



Welcome



It has been another fantastic week at Paignton Academy, with our students continuing to impress through their teamwork, creativity and determination.

This week's newsletter celebrates success across sport, music and the performing arts. Our Year 8 and 9 netball teams made an excellent start to the season, Year 9 showcased outstanding teamwork during their gymnastics lessons, and we are delighted to congratulate Laura on achieving the highest guitar grading mark across participating schools.

We are also proud to recognise the achievements of Florence, who is representing Devon Schools in football, and Millie, who has secured a role as a Junior Dancer in the Paignton Pantomime. Alongside these individual successes, our Drama students have enjoyed another inspiring theatre visit, while new lunchtime clubs such as Starbooks Book Club and Drama Club offer even more opportunities for students to discover new interests and build confidence.

Thank you for your continued support. It is wonderful to see so many students embracing opportunities, supporting one another and bringing our CARE values to life each day.

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.

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



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!

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Netball is off to a flying start!

Well done to our brilliant Year 8 and 9 netballers following an excellent first tournament of the season!

Year 9 finished with an impressive 3 wins and 1 draw, while Year 8 secured 3 wins, with their only defeat coming by just one goal in the final few seconds.

Most importantly, the girls showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and determination throughout.

A special shout-out to Mia and Ella for playing their first ever netball games for the school. What a brilliant achievement!

Inspired to give netball a go? Come and join us every Wednesday after school in the Hub. No experience is necessary, so come along and get involved!



Year 9 Gymnastics Excellence!

This week, our Year 9 students have been developing their gymnastics skills, focusing on group balances. The challenge was to safely perform and support a range of balances while demonstrating control, teamwork and trust.

Our students certainly rose to the challenge! They demonstrated some impressive advanced group balances, with groups even taking on the challenge of creating a group pyramid.

Throughout the lesson, the students demonstrated excellence, relationships and ambition, supporting one another and challenging themselves to achieve their best.

We think they've done a fantastic job. Well done, Year 9!



Student Success



Outstanding Guitar Exam Success at Paignton Academy!

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of some of our talented guitar students following their recent grading exams.

Out of 20 students entered for guitar grade examinations from a range of schools, Laura in Year 8 achieved the highest mark overall!

Laura was awarded this fantastic result for her Grade 1 Acoustic Guitar Exam, having started guitar lessons in Year 7. An incredible achievement. Well done, Laura!

We are incredibly proud of our students and the dedication they have shown to developing their musical talents.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, information on how to apply for instrumental lessons can be found on our school website.



Good Luck, Florence!

A huge good luck to Florence in Year 9, who is proudly representing Devon Schools in their match against Somerset Schools!

Florence plays for the Devon FA Under 14s and has been selected to represent her county, which is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her hard work, dedication and talent.

Everyone at Paignton Academy wishes Florence the very best of luck!



Congratulations, Millie!

A huge well done to Millie in Year 7, who has successfully auditioned for the Paignton Pantomime and secured a role as a Junior Dancer!

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects Millie's hard work, dedication and talent.

We are incredibly proud of her and can't wait to see her shine on stage.

Good luck with rehearsals, Millie!



GCSE Drama Trip – The Mousetrap

Our Drama Department took 30 GCSE Drama students to the Princess Theatre, Torquay, to see the classic Agatha Christie play *The Mousetrap*!

It is wonderful for our students to experience as much live theatre as possible, giving them the opportunity to see professional actors using the same performance skills and techniques that they develop in every Drama lesson.

One student said they were “on the edge of their seat at the end” and thought it was “an amazing play!”

A fantastic evening of live theatre and a brilliant experience for our GCSE Drama students!



Starbooks Book Club

Looking for your next great read?

Join Starbooks Book Club every Tuesday lunchtime at Waterleat Road!

Students can:

- Discuss and share their favourite books
- Read together in a relaxed and friendly environment
- Take a book or leave a book from our book swap collection
- Earn rewards and prizes for reading through our loyalty card scheme

Whether you're a passionate reader or just looking to discover a new book, everyone is welcome to come along and get involved!



Drama Club

Looking for a chance to build confidence, be creative and have fun? Why not join Drama Club with Mrs Wishart!

- Waterleat Road
- Every Tuesday lunchtime

Students can take part in drama games, develop performance skills, work together creatively and enjoy expressing themselves in a supportive environment.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or just want to give drama a try, everyone is welcome!

Come along, get involved and let your creativity shine!



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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