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Welcome



As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on everything our school community has achieved together and to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

This final newsletter is a wonderful celebration of the ambition, talent and kindness that define Paignton Academy. From our Year 10 students gaining valuable workplace experience and our Year 9 girls excelling at the Girls into STEM event, to outstanding performances at the Dart Music Festival and the exciting adventures of our Sri Lanka expedition, our students continue to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm and pride.

We are also incredibly proud to share that, thanks to the generosity of our students, staff and families, we have raised an amazing £3,097 for our chosen charities this year. This remarkable achievement reflects the strength of our CARE values and the compassion of our school community.

As another successful year comes to a close, I would like to thank every member of our staff for their unwavering dedication, our parents and guardians for their invaluable partnership and support, and, most importantly, our wonderful students for the enthusiasm, resilience and positivity they bring to our Academy every day.

I wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming our returning students back in September, and to greeting our new Year 7 cohort as they begin the next exciting chapter of their journey with us.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of the Paignton Academy community. Have a wonderful summer.

Mr Williams

What an Amazing Achievement!

This year, our students chose three incredible charities to support:

- Cancer Research UK
- Winston's Wish
- Mind Devon

We are absolutely delighted to announce that together we have raised an incredible **£3097** this year!

This fantastic amount will go towards helping these worthy causes continue their vital work, supporting individuals and families when they need it most.

A huge thank you to our students, staff, families, and everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and support have made a real difference.

Well done, everyone – what a wonderful achievement!



Frozen Jr. Information is Here!

We're so excited to announce that audition information for Paignton Academy's 2027 production of Disney's Frozen Jr. is now available!

Take a look at the poster below to find your character, along with the singing and acting requirements for each role.

Please make sure you use the songs from the Frozen Jr. stage musical and NOT the Disney movie soundtrack, as there are differences in the arrangements and timings.

All audition materials, including:

- Singing tracks
- Acting pieces
- Character information

will be uploaded to Students' Microsoft Teams accounts in September, so you'll have everything you need to prepare.

We can't wait to see you all at auditions and watch this magical story come to life!



AUDITIONS FOR


FROZEN JR.



JOIN US AND BE PART OF THIS MAGICAL PRODUCTION!

ROLE	AUDITION REQUIREMENTS
 ELSA	Singing: Let It Go – 2 mins 25 secs to end of track Acting: Elsa Audition Piece on Teams with Anna
 ANNA	Singing: Love Is An Open Door – Beginning of track to 1:23 mins with Hans Acting: Anna Audition Piece on Teams with Elsa
 KRISTOFF	Singing: Reindeers Are Better Than People – Whole Song with Sven Acting: Kristoff Audition Piece on Teams with Sven
 HANS	Singing: Love Is An Open Door – Beginning of track to 1:23 mins with Anna Acting: Hans Audition Piece on Teams
 OLAF	Singing: In Summer – Beginning of track to 52 secs Acting: Olaf Audition Piece on Teams
 SVEN	Singing: Reindeers Are Better Than People – Whole song with Kristoff Acting: Sven Audition Piece on Teams with Kristoff
 YOUNG ELSA	Singing: A Little Bit Of You – Beginning to 50 secs with Young Anna Acting: Young Elsa Audition Piece On Teams with Young Anna
 YOUNG ANNA	Singing: A Little Bit Of You – Beginning to 50 secs with Young Elsa Acting: Young Anna Audition Piece On Teams with Young Elsa
 MIDDLE ANNA	Singing: Do you Want to Build A Snowman – 45 secs to 1 min 48 secs including dialogue with Middle Elsa
 MIDDLE ELSA	Acting: Dialogue with the singing audition of Do You Want To Build A Snowman Singing: Last line of Do You Want To Build A Snowman
 OAKEN	Singing: Hygee – Beginning to 32 secs Acting: Oaken Audition Piece on Teams
 QUEEN IDUNA	Acting: Queen Iduna Acting Piece on Teams with King Agnarr
 KING AGNARR	Acting: King Agnarr Acting Piece on Teams with Queen Iduna
 PABBIE	Acting: Pabbie Acting Audition Piece on Teams with Bulda
 BULDA	Acting: Bulda Acting Audition Piece on Teams with Pabbie
 WESELTON	Acting: Weselton Acting Audition Piece on Teams
 ENSEMBLE	Singing: Bows – Whole song Dancing: Let It Go – learnt on the day

Outstanding Performance at Dart Music Festival 2026

A huge congratulations to our talented musicians from Paignton Academy, who delivered another outstanding performance at the Dart Music Festival 2026!

