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Welcome



As we approach the end of another busy and successful term, this week's newsletter is a wonderful celebration of achievement, resilience and community spirit across Paignton Academy.

We are delighted to share the news that the Academy has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the third consecutive year, recognising our commitment to providing inclusive and high-quality sporting opportunities for all students. This achievement reflects the dedication of both our staff and students and is something our whole school community can be proud of.

Sporting success continues to feature strongly this week, with highlights from our fantastic Sports Day, where students demonstrated outstanding effort, teamwork and sportsmanship, alongside impressive individual performances and several new school records. We also celebrate our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students, who successfully completed their final expedition, showing determination, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout.

Beyond school, we are proud to recognise the achievements of students excelling in their chosen activities. Congratulations to Poppy-May and Olly on their success in the British National Series and best wishes as they head to the European Championships and well done to Immie for her excellent results at the Exeter Gymnastics Competition.

This edition also highlights the generosity and leadership shown by our students, including Ruby's involvement in securing new chess sets for our growing Chess Club, helping to create even more opportunities for students to get involved and develop new skills.

Finally, we look ahead to our end-of-term Rewards Assemblies and Golden Ticket Raffle, where we will celebrate the many students who consistently demonstrate our CARE values and make a positive contribution to Academy life.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes and opportunities featured in this week's newsletter.

Mr Williams

School Games Mark Gold Award

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have achieved the School Games Mark Gold Award for the third year in a row.

This reflects the outstanding opportunities we provide for all our students and celebrates our inclusive, ambitious approach to PE and school sport.

Well done to every pupil and staff member who helped make this possible.



Records Tumble at Paignton Academy Sports Day!

Our 2025/26 Sports Day at Waterleat Road was packed with energy, talent and record-breaking performances from Years 7–10.

The day saw fantastic efforts across track and field, with multiple school records falling. Standout performances included Keanu setting a new Year 8 100m record, Sophia winning all three of her races (100m, 200m and 800m), and Leonora impressing in the sprint heats.

On the field, students delivered an incredible series of results, with records broken in high jump, vortex and shot put events across Years 9 and 10. Lily was a standout, breaking two records in high jump and shot put during an outstanding morning. More success followed in the afternoon, including a huge Year 8 vortex throw from Ozzy, and Charlie equalling the Year 10 100m record in a thrilling sprint finish.

The finals brought great competition, with strong performances across all houses. Relay races added to the excitement, with Elberry taking two wins, alongside victories for Broadsands and Goodrington.



GOODRINGTON - 119



ELBERRY - 114



BROADSANDS - 99



PRESTON - 58



A huge well done to all students and staff who made the day such a success—your effort, teamwork and sportsmanship made it unforgettable!

The full write-up of the day from Mr Smith is available on our website. The link is below;

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/blog-articles/records-tumble-in-sports-day-extravaganza/>



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition Success

Congratulations to all our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students on successfully completing their final expedition!

Despite challenging conditions and soaring temperatures, our students demonstrated incredible resilience, determination and perseverance throughout – even if there were a few initial grumbles! As the expedition progressed, teams rose to the challenge, learning to work together and transforming into strong, cohesive groups by the end of the second day.

Their ability to adapt, support one another and push through difficulties was truly impressive to see.

This is a fantastic achievement and an important milestone in their Duke of Edinburgh journey. It was a genuinely memorable experience that built confidence, strengthened friendships and created lasting memories.

Well done to everyone involved – you should be immensely proud of what you have achieved!



Sri Lanka Fundraiser Success

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Sri Lanka ice cream fundraisers over the past two events. We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£277.50** for our community project!

A huge thank you to the students and staff who helped make these events such a success.

If you missed the fundraisers but would still like to contribute, you can donate here:

[**Paignton Academy's Sri Lanka Community project**](#)

A fundraising poster for Paignton Academy's Sri Lanka Community project. It features logos for Paignton Academy, Ethical School Adventures, and Thinking School Academy Trust. The text reads: "Paignton Academy's Sri Lanka Community project", "Organized by Jo FM", "£1,652 to goal", and "Donate now!". There are also images of a thumbs up, a Sri Lankan flag, an elephant, and a smiling boy.

