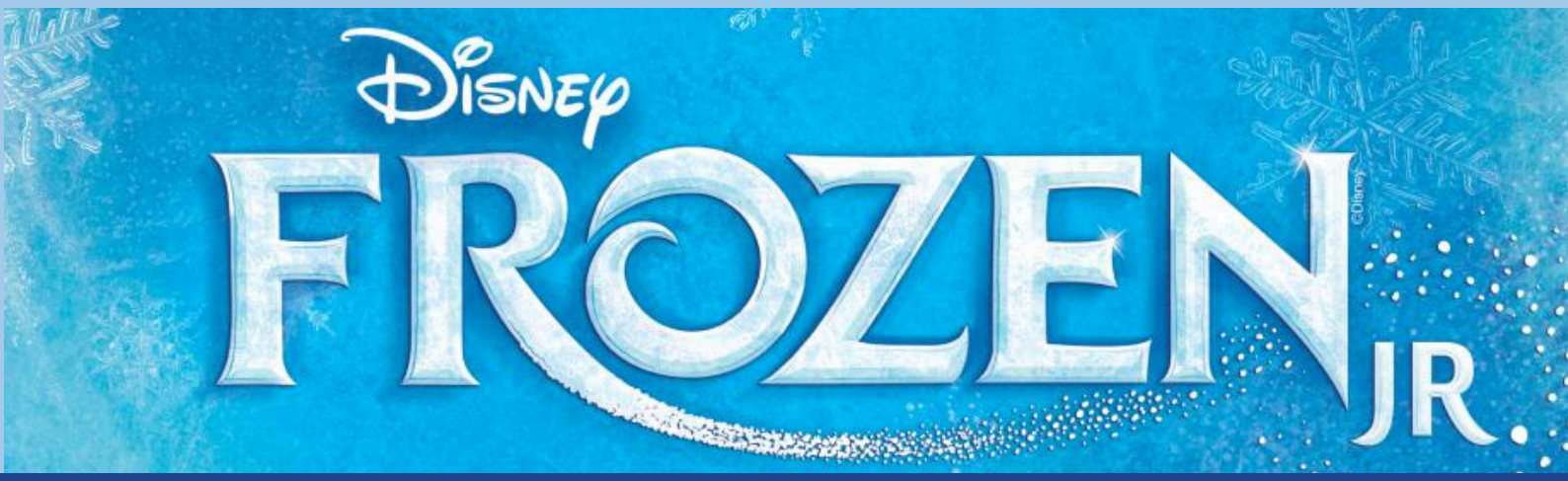
This term has been incredibly busy for our talented cast, from auditions to five weeks of rehearsals, and we have already achieved so much!

- 9 scenes blocked with our principal cast
- 8 songs learned
- 5 dance routines learned

All of this in just 10 rehearsals! How impressive is that?!

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm our students have shown so far. It has been wonderful watching the show begin to come to life!

We can't wait to continue our journey to Arendelle when we return after half term!



Happy Half Term from Paignton Academy!

A huge thank you to all our students, staff and parents/carers for another fantastic start to the 2026/27 academic year.

It has been wonderful to see so many achievements, opportunities and successes across the academy already.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, takes time to relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026.**

Have a safe and enjoyable half term!

For all our Term Dates, please visit the link to our website below:

Term Dates



















AUTUMN TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to take a look at our exciting range of Autumn Term extra-curricular clubs, which are now in full swing!

There's something for everyone, so we encourage all students to get involved, try something new, and make the most of the opportunities available this term.

✅ 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

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

This Week's House Points

Who is currently leading this term so far...?

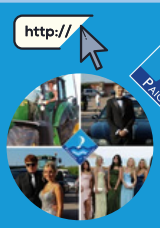
HOUSE COMPETITION- Running Total

BROADSANDS	ELBERRY	GOODRINGTON	PRESTON
180	320	220	380

Dates for Your Diary

All Years	**Non-Pupil Day**	**16th October 2026**
All Years	**Half Term**	**Monday 19th October 2026 - Friday 30th October**
All Years	**Non-Pupil Day**	**2nd November 2026**
All Years	**All pupils return to school**	**3rd November 2026**
Year 11	**Year 11 PPEs**	**4th - 13th November 2026**
Year 11	**Post 16 Options Evening**	**10th November 2026**








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