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Welcome



As we start our summer term, it has been a real pleasure to see the energy, ambition and resilience our students bring to every opportunity on offer.

In this week's newsletter, we are delighted to share the launch of our Summer Term Clubs, offering a wide range of activities for all students to enjoy, try something new and spend time with friends. Engagement beyond the classroom plays a vital role in building confidence and a strong sense of community, and I encourage every student to get involved.

We also celebrate a truly memorable ski trip experience, where our students demonstrated determination, teamwork and courage—both on and off the slopes. Their positive attitude and support for one another made us immensely proud.

Community remains at the heart of Paignton Academy, and we are grateful for the generosity shown through recent donations supporting The Thrive Project, helping to make a meaningful difference locally.

Alongside these highlights, we are pleased to share inspiring learning moments, including our Year 7 moss safari, and to recognise exceptional individual achievements in dance, music and sport. These successes reflect our CARE values of Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the many ways our students continue to thrive.

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.



Ski Trip 2026 — What a Week!

From the moment we arrived, our students threw themselves into the experience with determination and huge smiles. Many began the week learning the basics, but it didn't take long before they were confidently tackling the slopes — showing ambition, resilience, and a real commitment to supporting one another as a community.

As the days went on, their confidence soared. Students braved the gondola for the first time (even those not keen on heights), mastered their turns, and pushed themselves to develop strong parallel skiing. Their progress has been remarkable, strengthened by the positive relationships they built with each other and their instructors.

Evenings brought their own adventures. Snowshoe walks, a very lively snowball fight — where staff were definitely the main targets — and plenty of laughter made each night memorable. A well-earned Italian hot chocolate rounded things off perfectly, and a delicious pizza on the final evening was the ideal way to celebrate a week of outstanding attitude, effort, and teamwork.

We couldn't be prouder of everything they achieved. A fantastic group, fantastic effort, and a fantastic adventure. A truly memorable experience for all.



A Huge Thank You!

A massive thank you to Karen Shepard and The Thrive Project – Winner Street, Paignton for their generous donation of reusable water bottles, water, and lollies for our students. Your kindness truly makes a difference in our community.

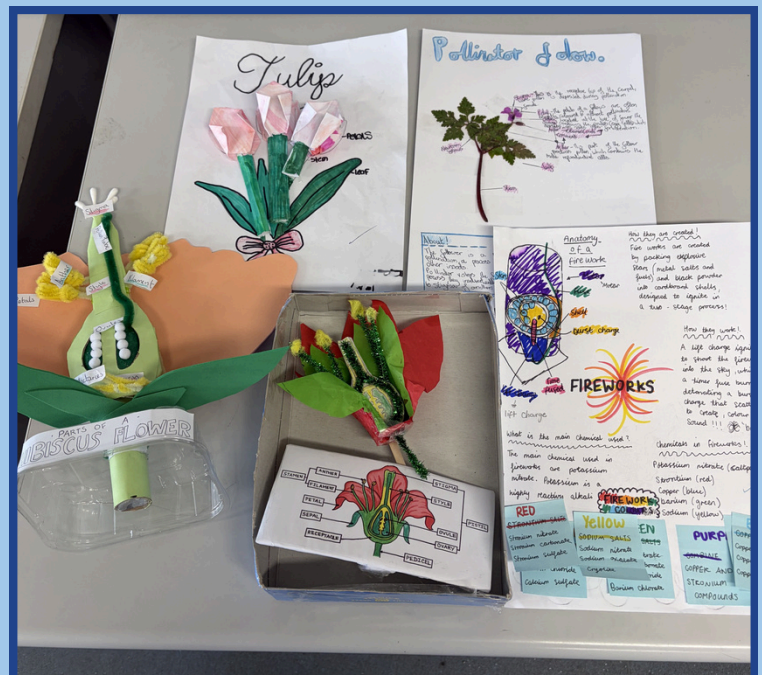
We'd also like to thank everyone who donated reusable water bottles to Thrive. Your support helps them continue the incredible work they do.

Thrive is a crisis drop-in centre in Paignton with an adjoining charity shop, offering vital support to those who need it most. They would be grateful for any donations to help them continue their ongoing work in the community.



Year 7 Science in Action

Last term our Year 7's went on a moss safari — here are some moments from their practical work and a brilliant piece of homework too!



Student Success!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Kyla!

Over the Easter break, Kyla competed at the Torbay Festival representing Riviera Dance Studios and what an incredible achievement!

- 1st place in Lyrical
- 1st place in Modern
- 3rd place in Tap

We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and talent. Keep shining, Kyla!



Huge Congratulations to Alex!

Huge congratulations to Alex (Year 11) on achieving a Merit in his ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory exam — just 2 marks shy of a distinction!

This result is a testament to his dedication and consistency, attending music theory lessons every Thursday for the past 6 months and putting in the hard work week after week.

A special thank you to his wonderful teacher, Belinda J. Byers MA BMus LRAM, for her expert guidance and support throughout this journey.

We're so proud of this fantastic achievement — onward and upward!



Celebrating Rhianna – Year 10

Rhianna has been awarded the Resilience Award for her outstanding dedication and determination in netball.

Since joining Dart Netball Club in September 2024, she has embraced every opportunity to grow in the sport, developing her skills and even beginning her training to become an umpire. Her enthusiasm and commitment have been clear from the start.

Rhianna consistently gives her best and attends whenever she can, showing a fantastic attitude and a strong work ethic. Her coach is extremely proud of the progress she has made and the effort she brings to every session.

We look forward to seeing her continue her netball journey with confidence, passion, and success.



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 10	Parents' Evening	03/04/2026-17/04/2026
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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