Paignton Academy's Sri Lanka Community project

Organized by Jo FM

ETHICAL SCHOOL ADVENTURES SINCE 2006

THINKING SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST

£1,652 to goal

Donate now!

BUY NOW



NIGHT

— AT THE —

Musicals

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DATE:
8TH JULY



TIME:
DOORS OPEN
AT 5.30PM
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SHOW STARTS
AT 6PM



PRICES:
ADULT TICKET £5
CHILD TICKET £3

LOCATION:
BRC ARENA

TICKETS AVAILABLE
TO BUY ON ARBOR



Footloose
THE MUSICAL

CHICAGO
THE MUSICAL

BACK
TO FUTURE
THE MUSICAL


HAMILTON

THE
GREATEST
SHOWMAN

Student Success!



Poppy-May, Year 8 & Olly, Year 11

Huge congratulations to siblings Poppy-May (Year 8) and Olly (Year 11) who have just competed in Rounds 5 & 6 of the British National Series in Gosport!

Both showed fantastic dedication, skill, and determination, we're so proud of their achievements.

And the excitement doesn't stop there... next weekend they head to Sarrians in the South of France to compete in the European Championships!

We wish them the very best of luck — go smash it, Poppy-May and Olly!



Immie, Year 7

Immie competed at the Exeter Gymnastics Competition this weekend, proudly representing South Devon School of Gymnastics — and absolutely smashed it!

- 4th on Vault
- 4th on Floor
- 2nd on Beam
- 4th Overall

What an incredible achievement — well done, Immie! We're all so proud of you!



Ruby, Year 7

We are delighted to share that the Torbay Volunteer Police Cadets have generously donated four brand-new chess sets to support the launch of our new Chess Club.

This thoughtful contribution was inspired by Ruby in Year 7, a proud Police Cadet who wanted to create a welcoming space where she and her friends can enjoy the game together and encourage others to join.

Ruby is pictured here with her older brother Luke — a former pupil and now a Police Cadet Leader.

We are incredibly grateful to the Cadet unit for their support and can't wait to see the Chess Club grow! These sets will provide students with a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, strategy, and teamwork in a calm and supportive environment.

Interested in learning more about the Police Cadets? Click here: <https://vpc.police.uk/>



End-of-Term Rewards Celebration & Golden Ticket Raffle

At the end of this term, we'll be celebrating our amazing students at our Rewards Assemblies and yes, the Golden Ticket Raffle is back and bigger than ever!

We're gearing up for an unforgettable celebration. Take a look at the fantastic prizes waiting to be won at our Believe & Achieve Rewards Assembly. Every single prize is part of the Golden Ticket Raffle, and every ticket is a chance to win something brilliant.

Important Reminder: Keep your Golden Tickets safe and make sure you hand them in to the House Office, or bring it along on assembly day to be in with a chance of winning big.

Good luck to all our students, we can't wait to celebrate your hard work and achievements!



- 8x Body Boards
- 8x Footballs
- 8x Rugby Balls
- 8x Cinema Vouchers
- 8x Water Guns
- 8x Heatless Curlers
- 8x Paddle Boards
- 8x Bluetooth Speaker
- 8x Waboba Pro Water Bouncing Ball
- 8x Cayman Golf Vouchers
- 8x Byoma Skincare
- 8x JD Sport Voucher
- 8x Amazon Voucher
- 8x Sweet & Chocolate Goody Bags



Dates for Your Diary



Year 7 & 8	Core Exams	29/06/2026 & 30/06/2026
All Years	Musical Theatre evening	08/07/2026
Year 11	Year 11 Prom	10/07/2026
All Years	Celebration Evenings	13/07/2026-16/07/2026
All Years	Last Day of Term	17/07/2026



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