



Welcome

Well done to our Year 9 students, who completed their examinations this week with maturity and focus. They demonstrated excellent preparation and a positive attitude to learning throughout the exam period. Staff were particularly impressed by the calm, responsible manner in which students conducted themselves. Congratulations to Year 9 on a very successful week, you should be extremely proud.

We were delighted to welcome our parents/guardians into our Art & Design Department before the Christmas break. The Year 11 showcase provided a valuable opportunity for families to view and celebrate the impressive work students have been producing for their BTEC course. It was a highly successful event and a wonderful example of the strong partnership between home and school.

It has been another busy week for team sports, and I am incredibly impressed by the level of commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship shown by our students. Their excellent team spirit has been evident in both training and competition, reflecting the pride they take in representing the school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It is a pleasure to recognise and celebrate the many successes across our school community.

Mr Williams

Year 10 Students Inspired by Bank of England Visit

We were delighted to welcome Clair Mills, Executive Director for Banking & Payment Operations at the Bank of England, who shared fascinating insights into the Bank's vital role in the UK economy, the wide range of career opportunities available, and its cutting-edge work in AI and cyber security.

Students were captivated by the stories behind the Bank's history — including the surprising fact that real cannonballs from historic riots are still embedded in its walls. They also got to see £3,000 worth of shredded £50 notes up close, which certainly made an impression.

A huge thank you to Clair for giving our students such a memorable and motivating experience.

For anyone interested in exploring future pathways, more information can be found at:

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/careers>



Year 11 Art & Design Showcase Afternoon

The Art & Design Department — led by Miss Julian, Mrs Burnham, and Miss Clelland — recently hosted a special afternoon event inviting parents and carers of our Year 11 Art & Design students into the Academy.

This showcase offered a wonderful opportunity for families to view and celebrate the impressive work students have been creating for Component 1 of the BTEC course.

Alongside current projects, visitors were able to explore exemplar work from previous cohorts, highlighting the high standards and creative achievements within the department.

The event proved to be a tremendous success, filled with valuable conversations, encouragement, and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our Art & Design students. Their creativity, commitment, and passion were evident and warmly recognised by all who attended.

We extend our thanks to everyone who joined us and supported this inspiring afternoon.



Girls' Football is back with a bang!

What an incredible start to the season. We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout for our Girls' Football Clubs and the Year 7 trials. The energy, teamwork, and determination on display were outstanding.

A huge well done to all the girls who took part — the performances were impressive, and the future of girls' football at our school is looking brighter than ever.

Stay tuned for team announcements and upcoming fixtures. This is just the beginning of an amazing season ahead!



Year 9 Football Victory

Our Year 9 Football team put on a fantastic performance last week in their Devon County Cup match against Tor Bridge High, Plymouth. The whole squad was outstanding and showed real determination throughout.

Final Score: 5-3

A hard-fought win against a very physical side, and the boys rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Goals:

Jayden – hat-trick

Saul – two goals

Man of the Match:

Charlie , who battled relentlessly from the first whistle to the last. A superb display of grit and teamwork.

The team now progresses to the next round—well done, everyone!



Year 9 Rugby Semi-Final Battle!

Last week our Year 9 rugby team took on Torquay Boys' Grammar School in the South Devon Cup semi-final, battling through some truly awful conditions.

Despite the weather, the boys showed incredible determination and represented Paignton Academy with pride .

They played some fantastic rugby and pushed hard right to the end, but narrowly missed out with a 17-7 loss. A tough result, but an outstanding team effort from start to finish .

Every single player stepped up, showing real promise for the future of rugby at Paignton Academy. We couldn't be prouder of their attitude, teamwork, and resilience



Busy Week for Year 8 Netball!

What an action-packed week it's been for our Year 8 netball team, who took part in two tournaments and secured a fantastic 3rd place in both!

Tuesday Tournament

A huge day of netball with 8 matches played and 5 impressive wins for Paignton!

Coach's Player: Emily — recognised for her outstanding captaincy and leadership. She leads with kindness, supports her teammates constantly, and played multiple positions to help the team wherever needed.

Players' Player: Beth — for her brilliant performances throughout the day.

Friday State School Competition

Friday brought a tough challenge against other local state schools. Despite a slow start, the team showed real determination, turning things around to finish in a strong 3rd place, narrowly missing out on qualification for the next round.

Players' Player: Amelia — for her excellent defensive performance.

Coach's Player: Lexi — who played exceptionally well, showed great resilience even when the team was behind, and scored some outstanding goals. She took on all feedback and applied it brilliantly in the next match.

Special Mentions

- Florence stepped up time and time again, taking on multiple positions whenever the team needed her.
- Niamh embodied the true values of a Paignton Academy student — endlessly kind, supportive, and encouraging. When she wasn't on court, she was cheering on her teammates and helping from the sidelines.

Well done, girls — we are incredibly proud of you!



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Silver Duke of Edinburgh – Are You Ready for the Next Adventure?

Year 10, this is your moment. If you loved Bronze or you're ready to push yourself further, come and find out how you can join Silver DofE this year.

- Wednesday 28th January
- 3:15pm
- Room B42, Borough Road

Whether you're keen for expeditions, want to build new skills, or just fancy doing something unforgettable with your friends, this is the place to start. Come along, bring your questions, and see what Silver could look like for you.

Let's make this your next big challenge.



Our Spring Clubs Continue This Term!

All of our fantastic spring clubs are running throughout this term. 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 get involved and represent Paignton Academy with pride.

There's no need to book for after-school clubs, simply turn up at your chosen club on either site and join in.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of students taking part and making the most of what's on offer 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](#)
[Click Here](#)



Dates for Your Diary



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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