

Welcome

I want to welcome all of our wonderful students and particularly our new Years 7s who are joining us for the first time, back to Paignton Academy and a new academic year. There have been some big changes over the summer holidays with a massive programme of improving the quality of our school buildings (across both sites) and at Waterleat Road, we are in the process of laying a new astroturf so that our pupils, and those from the wider community, can continue to enjoy a first class playing surface. In all there has been over £750,000 spent on our buildings and premises from our Trust which will benefit everyone. We have also started with our new caterers and the variety and high quality of food has been commented on by many of our pupils. For our older pupils, the tweaks to the school day will soon start to have an impact on them as we start to deliver targeted intervention and revision sessions during tutor time for Year 11 students. It has been a really positive start to the year and I look forward to keeping all of our community updated with the latest good news from our school throughout this year. Best wishes, Mr Williams

Welcome Back!

We were thrilled to see all our students return last week as we kicked off the Autumn term! A special shout-out to our new Year 7s — you've made a fantastic start and looked incredibly smart in your uniforms.

On their first day, Year 7 students enjoyed a complimentary meal from our new catering team — and it was a hit! The food looked delicious, and the students really enjoyed it.

Here's to a term full of learning, growth, and exciting opportunities. Let's make it a great one!



Exciting News From Our School Canteen!

We're delighted to introduce our new catering team menu at the Academy! Our canteen offers a fantastic selection of freshly made food and snacks, including:

- Sandwiches
- Healthy salads
- Fresh fruit

All provided by Innovate IFG — IMPACT FOOD, ensuring quality and variety every day. The menu runs on a 3-week rotation:

- £2.90 is the daily allowance.
- For students who qualify for Free School Meals to check eligibility, kindly visit: [Free School Meals — Torbay Council](http://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../food-at-paignton.../)
- You can find all our menus on the school website: [https://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../food-at-paignton.../](http://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../food-at-paignton.../)

Welcome back to your
SERIOUSLY GOOD FOOD COURT

back to school

MORE THAN JUST LUNCH!

At secondary school, food isn't just for lunchtime...

BREAKFAST
Start your day right!
Crab toast, cereal, yoghurt, or a hot snack before your first lesson.

BREAKTIME
Need a boost?
Pick up hot snacks such as our PowerVibes and... noodles, rice, and more — or snack pots and bakes to keep you going.

LUNCHTIME
Your main event!
From hot meals to street food style dishes and grab-and-go options, you've got loads to choose from.

AFTER SCHOOL
Pick up a snack on your way out.
Hot snacks as well as all schools!

Meal deals available!

Each day, choose from:

- Hot main meals or 'grab-and-go' take-away items
- Sandwiches, wraps, pasta pots, salads, jacket potatoes
- Street food style dishes made your way
- Spiced snacks, fruit pots, home baked, and much more

TIME TO TAKE CHARGE OF WHAT YOU EAT...

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

From the global flavours of our StreetVibes range to a light and refreshing option from Chill Deal, there's a choice to match every mood, every day!

FSM Look out for the Free School Meal logo!
Anyone who receives a FSM can choose a great meal!

DAILY MEAL DEALS & OFFERS

We've got great food at great value — whether you're in the mood for something hot, cold, or totally street food inspired!

Hot Meal & Dessert

Pick from daily hot mains or desserts such as topped jacket potatoes and pasta pots and combine with a hot homemade dessert or a piece of fruit!

MADE YOUR WAY!

StreetVibes is here Tuesday – Thursday!

Mix things up midweek with our StreetVibes street food.

Choose your base (like noodles, rice or a wrap), add your protein, then top it your way.

There's something new each week — from spicy noodles to loaded salads and saucy wraps.

Visit the restaurant to see what's on!

FSM chill deal

Grab a quick cold treat!

Choose any 4 items (including the Chill Deal starter including a variety of savoury snack pots, hot and cold home baked).

LOOK OUT FOR THE CHILL DEAL STICKERS!

INNOVATE



New School Communications Platform: Arbor

We've moved to a new system called Arbor, replacing Classcharts, Edulink, and soon ParentPay.

It's a one-stop shop for all school communications and payments.

This is what you will need to do:

- Check your email for login details (including junk/spam folders).
- Set up your account at login.arbor.sc – click “Forgotten Password” to get started.
- Download the Arbor Parent App from the App Store or Google Play.

