



Welcome



This is an important period for many of our students, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 9 students the very best of luck as they begin their exams on Monday. We know how hard they have worked and are incredibly proud of their commitment and determination.

It was wonderful to see such a strong attendance at the Options Information Evening for our current Year 9 students, led by Mr Willcocks earlier this week. I hope you found the evening both informative and helpful. Choosing the right options for Year 10 is a crucial decision, and it is important that students consider their strengths, interests, and aspirations. Students will continue to receive further guidance and support to help them make well-informed choices about the subjects they wish to study.

This week, information was also sent home regarding Year 10 Work Experience. This is an exciting and valuable opportunity for our students, providing them with insight into the world of work and the wide range of possibilities available to them. I look forward to hearing about our students' ambitions and seeing them embrace opportunities beyond the classroom as they embark on this important stage of their journey — reflecting our CARE core value of Ambition.

As always, this edition of the newsletter is full of fantastic achievements and opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. It is a pleasure to celebrate so many successes from across our school community.

Mr Williams

✨ A fantastic start to our Year 10 Work Experience Programme! ✨

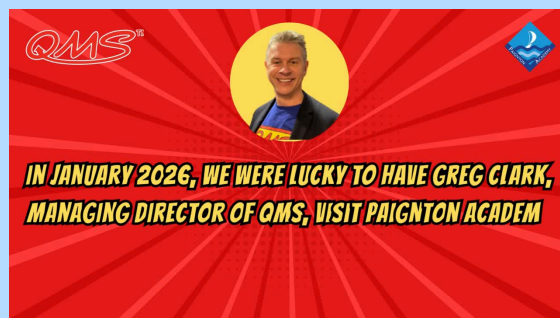
Monday marked the official launch of this year's programme — and what a brilliant way to begin!

We were thrilled to welcome Greg Clark, Managing Director of QMS in Newton Abbot, who joined us to share his advice, insights, and real-world experiences with our students.

Greg spoke about the importance of employability skills, making the most of work experience, and embracing opportunities beyond the classroom — an inspiring message for our Year 10's as they embark on this exciting journey.

A huge thank you to Greg for taking the time to support and motivate our students.

Watch the video for highlights from the day on our Facebook page....



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Academy Council Update – Student Voice in Action

This week, our Academy Council met at Borough Road to hear feedback from our Form Captains on key issues and ideas to help improve school life.

Captains shared suggestions from their classes and discussed Trust-wide topics ahead of next month's TSAT Academy Council meeting.

Waterleat Road Form Captains will be meeting next Monday to make sure every student's voice is heard.

Mr Julyan and Mr Carpenter will also be meeting with our Head Students in the coming weeks to continue strengthening student leadership across the Academy.

We're incredibly proud of our students for taking such an active role in shaping their school experience — their voices truly make a difference!

A huge thank you to all our Form Captains for representing their peers with such thoughtfulness and maturity.



☀️ This Week in STEPS! ☀️

Our learners have been exploring the different food groups, the energy they provide, and how each one contributes to a healthy, balanced diet. We've been discussing which foods we should enjoy often, and which ones are best eaten in smaller amounts.

To bring this learning to life, we carried out a fascinating experiment: burning different foods to measure how much energy they release.

In the photos and video, you'll spot a shortbread biscuit being burned. This helped us see just how much fat and sugar can be hidden inside everyday snacks. The results definitely sparked some great conversations about making healthy choices.

A brilliant week of hands-on science and learning for our STEPS students!



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Student Success

Reuben, Year 7

Earlier last year, Reuben (Year 7) entered the Cornish Open Judo Championship – his very first competition – and proudly came away with a silver medal in his weight category.

At the time, the photo shows Reuben wearing a yellow belt with three orange tabs, meaning he was already very close to achieving his orange belt.

Since then, his hard work and dedication have really paid off. Reuben has successfully gained his orange belt and added three green tabs, putting him just one step away from his green belt!

An amazing achievement for such a young student and a fantastic example of determination, progress, and commitment. Well done, Reuben – we're incredibly proud of you!



Skye-Maree ,Year 8

A huge well-done to Skye-Maree in Year 8, who will be performing this Sunday at His Majesty's Theatre in London's West End with the PQA Academy.

This is an incredible opportunity, and we are all so proud of her dedication and talent.

Skye-Maree has already taken to the stage in Paignton, and it's wonderful to see her continue to shine.

Wishing her the very best of luck for the show — we know she'll be amazing.



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Charlee-Ann, Year 7

Huge congratulations to Charlee-Ann, Year 7, who was chosen for a Head Captain's Award just before Christmas at the Pauline Quirk Academy of Performing Arts, where she trains every single week!

Her dedication, confidence, and passion for performing are truly inspiring. We're all so proud of her achievement and can't wait to see what she does next.



Spring Term Clubs 2026

We're excited to launch our Spring **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.



[Spring Term Clubs](#)
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Dates for Your Diary



Year 9	PPE's Commence	19/01/26
Year 9	Parents' Evening	12/02/2026
All Years	Half term	16/02/2026-20/02/2026
Year 7	Parent's Evening	19/03/2026
All Years	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026



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