Under the guidance of Miss Kerék and Miss Peter, months of dedication, collaboration and commitment culminated in a superb performance, with every note met by a ripple of appreciative applause.

As every great musician knows, success is rarely accidental—it is rehearsed. Our students demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resilience and musicianship, representing the Academy with pride throughout the day.

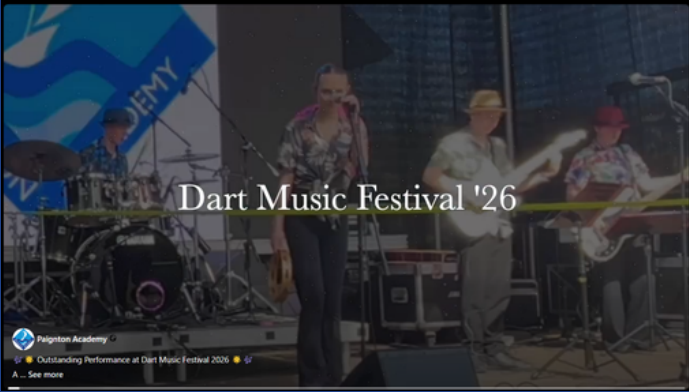
It was a fantastic occasion filled with outstanding performances, memorable moments and a wonderful celebration of music. And, in keeping with tradition, the sunshine made a welcome appearance too!

Well done to everyone involved—we are incredibly proud of you all!

Please find the link to our Facebook page to watch the performances.



[Click here to watch!](#)



Year 10 Work Experience 2026



Last week, our Year 10 Work Experience Programme took place, providing students with an invaluable opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the workplace and develop skills that will support their future careers.

We are incredibly grateful to the many local businesses that welcomed a young person into their organisation, taking the time to share their knowledge, offer guidance, and help our students explore their future aspirations.

Building these strong connections within our local community makes a lasting difference. By engaging with our young people and inspiring confidence, ambition, and motivation, you are helping to shape the next generation of our workforce.

A huge thank you to all the businesses and organisations that supported our students this year. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

To see some of our young people in action during their placements, please use the link to our Facebook page!



[Click here to watch](#)



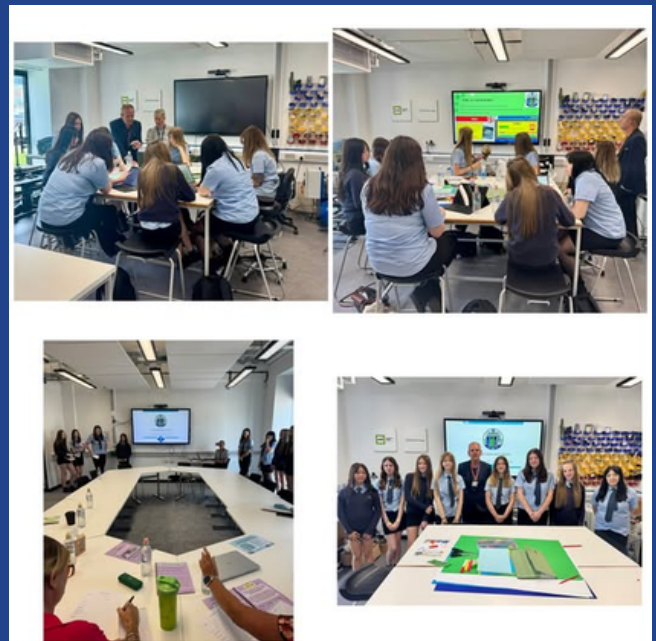
YEAR 9 GIRLS SHINE AT GIRLS INTO STEM!

Last month, a group of Year 9 students attended South Devon College's Girls into STEM event, working alongside Dr Philip Mitchell from Bay Photonics to develop an innovative project called the Rubbish Rewarder.

Designed to tackle litter around school, the idea rewards students with house points and school items for disposing of rubbish responsibly.

The team impressed judges with their creativity, teamwork and confidence, delivering a professional final presentation. Even more remarkably, they competed against Year 10 students in an event aimed at older participants and rose brilliantly to the challenge.

A huge thank you to Dr Philip Mitchell and South Devon College for their support. Well done, girls – we are incredibly proud of you!



Sri Lanka Trip Update

Mrs Firminger-Mathieu and the students have enjoyed an incredible start to their Sri Lanka adventure. After a smooth journey via Mumbai, the group arrived safely and had the chance to relax before beginning a packed programme of activities.

Over the first few days, students cycled through picturesque rice fields, rural villages and historic sites, gaining a fascinating insight into Sri Lankan culture and everyday life. They also explored the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, visiting its museum and learning about the country's rich medieval history.

