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Welcome



As we reach the end of another busy half term, it has been wonderful to see so many examples of our students demonstrating ambition, resilience and community spirit across all areas of Academy life.

Last week, we were delighted to celebrate pupils invited to the Principal's Reward Lunch at Waterleat Road, recognising their exceptional commitment to our CARE values. It was fantastic to see students rewarded for the positive contributions they make to our school community each day.

We are also incredibly proud of our talented Year 9 students at Borough Road Centre, whose creative writing has been selected for publication in the Stranger Sagas – Imagination Without End anthology. Their imagination and dedication have truly shone through.

Our Year 10 students have continued to engage enthusiastically with their learning, recently developing their practical biology skills through hands-on work linked to their heart unit. Meanwhile, students involved in the Boyz2Men programme have taken part in valuable sessions focused on wellbeing, resilience and respectful relationships.

In sport, students have once again represented the Academy with pride across athletics, football and rugby, achieving excellent performances and demonstrating outstanding teamwork, commitment and determination both locally and beyond.

As we head into the May half term break, I would like to thank all parents, guardians, students and staff for your continued support and hard work throughout the term. We wish everyone a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved holiday and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1st June 2026.

Mr Williams

Principal's Waterleat Road Reward Lunch Celebration

A huge well done to all the pupils invited to last Friday's Principal's Reward Lunch at Waterleat Road!

Recognised for their exceptional commitment to our CARE values, especially Community, pupils enjoyed a special lunch with Mr Williams, received certificates, and earned 15 CARE points for their achievements.

We're incredibly proud of each and every one of you — keep shining!





Imagination Unleashed!

A massive well done to our talented Year 9 students at Borough Road Centre!

Students from Ms Reilly's and Mrs King's classes have truly impressed in the Stranger Sagas Creative Writing Competition.

Their gripping mini sagas, filled with tension, atmosphere, and suspense, have been selected for publication in **"Stranger Sagas – Imagination Without End."**

We are incredibly proud of our budding authors and can't wait to see their work in print!

Keep dreaming big and writing boldly!

Here's a photo of the proud Borough Road students with their certificates!



Year 10 Biology in Action

Our Year 10 pupils have been diving deeper into their heart unit this week, moving from theory to real-life application.

After studying how the heart works in class, they had the opportunity to examine an actual heart up close.

Using their diagrams and prior knowledge, pupils worked brilliantly to identify key features, compare structure to function, and build confidence in real scientific investigation.

A fantastic step in developing their practical biology skills!

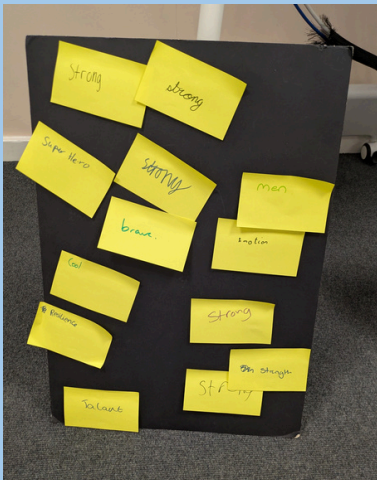


Building Respectful, Resilient Young Men with Boyz2Men

We were pleased to welcome students to the Boyz2Men programme, led by Mr Virgo, Mr Love, and Mr Power, alongside guest presenter Richard, founder of Boyz-2-Men.

Richard brings extensive expertise to the programme, having contributed as an advisor to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Issues Affecting Men and Boys. In 2026, he was named one of 100 champions supporting men and boys by the Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys, and the programme's impact has also been recognised in mainstream media, including a feature on BBC One's The One Show in April 2026.

The sessions supported students to explore identity, wellbeing, respectful relationships, and resilience, encouraging them to reflect on positive masculinity and their role as active, respectful members of the school community.



South Devon Athletics Trials

Thursday saw several of our athletes travel to Stover School for the South Devon Athletics Trials. Despite the challenging weather conditions, our students rose to the occasion and represented the school brilliantly.

All of our athletes delivered excellent performances, with every student placing in the top 5 in their event, a fantastic achievement!

We also had multiple students achieve a new personal best in their event.

Well done to everyone involved, and good luck to all of our qualifiers in the next round!





Student Success!



Proud Moment for Paignton Academy!



Paignton Academy is incredibly proud of our Year 9 and 10 students who represent Paignton Villa, and recently had the amazing opportunity to play at Plainmoor, the home of Torquay United .

What a fantastic experience to play a league fixture in such a professional setting! The girls rose to the occasion brilliantly, showing confidence, determination and teamwork throughout .

They pressed relentlessly from start to finish, never allowing their opponents to settle, and their work rate across the pitch was outstanding. This was without doubt one of their best performances of the season .

Every player should be extremely proud of their effort and attitude! They represented both Paignton Villa and the Academy with pride.

A huge well done to Evie, Isabelle, Willow, Lacey, Ebony, Darcy and Georgia, who are all pictured here.



Tabitha, Year 8

A huge well done to Tabitha in Year 8, who took part in the ESF 26 Football Tournament at Butlins over the weekend!

Representing her Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police FC Girls U13 team, Tabitha showed incredible teamwork, determination, and passion throughout the event.

What an amazing experience for her and such a fantastic achievement!

We're all so proud of you, Tabitha.

Keep shining and keep playing the sport you love!





Student Success!



Florence, Year 8

Congratulations to Florence (Year 8), who was selected to represent Plymouth Argyle U14s on their recent tour to Belgium.

Playing up a year group and competing abroad for the first time made this a significant milestone in her football journey.

The team enjoyed a highly successful tour, remaining unbeaten and winning every match.

Attention now turns to upcoming fixtures against Nottingham Forest and QPR, promising further valuable experience.

A fantastic achievement, well done, Florence.



Proud Rugby Moments

A brilliant season for our Paignton Academy students representing Brixham Rugby Club.



Their hard work, commitment and passion have truly shone through.

Under 12's

- **Benji**, Year 7 — Supporters' Player

Under 14's

- **Oliver**, Year 9 — Coaches' Player
- **Reuben**, Year 9 — Attendance & Effort
- **Toby**, Year 9 — Supporters' & Players' Player

End of Season Tournament Winners

- **Ashton**, Year 9 — Back of the Tournament
- **Oscar**, Year 9 — Forward of the Tournament

We are proud of every single one of them!



Happy May Half Term!

Happy May Half Term to all our Parents/Guardians and Students!

We hope you have a sunny, restful, and enjoyable break.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 1st June 2026**.

Enjoy your holiday!



Dates for Your Diary

YEAR 11	GCSEs	07/05/2026 - 17/06/2026
All Years	Half Term	25/05/2026-29/05/2026
YEAR 10	BRC Geography Field Trip	09/06/2026
YEAR 10	WRC Geography Field Trip	12/06/2026
YEAR 8	BRC Pirate Enterprise Day	19/06/2026



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