

## Welcome

We are excited to share some wonderful updates with you in this edition of our school newsletter! Our Business Studies students recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Disneyland Paris where they gained valuable insights and career guidance from established senior executives. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from the CEO and founder of Floral Street, Michelle Feeney, as well as high-ranking Disney officials who delivered the convention.

Additionally, we are delighted to invite all Year 9 parents/guardians to our upcoming Parents' Evening. This is a great chance for you to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and stay involved in their educational journey. Don't miss out – we encourage you to book your appointment soon!

On the sporting front, our Football and Netball teams have been on fire recently, achieving some incredible results. Both teams have demonstrated remarkable skill, teamwork, and determination, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

We hope you enjoy reading the full updates, and thank you for your continued support, Mr Williams.

## Exciting News!

A spot has just opened up for our Italy Ski Trip from April 2nd - 7th!

Please note that behaviour and attendance will be considered when allocating the place. If you have any questions or want to sign up, reach out to

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Let's hit the slopes together!



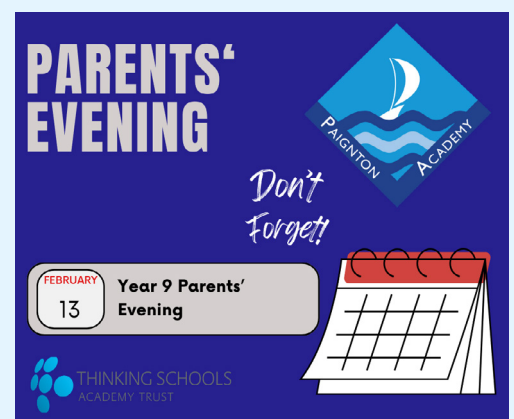
## Year 9 Parents' Evening Thursday 13th February 2025

**Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm** The booking system is now live for Year 9 Parents' Evening.

The evening will give you and your young person the opportunity to see how they are currently performing in their subjects and to ask any questions that you/they may have in order to help, guide and support your child to reach their full potential through discussions between parents, students and subject teachers.

You can book your slot via the EduLink One app. **The booking system will close on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 10:00pm**

If you or your child are experiencing difficulties logging into Edulink, please email us at: [wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org)



## Paignton Academy Work Experience Launch 2025

We are excited to kick off the Work Experience Programme for 2025! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore careers, gain real-world skills, and take their first steps into the world of work.

Stay tuned for updates, guidance, and support to help make this experience a success!



# Business Students Embrace The Disney Magic At Disneyland Paris

A coach full of Business students from Years 10 & 11 enjoyed a phenomenal immersive learning experience at Disneyland Paris from the 28th January to 31st January 2025.

After surviving the channel crossing (which was not as choppy as expected) after the storms, the group arrived in Disney and explored Disney Village Tuesday night. The days were action packed, with breakfast starting at 7am followed by full days in the magical Disney parks, the students watched shows and spent their euros shopping. Following on from their action-packed days, the students remained in the parks to watch the amazing fireworks, the laser and the drone displays which finished off the days' spectacles.

The students also attended the Business Student Convention. The convention combined insights into corporate social responsibility, promoting business using traditional means and 3rd party partnerships as well as the growing importance in, and the use of, digital marketing. These offered fascinating insights and career guidance from established senior executives which the students showed the ability to apply to concepts we had learned in the classroom. Luke in Year 10 was even award winning! He impressed the panel for his participation in asking questions - On the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on businesses such as Disney and perfumier Floral Street. The CEO and Founder Michelle Feeny of Floral Street joined the high-ranking Disney officials to deliver the convention.

The students were a real credit to the school and their families and a wonderful time was had by all!

Mr Rodgers cannot wait to take the next wave of Business students in 2027!



## Football Round Up!

This term, we have seen the return of the Girl's Football central venue tournaments. Teams from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 have all participated and performed admirably.

Year 8 displayed significant development and teamwork, achieving one win and one draw. Year 9 went undefeated in their first tournament, showcasing excellent teamwork and impressive goals scored by our strikers! The Year 10 team also finished with one win and one draw, demonstrating a strong determination to improve throughout the tournament.

We were particularly pleased to field two teams for both Year 9 and Year 10, a first in several years!

Girls' football at Paignton is looking strong this year!



## Year 8 State School Champions!



Friday saw our Year 8 Netball team enter into the State School Netball Tournament. With a range of schools from Devon and Cornwall, the girls faced some tough competition.