A highlight of the trip was an unforgettable elephant safari, where students were able to experience Sri Lanka's remarkable wildlife up close. The group also visited the iconic Sigiriya Rock and took on the challenge of hiking in the stunning Knuckles Mountain Range, with breathtaking views rewarding their efforts at the summit.

In Kandy, students immersed themselves in local culture by exploring bustling markets, sampling tropical fruits and enjoying a spectacular evening of traditional dance and fire performances. They also visited the sacred Temple of the Tooth, one of Sri Lanka's most important cultural and religious landmarks.

The trip has already provided students with a wealth of memorable experiences, combining adventure, history, culture and teamwork, and everyone is looking forward to the exciting activities still to come.



Home-Grown Success: Waterleat Road Potato Harvest

This week students joined Mrs Sanford & Mr Mountford to dig up their home-grown potatoes from our sensory garden at Waterleat Road at breaktime.

The students managed to harvest a great amount of potatoes, with plenty more still left in the ground to continue growing over the summer.

These potatoes have been planted, nurtured and cared for by the students throughout the year with the support of Mrs Sanford & Mr Mountford, making today's harvest even more rewarding. It was wonderful to see their hard work pay off and to celebrate the success of their gardening efforts.

Well done to everyone involved!



Thinking Teaching and Learning – Issue 5

We are excited to share the 5th issue of our Thinking Teaching and Learning newsletter!

This edition celebrates the excellent teaching and learning taking place across the Academy, offering valuable insights, updates, and resources for our school community.

Inside, you'll find inspiring and informative articles showcasing the fantastic work happening in our classrooms and highlighting the achievements of our students and staff.

We hope you enjoy reading this latest issue and find it helpful in supporting your child's educational journey.

[🔗](#) The newsletter is attached via the link below. We hope you enjoy reading it!



[CLICK HERE](#)

At Paignton Academy, We CARE!

Last week, our House Assemblies hosted our biggest ever Golden Ticket Reward Draw – and what an incredible celebration it was!

Rewarding students for demonstrating our values, making positive choices and contributing to our academy community is something we are passionate about.

Thanks to our Golden Ticket scheme, many lucky students walked away with some amazing prizes, including:

- 8 Body Boards
- 8 Footballs
- 8 Rugby Balls
- 8 Cinema Vouchers (£10)
- 8 Water Guns
- 8 Heatless Curlers
- 8 Paddle Boards
- 8 Bluetooth Wireless Speakers
- 8 Waboba Pro Water Bouncing Balls
- 16 Cayman Golf Vouchers (awarded as pairs)
- 8 Byoma Star Power Brightening Trio Skincare Sets
- 8 JD Sports Vouchers (£10)
- 8 Amazon Vouchers (£10)
- Plus lots of sweets and chocolate treats!



Seeing the excitement, smiles and celebration across all four houses was fantastic. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to recognise the many students who consistently demonstrate our values and help make our academy a positive place to learn and grow.

A huge well done to all of our winners and thank you to every student who continues to earn Golden Tickets through their effort, kindness, attendance, resilience and positive contribution to academy life.

We CARE, we celebrate success, and we are proud of every student who strives to be their best.

Community • Ambition • Relationships • Excellence

Year 11 Prom 2026

On Friday 10th July, our amazing Year 11 students attended the Paignton Academy Year 11 Prom 2026!

Our students arrived in true celebrity style, pulling up in an incredible range of vehicles and turning heads from the moment they arrived.

Everyone looked absolutely fantastic, and the evening was filled with laughter, dancing, celebration, and memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to all of our students, staff, parents, carers, and families who helped make the event so special. Your support and enthusiasm made it a truly unforgettable evening.

A special thank you also goes to Livermead Cliff Hotel for once again being such wonderful hosts and helping to create the perfect setting for this milestone celebration.

Photos from the evening have now been uploaded to our website. Please follow the link to view the gallery and relive the memories!



[Prom Gallery 2026](#)

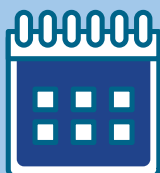


Celebrating a Fantastic Year – Wishing You a Happy Summer!

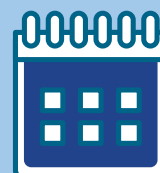
As we come to the end of the summer term, we'd like to celebrate the many achievements, successes, and memorable moments from across the academic year at Paignton Academy.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished and grateful for the dedication and support of our staff, parents, and guardians throughout the year.

Wishing all our students, staff, and families a happy, restful, and well-deserved summer holiday.



Dates for Your Diary



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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