



Welcome



It has been another fantastic week at Paignton Academy, with our students continuing to demonstrate creativity, kindness and ambition across every aspect of school life.

This week's newsletter celebrates the launch of our Autumn Edition of the CARE Store, giving students the opportunity to exchange the CARE Points they earn for demonstrating our values of Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence for a range of exciting rewards. We also highlight the success of our talented young writers, whose work has once again been selected for publication, and the inspiring Elephant in the Room project, which promotes wellbeing, belonging and the importance of talking openly about mental health.

Beyond the classroom, our KS3 Drama students enjoyed a memorable visit to the Exeter Northcott Theatre, while we are also proud to share that Paignton Academy will play a key role in Torbay Together, the new community-wide education strategy that aims to improve opportunities and life chances for all children and young people across Torbay.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to create a school community where every student is encouraged to thrive, achieve and belong.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

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.

Every positive contribution counts and can now be celebrated in a tangible way through the CARE Store rewards programme.

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**



KS3 Private Peaceful Drama Trip

The Drama Department had the pleasure of taking 50 KS3 students to the Exeter Northcott Theatre to watch a fantastic performance of Private Peaceful.

The production was an excellent demonstration of multi-rolling and storytelling, with just one actor on stage bringing the story and its many characters to life. It was a brilliant opportunity for our students to experience professional live theatre and see performance skills they explore in Drama demonstrated on stage.

We were also delighted to receive some wonderful feedback from a parent following the trip:

“My daughters came home buzzing after the trip and enjoyed the show immensely.”

A fantastic theatre experience for our KS3 students!



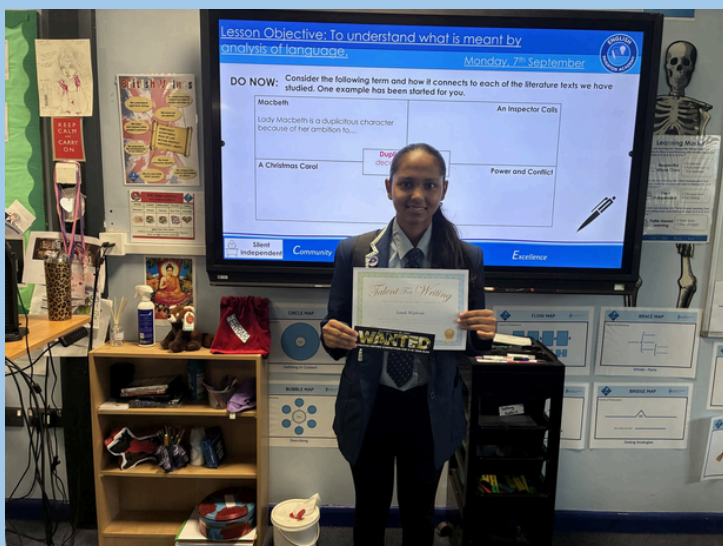
Published Young Writers – Again!

A huge congratulations to our talented young writers at Borough Road, whose entries in the SOS Sagas: Wanted competition have all been selected for publication in Wanted: The Search Begins, due for release on 26 October!

Even more impressively, this is their second published anthology, a remarkable achievement that showcases their creativity, dedication and growing confidence as writers.

We are incredibly proud of all our published authors and the hard work they have put into developing their writing skills. Their success is a fantastic example of what can be achieved through imagination, perseverance and a love of storytelling.

Well done to each and every one of you. We can't wait to see your work in print once again!



Students Bring the Elephant in the Room Project to Life

As part of our enrichment programme, we launched a House competition to all students to help design our Elephant In The Room project. We were overwhelmed by the hundreds of entries and the incredibly high standard of designs we received.

Due to the excellent work produced we could not select one overall winner therefore we invited our finalists plus members of the Mental Health Ambassadors team to paint the two elephants using a combination of designs.

The project aim is to encourage young people to talk openly about challenges they may face before they become larger issues affecting their wellbeing. It also promotes kindness, our CARE values, and a sense of belonging within our school community. This initiative is designed to provide students with valuable tools to help navigate life's challenges while fostering a culture of inclusion, support and care.

Thank you to all students who participated and for helping to leave a lasting legacy within the academy.



Torbay Together: A Shared Vision for Education

We are pleased to share that Torbay's new Education Strategy 2026–2030 has now been launched.

Developed in partnership with schools, education leaders and local organisations across Torbay, the strategy sets out a shared commitment to improving outcomes and life chances for every child and young person in our community.

Paignton Academy will be playing a key role in this new initiative, working alongside other schools and partners through Torbay Together to deliver five collective priorities:

- ✓ School readiness
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Belonging and attendance
- ✓ High-quality transitions
- ✓ Pathways into education, employment and training

We are also delighted that Torbay has secured a Department for Education grant to appoint an independent chair, who will support the implementation of the strategy and help strengthen collaboration across the town.