Once set up, you'll be able to:

- Message the school
- Make payments
- Top-up catering balance (£2 min)
- View reports & behaviour info

PLEASE NOTE: ARBOR WILL NOW BE THE ONLY SYSTEM WE USE.

Not all features are live yet, but setting up now means you're ready when they are! If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions about the Parent Portal, please contact the school office at - wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.tsat.uk.

If you've already emailed us, your query will be dealt with shortly.

A big thank you to all the Parents and Guardians who have already set up their accounts and logged in — we really appreciate your support!



Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Clubs!

We're excited to launch our **Autumn Term Clubs!** These clubs offer a brilliant opportunity for students to explore new interests, develop skills, and make new friends. All students—regardless of age or ability—are welcome to join in and represent Paignton Academy with pride.

No need to book for after-school clubs—just turn up at your chosen club at either site and get involved! We look forward to seeing lots of students taking part this term.

Click the link below to view the full schedule of clubs, including times and locations, on the Paignton Academy website.

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../extra-curricular-clubs/>



Exciting Announcement!

Next year's school musical is... **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR!**

The Creative Arts Faculty is thrilled to kick off preparations for this energetic and fun-filled production!

Attached is the official poster with all the details about auditions in September.

Use the links below to access the scripts and backing tracks so you can start preparing now!

<https://youtube.com/playlist...>

<https://www.mtishows.co.uk/broadway.../audition-central...>

If you have any questions, feel free to email - Miss Duffin or Miss Simmonds.

LET'S GO WILDCATS!



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER: PRINCIPAL AUDITIONS
Borough Road Arena 3-5:30pm

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER: ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS
Waterleat Road Drama Studio 3-5:30pm

AUDITION MATERIAL		
Character	Acting	Singing
Gabriella Montez	Side 2 with Troy	Start of Something New (19 secs - 1:19)
Troy Bolton	Side 2 with Gabriella	Start of Something New (19 secs - 1:19)
Sharpay Evan	Side 2 with Ryan	What I've Been Looking For (Start - 50 secs)
Ryan Evans	Side 2 with Sharpay	What I've Been Looking For (Start - 50 secs)
Kelsi Nielsen	Side 1	We're All In This Together (16 secs - 1:10)
Chad Danforth	Side 1 with Taylor	Counting On You (14 to 45 secs)
Taylor McKessie	Side 1 with Chad	Counting On You (14 to 45 secs)
Ms Darbus	Side 1 with Coach Bolton	
Coach Bolton	Side 1 with Ms Darbus	
Zeke Baylor		Stick To The Status Quo (11 secs - 54 secs)
Martha Cox		Stick To The Status Quo (1 min - 1:46 mins)
Ensemble		We're All In This Together Reprise (1 min - 1:34 mins)

[Acting Materials](#)

[Song Playlists](#)

Paignton Academy Open Events For September 2026 Admissions!

We extend a warm invitation to primary school children and their parents to join us at our Open Events and experience the positive learning environment at Paignton Academy.

Throughout the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Take a tour of our school
- Meet our Principal, teachers, and students
- Get answers to any questions you may have

Our Open Events were extremely popular last year, and we received a lot of positive feedback. To find out more or to book a place, please visit our website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../visit-paignton-academy/>

Thinking Teaching And Learning!

We are excited to share with you the 2nd issue of our new newsletter, "**Thinking Teaching and Learning.**"

This celebrates the excellent teaching and learning taking place across the Academy by providing valuable insights, updates, and resources. In this initial issue, you'll find inspiring and informative articles that highlight the wonderful work happening in our classrooms. We hope you enjoy the content and find it useful in understanding and supporting your child's educational journey.

Please follow the link: https://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../thinking_teaching_and...



Paignton Academy Awarded School Games GOLD Mark For 2024/25

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with our school community — Paignton Academy has been awarded the prestigious School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, that recognises schools for their commitment to the development of physical activity and competitive sport. Achieving the GOLD standard is a significant accomplishment and reflects the dedication of our students, staff, and wider school community.

