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Welcome



As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and experiences that have made the past few weeks so special.

We have been incredibly impressed by the outstanding Year 7 Geography homework produced as part of the Weather and Climate topic. The creativity, effort and understanding demonstrated were exceptional, and it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning so early in the year. Well done, Year 7!

Our GCSE Year 10 Drama students, alongside selected Year 9 students, enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Theatre Royal Plymouth watching 2:22 A Ghost Story. The gripping performance and dramatic twist made it a memorable experience, and our students were exemplary ambassadors for the school. We are very proud of them.

In sport, our Year 7 netball teams travelled to The Spires College for their first away fixture, showing growing confidence and teamwork. Our Year 8 and Year 9 girls also represented us brilliantly at the Football Central Venue event, displaying determination and positive attitudes despite challenging weather.

We are also proud to celebrate individual successes. Alex in Year 11 has marked 10 years at Pauline Quirke Academy, reflecting his dedication to the performing arts. Jake in Year 9 showed great courage and discipline in his first Taekwondo sparring competition. We are immensely proud of them both.

Congratulations also to Brook, Seth and Jessica, who achieved First Place at the Young Farmers Club Entertainments Competition and have progressed to the County Final. Their energy, teamwork and commitment are inspiring, and we wish them the very best of luck.

There is so much to be proud of across our school community, and I thank our staff, families and students for their continued support and commitment.

As we break for half term, I would like to wish all our parents/guardians, staff and students a wonderful and restful holiday. Enjoy the opportunity to recharge, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Have a fantastic half term.



Paignton Academy



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Outstanding Year 7 Geography Homework!

Here is a photo of a brilliant piece of Year 7 homework for our Weather and Climate topic, created by one of our talented students in 7BE2.

Their hard work, creativity, and understanding of the topic really shine through, well done!

Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 7!



2:22 A Ghost Story – Theatre Royal Plymouth Drama Trip!

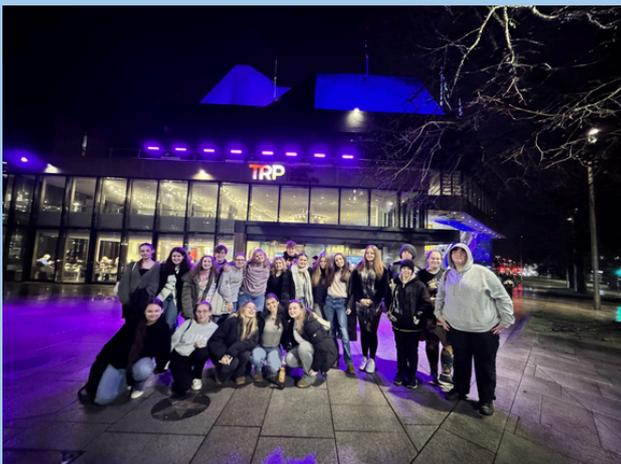
What an incredible evening! We took 20 fantastic students, our GCSE Year 10 Drama group along with selected Year 9 students, to see 2:22 A Ghost Story at the Theatre Royal Plymouth, and they absolutely loved it!

The atmosphere was electric, the performances gripping, and the twist at the end left everyone shocked!

One student even said it was the best production they had ever seen, high praise from our budding theatre stars!

Our students were absolute role models throughout the trip, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

We're already excited to plan our next drama adventure for these wonderful young people.



Year 7 Netball Friendly vs The Spires College

Last week our Year 7 netball teams travelled to The Spires College for their first away fixture, an exciting milestone for such a young squad!

This match was a fantastic opportunity for the teams to continue building their confidence and teamwork. For many of our players, it was also their first experience playing outdoors, which added an extra challenge.

It was a mixed set of results:

- Paignton Dark Blues secured an impressive win with a strong performance throughout.
- Paignton Light Blues didn't get the result this time, but showed great determination and we saw a clear improvement in their game-play as the match progressed.

We're really proud of the effort, resilience, and positive attitude shown by all players, a great step forward in their netball journey!

Well done, Year 7!



Girls' Football Central Venue

Last week we were proud to field two girls' football teams at the central venue event for our Year 8 and Year 9 students, it's fantastic to see so many girls getting involved in football!

Despite the wet weather, the energy and effort from our players never dropped. Both teams came away with a mix of results, but it was a really positive start, especially as this was their first time playing together this season.

There's lots to build on, and we're excited to see how these teams develop over the coming fixtures.

Well done to all the players for your teamwork, resilience and great attitude!





Student Success!



Alex, Year 11

We are so proud to celebrate this incredible milestone! Alex has now been attending PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy) for 10 years!!!

What an amazing show of dedication, passion, and commitment to improving his craft in the performing arts. His hard work truly shines!

A huge congratulations, Alex, we can't wait to see where your talent takes you next!

One highlight already is him taking on the role of Coach Bolton in the school's production of High School Musical!

Keep shining, superstar!



Jake, Year 9

A huge congratulations to Jake in Year 9 for his incredible achievement in Taekwondo Sparring!

This was Jake's first-ever sparring experience and his first time competing in a competition and he showed amazing courage, discipline, and determination throughout.

We are all so proud of you, Jake. Keep kicking towards greatness!



Top of the Crops: Young Farmers Stage Success!



This weekend, Brook, Seth and Jessica took to the stage at The Palace Theatre in Paignton, performing with the Totnes Young Farmers Club.

At the YFC Entertainments Competition, the trio showcased their fantastic acting, singing and dancing skills, earning First Place and securing a spot in the County Final!

Their lively performance of “Rockin’ All Over the World” wowed the judges, who praised the group’s energy, enthusiasm and teamwork.

Brook, Seth and Jessica have shown real commitment throughout months of rehearsals, and the show’s producer has applauded their dedication.

Huge well done to all three—and good luck at the County Finals this weekend!



High School Musical Jr

– Tickets Now on Sale!

Tickets Still On Sale – Don't Miss Out!

We're thrilled to announce that tickets for High School Musical Jr are still available to purchase—but be quick, they're selling fast!

This beloved 2000's classic brings together everything we love: a heartwarming love story, friendship challenges, and the timeless question—should I fit in with my peers or be true to myself?

It's a story bursting with energy, music, and fun... what's not to love?

 **Tickets are available now via Arbor in the School Shop.**

Make sure to grab yours before they sell out!

 **We're ALL in this together!** 



Faculty of Creative Arts Presents
Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR
 Borough Road Arena
 Doors open 6pm
 Show starts 6:30pm

Wednesday 25th March: Cast B
 Thursday 26th March: Cast A
 Friday 27th March: Cast A

Tickets payable online via Arbor.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
 All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

Adults £10
 Children £5
 Family ticket 2+2 £25



Dates for Your Diary



All Years	Half term	16/02/2026-20/02/2026
Year 11	Exams	04/03/2026-13/03/2026
Year 7	Parents' Evening	19/03/2026
All Years	High School Musical Performances	25/03//2026-27/03/2026
All Years	Easter Holidays	03/4/2026-17/04/2026



Happy Half-term

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