We look forward to contributing to this ambitious programme and continuing to work together to improve opportunities and life chances for children and young people across Torbay.

To read the full strategy and find out more, visit the Torbay Council website:

[Torbay Together – Torbay Education Strategy 2026–2030](#)



TORBAY EDUCATION STRATEGY 2026–2029

Every Child. Every Opportunity. Every Future.

★ Our shared mission: By working together on our priorities, every child and young person in Torbay can achieve, thrive, belong and improve life chances – with no one left behind.

OUR 5 KEY PRIORITIES

OUR PURPOSE

Torbay education leaders will work together, in an inclusive, place-based way from early years to further education, so that every child and young person in Torbay can achieve, thrive, belong and improve life chances.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- We act as one Torbay system
- We put children and families first, especially those who need us most
- We listen, communicate clearly and build trust
- We build an inclusive system where every voice matters
- We act with urgency on what matters most
- We challenge each other respectfully and honestly
- We take shared responsibility for every child

OUR PROMISE FOR EVERY CHILD

Together, we will ensure every child grows up safe, healthy, supported and able to achieve their potential and build strong relationships.

1 EARLY YEARS AND SCHOOL READINESS

Our Goal
By 2027/28, 77.8% of all children and 61.6% of children eligible for free school meals achieve a Good Level of Development.

- ✓ Best Start in Life plan for all
- ✓ Shared definition of school readiness
- ✓ Targeted support for vulnerable children

For children aged 0–5 and their families

2 WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE READING

Our Goal
By 2029, Key Stage 2 reading attainment is above national levels (80%+), including for our most vulnerable learners.

- ✓ Strong teaching & early focus
- ✓ Targeted interventions
- ✓ Families as reading partners
- ✓ Shared practice across schools

For learners from Early Years to Secondary

3 PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES TO IMPROVE BELONGING AND ATTENDANCE FOR EVERYONE

Our Goal
Achieve 94% average attendance for all, with targeted support to improve for those below this level.

- ✓ Build belonging & strong relationships
- ✓ Early support, not just reacting
- ✓ Co-designed recovery plans
- ✓ Torbay-wide Belonging Strategy

For all children, young people and their families

4 WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE HIGH-QUALITY AND CONSISTENT TRANSITIONS

Our Goal
High-quality transitions at key points lead to improved attendance and engagement for every learner.

- ✓ Transitions Portal for Year 6 to 7
- ✓ Stronger early years & post-16 transitions
- ✓ Aligned learning across phases
- ✓ Consistent, high-quality offer

For learners at key transition points

5 INCREASE EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON A PATHWAY TO ADULTHOOD

Our Goal
More than 90% of 16–24 year-olds in Torbay are in education, employment or training by 2029/30.

- ✓ Joint NEET strategy & early help
- ✓ Mentoring & coaching support
- ✓ Remove barriers to engagement
- ✓ Stronger college & employer links

For young people aged 16–24

INCLUSION IS OUR GOLDEN THREAD

We focus on children and communities facing the greatest disadvantage so that every child can thrive.

Inclusive Equitable Supportive Ambitious

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

We align with partners across health, social care, the voluntary and community sector and employers to support children and families.

Health Social Care Police & Youth Justice Community Employers & Education

HOW WE WILL WORK TOGETHER

FUTURE STRATEGY GROUP
Where decisions are made about future education issues.

EDUCATION LEADERS FORUM
Where information is shared, views are heard and priorities are shaped.

WORKSTREAMS FOR EACH PRIORITY
Where priorities are delivered.

EDUCATION PEER SUPPORT FORUMS
Where peer support is gained.

COMMUNICATION BRIEFINGS
Share all news and celebrate success.

Stronger Together. Brighter Futures. Thriving Torbay.

By working as one, we unlock the power of partnership so every child in Torbay can thrive.

Netball is back!

Our U15/16 netball team has kicked off the Central Venue League season in fantastic style, coming away with two wins!

A huge well done to all the girls for their hard work, teamwork and determination.

What a brilliant start to the season!

If you're interested in playing netball, we'd love to see you at Netball Club every Wednesday in the Hub. Come along and get involved!



Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football

Come and join us at Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football Club every Tuesday from 3:10pm to 4:00pm at the WRC Astro!

This week, a huge congratulations to our Players of the Day:

- 🏆 Ava (Team Blue), voted by Coach Erin
- 🏆 Scarlett (Team Pink), voted by Coach Ava

Well done to both students for their fantastic effort, teamwork and positive attitude!

Whether you're new to football or already play regularly, we'd love to see more girls come along and get involved.



Sewing Club Has Started!

On Monday, our new after-school Sewing Club commenced!

It was lovely to see students learning new sewing skills with Mrs Hay and enjoying their first session.

This week, students learned how to thread a sewing machine, and next week they will be designing their very own tote bags to take home. We can't wait to see their creative designs come to life!

Sewing Club takes place every Monday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Waterleat Road Library.

Well done to everyone who attended this week's session.



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

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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