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## Welcome



This week at Paignton Academy, we are proud to share a range of inspiring opportunities and outstanding achievements that highlight both the ambition and creativity of our students.

We were delighted to welcome Christopher Kerr, Head of ESG at David Jones Bould, who spoke to students about careers in environmental law. His insights into the growing importance of environmental, social and governance issues sparked real interest, with students asking thoughtful questions and considering how they might make a difference in the future.

Creativity has also been shining brightly, with 40 of our students becoming published authors through the Stranger Saga short story project. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to their imagination, dedication, and willingness to challenge themselves—an achievement they should be incredibly proud of.

In sport, our Year 8 rowers delivered an exceptional performance at the British Rowing Inter-Regionals. Finishing 2nd in their race—missing first place by mere millimetres—and now ranked among the top 14 fastest J15 Men's Doubles crews in the UK, their progress and commitment have been nothing short of extraordinary.

These stories reflect the breadth of talent within our school community and the many ways our students continue to excel, whether academically, creatively, or competitively. We are extremely proud of all they are achieving.

## ☀️ Summer Term Clubs Are Here! ☀️

We're excited to launch our Summer Term Clubs at Paignton Academy! This term's programme is packed with fantastic opportunities for students to try new activities, build confidence, and enjoy time with friends as the weather brightens.

All students are welcome to get involved—no matter your age or ability—and represent Paignton Academy with pride.

- ✓ No booking required for after-school clubs
- ✓ Simply turn up at your chosen club on either site and join in!

🔗 Please find below the link to the clubs on our Paignton Academy website:



[Summer Term Clubs Click Here](#)

We can't wait to see lots of students taking part this summer term.



# Inspiring Future Environmental Lawyers

We were delighted to welcome Christopher Kerr, Head of ESG at David Jones Bould, who spoke to our students about careers in environmental law.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain insight into how law can play a vital role in tackling some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges. Christopher shared his career journey, the skills needed to thrive in this field, and the growing importance of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) within the legal sector.

Our students asked thoughtful questions and showed real enthusiasm for how they can make a difference through future career pathways. Experiences like this help young people connect their learning to real-world opportunities.

A huge thank you to Christopher for giving up his time to inspire the next generation.

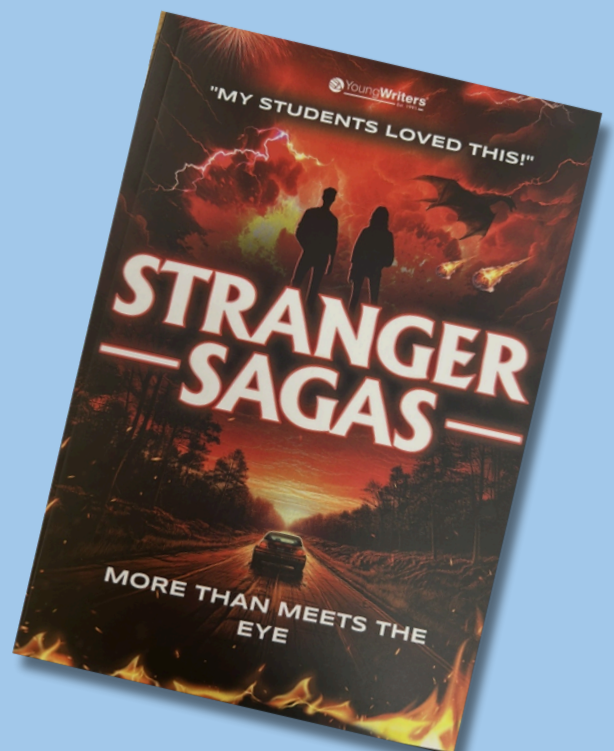


## Future Authors in the Making

We're incredibly proud to celebrate the amazing success of our students who took part in the Stranger Saga short story project!

A fantastic 40 students got involved—showing creativity, imagination, and real dedication to their writing. Seeing their work published is a huge achievement and a true reflection of their talent and hard work.

Well done to every student who took part. Outstanding effort on your very first published piece!



# Student Success!



## Proud Moment for Charlee-Ann

Huge shout-out to Charlee-Ann in Year 7!

During a visit to her grandad's care home, she joined in with a gentleman playing the ukulele and performed one of the songs she's been learning with Miss Peter.

A beautiful moment of joy and connection — we're so proud of you, Charlee-Ann!

Go to our Facebook Page to hear Charlee-Ann's performance!



## Incredible Achievement for Oscar & Ollie

Huge congratulations to our Year 8 rowers who took on the British Rowing Inter-Regionals last weekend!

Their commitment and progress in such a short time has been nothing short of outstanding.

- **2nd place in their race**
- Missed 1st place by millimetres
- Now ranked among the Top 14 fastest J15 Men's Doubles in the UK

We couldn't be prouder — what an achievement!



# The CARE Store is Here!

At Paignton Academy, our values are at the heart of everything we do. CARE stands for **Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence** — and now we are proud to launch the much anticipated **CARE Store**.

The **CARE Store** is a rewards initiative that allows students to use their earned **CARE / Kindness and House Points** to purchase a range of items from the CARE Store brochure -

[CARE Store brochure](#)



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

[Paignton Academy - The CARE Store – Fill in 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 also locate the brochure and the order form on the dedicated rewards page via the website:

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## Dates for Your Diary



YEAR 11	GCSEs	07/05/2026 - 17/06/2026
All Years	May Bank Holiday (school closed)	04/05/2026
All Years	Half Term	25/5/2026-29/05/2026



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