



# PAIGNTON ACADEMY

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## Welcome



It has been another exciting and engaging week at Paignton Academy, with students continuing to embrace a wide range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom.

There is a real buzz around the Academy as we prepare for our upcoming production of High School Musical Jr., which opens on Wednesday 25th March. With tickets selling fast and our talented cast working incredibly hard in rehearsals, we are looking forward to three fantastic evenings of entertainment.

Our students have also enjoyed a range of enriching experiences this week. From hands-on activities and conservation learning during their zoo visit, to an exciting STEM workshop delivered by Next Steps South West, students have been developing curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving skills in engaging and practical ways.

We are also proud to introduce our new CARE Store, which recognises and rewards students for demonstrating our core values of Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence. This initiative celebrates the positive contributions students make to our school community every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see our students showing such enthusiasm, pride and commitment across all areas of school life.

## Opening night is almost here! — Tickets Selling Fast, Hurry and Purchase Today!

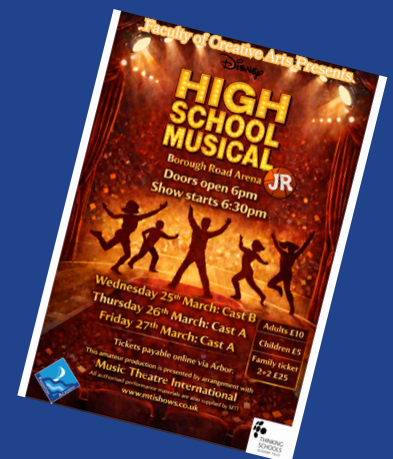
We have three nights of shows to entertain you!

Our Paignton Academy production of **High School Musical JR** hits the stage on **Wednesday 25th March!**

Tickets are selling fast, so hurry and book yours on Arbor today. Don't delay—bring along friends and family and enjoy an amazing night of music, energy, and talent from our incredible students.

**We're all in this together... see you there!**

**Meet the cast below.....**





## Meet the Cast

### Meet Ms. Teeny & Moderator!

Brilliant, passionate, and always ready to inspire the next big discovery, Ms. Teeny is East High's dedicated science teacher and the proud moderator of the Science Decathlon team. Ms. Teeny proves that science is more than formulas and facts—it's about imagination, determination, and the excitement of discovering something new. This is played by Year 9, India.

### Meet Jack Scott!

The voice everyone at East High knows, Jack Scott is the school's energetic announcer and the man behind the microphone. With a mic in hand and a story to tell, Jack Scott proves that sometimes the most important role isn't on the stage or the court—it's the one keeping the whole school tuned in. This is played by Year 7, Reuben.

### Meet Martha Cox!

Smart, kind, and full of surprises, Martha Cox is one of East High's brightest students—and a proud member of the Science Decathlon team. But beyond the books and equations, Martha has a secret talent that steals the spotlight—her incredible love for dance. Martha Cox reminds us that you can be anything you want to be: smart, confident, creative, and completely yourself. This is played by Year 9, Frankie.

### Meet Coach Bolton

Strong, determined, and deeply committed to his team, Coach Bolton is the passionate leader of the East High Wildcats basketball squad. Known for his competitive spirit and dedication to the game, Coach Bolton believes in discipline, teamwork, and the pride that comes with wearing the Wildcats jersey. But beyond the plays and practices, he truly cares about helping his players grow into confident, hardworking individuals. With his leadership and Wildcat pride, Coach Bolton reminds everyone that success comes from effort, teamwork, and believing in your team. This is played by Year 11, Alex.

### Meet Ms. Darbus!

Passionate, dramatic, and fiercely dedicated to the art of theater, Ms. Darbus is East High's unforgettable drama teacher. As the director of the school musical, Ms. Darbus expects dedication, discipline, and true commitment to the craft. She believes that theater is more than just entertainment—it's an opportunity for students to express themselves, discover their talents, and step into the spotlight. With a flair for drama and a heart for the arts, Ms. Darbus reminds everyone that the stage is a place where passion, talent, and imagination come to life. This is played by Year 11, Julia.

### Meet the Cheerleader Ensemble!!

Full of spirit, confidence, and unstoppable energy, the Cheerleader Ensemble brings the excitement of East High to every moment. Their positivity, dedication, and high-energy performances remind everyone that school pride is something worth cheering for.



# What an incredible day at Paignton Zoo for our Year 7 & 8 students!

From cleaning the giraffe enclosure and feeding these gentle giants, to racing around the zoo in an A-Z scavenger hunt, our students threw themselves into every moment.

They crafted enrichment items for monkeys and tortoises, learning how creativity supports animal wellbeing. After lunch, they headed into the forest for hands-on ecology and wildlife monitoring with the Conservation & Research Officer a brilliant insight into careers in environmental science.

A day full of teamwork, curiosity, and unforgettable experiences!



## LEAP Science Workshop!

On Wednesday, Paignton Academy welcomed Next Steps South West (NSSW) to deliver an exciting Discovery & Science workshop for our LEAP students.

They explored careers in STEM, research, problem-solving and scientific investigation, working as “detectives” to uncover the cause of a mysterious natural disaster using climate clues and eyewitness evidence.

A highlight was the Mentos and fizzy pop demonstration, used to help explain how CO<sub>2</sub> works.



# 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



All Years	High School Musical Performances	25/03//2026-27/03/2026
All Years	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026
All Years	First Day of Summer Term	20.04.2026



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