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Welcome



As we head towards the end of the Spring Term, it has been wonderful to see our school community continue to come together, demonstrating our CARE values through a range of meaningful experiences and opportunities.

We are proud to be launching our upcoming charity event, chosen by our students, in support of several important causes. Our Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 2nd April is a fantastic way for students to contribute while reinforcing the strong sense of community that defines our Academy.

This week, we have also celebrated the incredible success of our High School Musical Jr. production. The dedication, teamwork and talent shown by our cast and crew were truly outstanding, and we are immensely proud of everyone involved in bringing such a memorable performance to life.

Our students have continued to benefit from enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom. Year 10 enjoyed an inspiring visit to Torquay Museum, exploring the life and work of Agatha Christie, while Year 7 embraced the outdoors during their first ecology practical, bringing their learning to life in a hands-on environment.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for our upcoming ski trip to Italy, where students will have the opportunity to experience new cultures, develop independence and create lasting memories. Alongside this, students have also been developing valuable life skills through expedition training, showing great enthusiasm and resilience.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a pleasure to see our students engaging so positively and making the most of every opportunity.

Spring Term Charity Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2nd April

As we wrap up our Spring Term, we're continuing our focus on community and relationships with another fantastic charity event that helps strengthen our CARE values across the school.

This year, chosen by our students, we are proudly supporting:

- Cancer Research
- Winston's Wish
- Mind Devon
- Sri Lanka School Charity Project

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Students are invited to wear non-uniform with a voluntary contribution of at least £1.

You can donate:

- In cash during registration
- Via Arbor in advance (School Shop on the app)

All funds raised will go directly to our chosen charities.

To help the day run smoothly, please ensure your child dresses appropriately and respectfully for school.

Students may still wear school uniform if they prefer.



Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR

Thanks for being part of the High School Musical Jr extravaganza!



Today we celebrate the entire cast and crew who gave their heart to the stage. Every rehearsal, every late night, every moment of teamwork led to something truly special.



Watching everyone grow, support each other, and bring the story to life reminds us of the message behind High School Musical — that when we work together and believe in ourselves, we can achieve something amazing.

Just like the Wildcats said: “We’re all in this together.”



We are so proud of every single person involved. The dedication, talent, and friendship behind the scenes made this journey unforgettable.



Here’s to the memories we created and the magic we shared on stage.



Year 10 Explore the World of Agatha Christie!

Our Year 10 students enjoyed a fascinating literary adventure on Monday as they visited Torquay Museum, diving deep into the life and legacy of the legendary Agatha Christie.

The day began with an inspiring talk from Christie expert and biographer Dr Mark Aldridge, who brought the Queen of Crime's world to life and sparked thoughtful discussions about crafting a gripping murder mystery.

Students then delved into *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, analysing its twists, themes and enduring impact. They even tested out the brand-new Agatha Christie Mile app, uncovering key locations linked to the author's life.

Fuelled by inspiration, students had the chance to plan their own murder mysteries, putting their new insights into practice.

The visit wrapped up with a guided tour of the museum's renowned Agatha Christie collection—an enriching and memorable end to a brilliant day.

A wonderful experience that brought literature to life!



Year 7 Step Into Ecology With Their First Outdoor Practical

With the sunshine finally making a welcome appearance, our Year 7 students seized the chance to head outdoors for their very first ecology practical. The session offered a brilliant opportunity to explore the natural environment first-hand, develop essential fieldwork skills, and see their classroom learning come alive in the real world.

Armed with curiosity (and plenty of enthusiasm), students investigated local habitats, observed living organisms, and began to understand how different species interact within an ecosystem. It was a fantastic start to their ecology unit and a wonderful reminder of how powerful outdoor learning can be.



Duke of Edinburgh Preparation is Now Officially Underway

This week, participants have been developing their expedition skills — including learning to cook safely and effectively using a Trangia stove. While some culinary attempts were more successful than others, enthusiasm remained high throughout, and everyone approached the challenge with great positivity.



Italy Countdown Officially Begins

Our upcoming trip to Italy is just around the corner. Next week, we will be traveling for a week of skiing, enjoying traditional Italian cuisine, and taking in the beautiful mountain scenery.

The anticipation is high as we prepare for a week filled with learning, exploration, and new experiences.

We look forward to the snow, the culture, and the adventure ahead.



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	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026
All Years	First Day of Summer Term	20/04/2026
Year 8	Parents' Evening	23/04/2026
Year 10	Parents' Evening	30/04/2026



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