The girls started off strong winning their first match 20 - 12 with some excellent attacking play being shown. The winning streak continued, and they then went on to be undefeated in the tournament winning 5 out of their seven matches and drawing the other two!

The results came down to goal difference with two teams tied on 31 points and Paignton came out on top with a brilliant goal difference of +45!

It was an excellent tournament where the girls showed strong teamwork, resilience and determination, powering through illness and injury to claim the title which now sees them progress to the next stage of the competition.

Well done Girls, we are extremely proud of you!

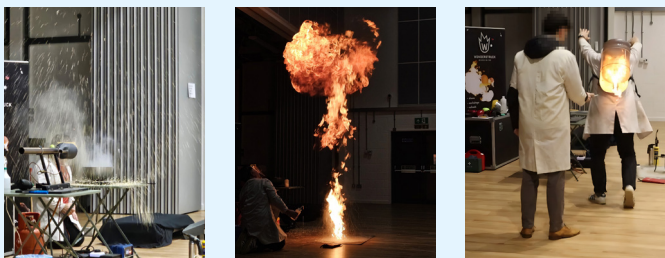
## Wonderstruck Science Show

Wednesday 29th January, Borough Road, Arena.

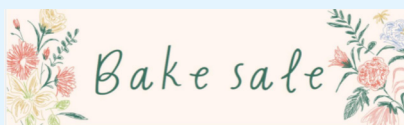
Paignton Academy's Science Department, in partnership with Brixham College, hosted Wonderstruck, a science show featuring exciting demonstrations, including a working pulse jet engine.

The show explored the science and history of rockets, covering key STEM topics such as forces, energy, and combustion. Designed to be both educational and entertaining, the event was filled with humour and packed with scientific information.

Primary schools and the local community attended, making it an engaging experience for all.



## Bake Sale



Tuesday 11th February Arena at breaktime

Cakes, brownies, flapjacks, cookies and more



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Please can you bring in cash and in change if possible.



All proceeds will go towards building a community project in Sri Lanka



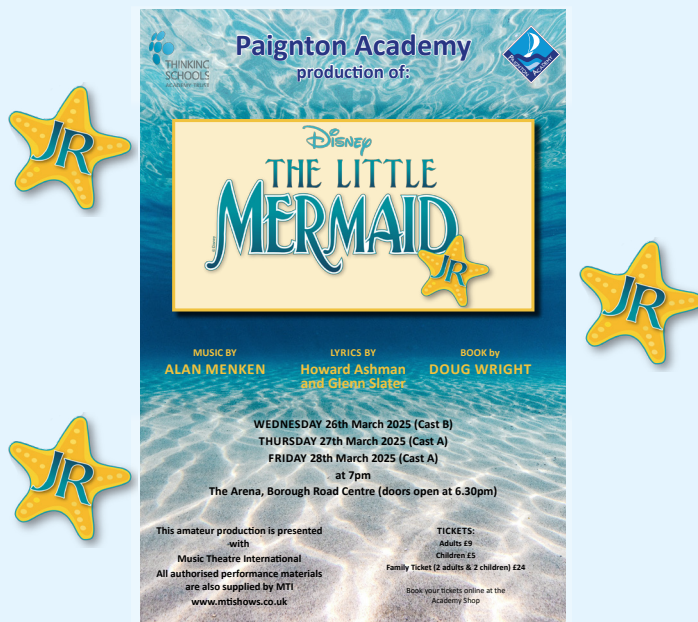
We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a bake sale at Borough Road on Tuesday, 11th February. Students will have the opportunity to purchase cakes during their break time. The proceeds will go towards our community project in Sri Lanka.

Thank you for your support!

## The Faculty of Creative Arts Invites You To See This Year's Academy Musical "The Little Mermaid Jr"

We're thrilled to invite you to our fantastic performances from the 26th March to the 28th March 2025, at the Arena on the Borough Road site!

Join Ariel and her underwater friends in this enchanting show based on Disney's Broadway production and animated film. It features award-winning music and explores the sacrifices we make for love and acceptance.



This production includes over 100 students from Years 7 to Year 11. We welcome support from parents, guardians, and the local community. Students and staff have worked hard since September, and we hope you can join us.

Tickets are now available through the ParentPay Shop (link below):

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentP.../Uniform/Default.aspx...>

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 13th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 24th February	Back to School
3rd - 12th March	Year 11 PPEs
26th - 28th March	School Production - "The Little Mermaid"
Friday 4th April	Last Day of the Spring Term
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of the Summer Term
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 2pm
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm



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