As part of the application process, schools are assessed across four key areas:

- Participation in physical activity and sport
- Competition at intra- and inter-school levels
- Workforce development, including young leaders and volunteers
- Engagement with school sport clubs and the wider community

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and leadership — especially those who volunteered as officials and organisers to help make our events a success.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr Julian, Mr Stacey, Mrs White, and the entire PE Faculty for their tireless work in promoting sport and physical activity across the Academy. This award is a testament to their passion and commitment.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to inspire a love of sport and healthy competition in all our students.



Student Success Stories!

Congratulations to ...

Poppy-May

We're bursting with pride to share that Poppy-May in Year 8 has officially qualified for this year's BMX World Championships in Copenhagen!

At the end of last term, Poppy-May made her way to Bristol to take on the regional title—competing fiercely in the Male 12 category against the boys. If anyone's got the grit and talent to rise to that challenge, it's Poppy.

Earlier this year, she took her talent international, competing across Europe and securing two impressive 8th place finishes. What a season it's been already!

Let's all cheer her on as she continues to smash boundaries and chase her dreams. Go Poppy-May!



Sophie



Sophie proudly represented the Birmingham Panthers at the U17 National Premier League end of season tournament. To be selected for such a prestigious national event is an incredible achievement — but what makes it truly extraordinary is that Sophie is competing four years below the top of the age group!

Having only picked up netball a few years ago with her local club, Dart Netball, Sophie's rise has been nothing short of inspirational. Her dedication,

talent, and passion for the sport continue to amaze us.

We're so proud of Sophie and can't wait to see where her journey takes her next. The future is bright for this rising star!

Willow



A huge well done to Willow in Year 9 for winning her third Art competition at Paignton Academy! This achievement took place last term, when students were challenged to design a birthday card that would be mass produced and used by the Academy to celebrate staff birthdays—and Willow's design was chosen as the winner!

She was presented with a certificate and a box of chocolates by Mr Williams and Miss Julian in recognition of her outstanding creativity.

We're so proud of you, Willow—your talent continues to shine!

Here's a look at the winning design that will now brighten birthdays across the Academy.

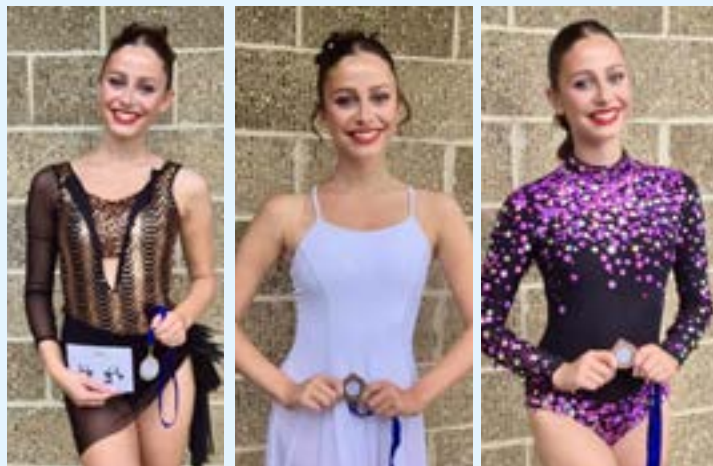


Student Success!

Huge congratulations to Year 11 Kyla who lit up the stage at the Plymouth Dance Festival and brought home the medals!

- Silver in Tap
- Bronze in Lyrical & Modern

Your hard work, passion, and talent truly shone through, Kyla — we're all so proud of you! Keep dancing, keep dreaming, and keep dazzling us all.



Before the summer holidays, our brilliant tutor group—now 8BB1—took action on an issue close to their hearts: littering and waste. Inspired by their reading of The Day, they penned a thoughtful letter to Parliament, calling for change and greater environmental responsibility.

Over the break, they received a response from local MP Caroline Voaden, recognising their concerns and efforts.

This is a fantastic example of student-led activism, showing real commitment to community and civic engagement. We're so proud of their passion, initiative, and drive to make a difference. Let's celebrate their achievement and keep the conversation going - change starts with voices like theirs!

Student Voices Making a Difference!



Paignton Academy



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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 15th September	Year 9 Photos
Thursday 2nd October	Open Evening BRC
Thursday 9th October	Year 10/11 Attainment Evening
Friday 17th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October inclusive	Half Term
Monday 3rd November	Non Pupil Day