

Welcome

As we move through another vibrant and bustling week at Paignton Academy, I am once again reminded of the incredible talent, enthusiasm and determination our students bring to every opportunity. This week's newsletter is filled with wonderful examples of our young people challenging themselves, celebrating success and embracing the rich variety of experiences on offer here at the Academy.

From the energetic rhythms emerging from our Year 8 music classrooms to the impressive sporting achievements across netball, cross country, swimming and gymnastics, our students continue to demonstrate not only skill, but also teamwork, resilience and pride in all they do. It is a pleasure to see their hard work celebrated, and I know you will enjoy reading about the many highlights featured in this edition.

I am also delighted to share the positive impact of our recent Mental Health Support Team workshops, helping our students grow in confidence, empathy and awareness as they learn how to support themselves and one another. Our commitment to wellbeing remains at the heart of our community.

Finally, I encourage you to take a moment to read about our upcoming Winter Wonderland Around-the-World Music & Dance Celebration—an event guaranteed to bring sparkle, joy and a touch of festive magic to the season. We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Paignton Academy. I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and join us in celebrating the many successes of our fantastic students.

Mr Williams

Year 8 are Turning up the Tempo!

Our talented Year 8 musicians have been diving into the vibrant sound world of African music, mastering polyrhythms, syncopated grooves, cross-rhythms, and call-and-response textures like total pros.

Their ensemble skills, rhythmic precision, and sense of pulse have reached a whole new level!

Inspired by legends like Fela Kuti and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, they've explored how African music blends rhythm, melody, and community into something truly special.

High-energy. Musically sophisticated. Seriously fun!

To see and hear the students in action, please follow the link to our Facebook page: [Facebook](#)

Year 7 Netball Success!

Huge improvements from our Year 7 team – and we've got 2 wins under our belts!

Special congratulations to Alice, Grace, Jasmyn and Bella for earning Player of the Match in each of our games. Your hard work and determination really shone through!

Congratulations to Alice and Jasmyn for being coach's player for this tournament.

Both Year 7 teams are in action this week - fingers crossed for more success.



Paignton Academy 2025 Cross Country Championships!



Last week, we hosted our annual Cross Country Championships, and it was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic runners competing for a spot on the school team!



There were some incredible performances across all year groups – a huge well done to everyone who took part.

Congratulations to those who have qualified to represent Paignton Academy in the next round of the competition – we can't wait to see you in action!

Empowering Our Students: Mental Health Workshops Delivered!

This week, our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) delivered two engaging workshops to groups of students across both sites.



The sessions focused on:

The role of a Mental Health Ambassador and how students can make a positive impact on our school community.

Who students can turn to within the Academy if they need support in any way.

We're proud to see our students learning how to support each other and promote wellbeing across our schools!

Devon Firecracker Gala

We are incredibly proud of our students who represented Paignton Swimming Club at the weekend's Devon Firecracker Gala. Max (Yr 9), Lucas (Yr 10), Alfred (Yr 7), Heidi (Yr 9), Tabitha (Yr 8 - pictured) and Taylor (Yr 9) all took part and swam brilliantly.

Lucas powered through the pool to earn one silver and two bronze medals, while Taylor and Tabitha each secured a bronze. Max delivered an outstanding performance, he swam two races, claimed two gold medals, and achieved two new PBs.



We would also like to give a huge congratulations to Alice (pictured), who was the standout swimmer of the gala against swimmers from across the whole of Devon. She entered seven races, achieved seven personal bests, and won a medal in every single event she swam. What an incredible achievement!

Well done to Alice and to all of our fantastic swimmers, you've done Paignton proud!

Sporting Success for Laetitia in Year 7!

Laetitia has had an incredible run of achievements recently! She placed in the top 5 at the Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club competition, and just a week later, secured second place in our school's Cross Country Championships.

Fantastic effort, Laetitia – we're so proud of you!



Huge Good Luck to our Amazing Students!



Year 7 stars Robyn and Jacob, and Year 11 talent Lillia, will be taking the stage starting this week in a production of *The Railway Children* at Palace Avenue Theatre.

Your hard work, dedication, and incredible talent will



Step into the Magic...

You're invited to our Winter Wonderland Around-the-World Music & Dance Celebration—an evening where snow-kissed sparkle meets global rhythm!

Join us as Paignton Academy students take the stage after months of dedicated rehearsal, pouring heart and hard work into a dazzling repertoire inspired by every corner of the globe. From Brazilian samba to Ukrainian melodies, prepare to be swept away on a romantic journey through culture, sound, and movement.

Step into the mood with wintry festive attire—where classic show elegance glimmers beneath a spell of winter frost!

Prize for best dressed guest!

Let the lights glow, the music soar, and the world come alive—right here, in one unforgettable winter night.

Come and celebrate! Come and be enchanted!

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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 4th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 12th December	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 19th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 5th January	First day of Spring term