



PAIGNTON ACADEMY

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Welcome



It has been another inspiring week at Paignton Academy, with our students continuing to demonstrate leadership, creativity and sporting excellence both within school and across the county.

Just before half term, eight of our dedicated Sports Leaders officiated at the County Final Boccia Competition at Torbay Leisure Centre. Having completed their training and supported the local round, they rose to the occasion at county level with remarkable professionalism, confidence and composure. Officiating in this Paralympic sport is a significant responsibility, and they represented our school with maturity beyond their years. We are extremely proud of their contribution, and congratulations to all on receiving their Sports Leader Medals for their outstanding performance.

We are also thrilled to celebrate the success of 40 students whose creative writing has been selected for publication in the Young Writers anthology *Stranger Sagas: More Than Meets the Eye*. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the imagination and dedication within our English classrooms.

In sport, Scarlett (Year 11) and Lilly (Year 10) delivered exceptional performances at the Devon Cross Country Championships. Scarlett's achievement in qualifying for the National Championships is particularly noteworthy — a fantastic accomplishment that reflects her commitment and determination.

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer our current Year 9 students a two-day residential visit to London in December 2026. With opportunities to explore historic landmarks, experience a West End show and enjoy the capital at Christmas time, this promises to be a memorable and enriching experience.

Finally, a reminder that our Spring Term clubs are now in full swing. These opportunities play a vital role in helping students discover new interests, develop confidence and strengthen friendships across the Academy community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to see our students embracing so many opportunities and representing Paignton Academy with such pride.



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Sports Leaders Shine at County Boccia Finals

Just before half term, eight of our fantastic Sports Leaders stepped up as officials at the County Final Boccia Competition, held at Torbay Leisure Centre. After completing their training last term and successfully officiating the local round, they were selected to help run the county finals — and they were outstanding.

From the moment they arrived, they showed real professionalism. They set up the playing areas with precise measuring techniques and specialist court-marking tape 📏, ensuring every boundary and zone met competition standards. With schools attending from across the county and the standard of play incredibly high, the atmosphere was electric.

As the matches heated up, our young leaders grew in confidence. They asserted their authority calmly, communicated clearly with players and staff, and upheld the rules of this Paralympic sport with maturity beyond their years. Their support helped competitors perform at their best, and it was inspiring to watch them rise to the challenge.

Boccia is a Paralympic discipline, and based on the talent on display, it wouldn't be surprising to see some of these players competing at the highest levels in the future.

Throughout the event, our leaders impressed everyone — staff, organisers and competitors alike — with their knowledge, composure and teamwork. At the end of the day, each of them received a medal in recognition of their superb contribution.

A message from Mr Julyan:

"I was incredibly proud of our leaders, who have become excellent Boccia officials. We are grateful to the staff who have trained and supported them, and to Active Devon and the School Games Organisers for making this fantastic event possible."



Huge Congratulations to Our Young Writers!

We're incredibly proud to announce that 40 students across our English classes have been selected for publication in the Young Writers anthology *Stranger Sagas: More Than Meets the Eye*.

Their certificates are being handed out in class today, and each of them is now in with a chance to win a £100 Amazon gift card.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their creativity, hard work, and imagination.

Please join us in giving these talented young writers the recognition they deserve. Well done, everyone — we're cheering you on!



London Residential opportunity for our current Year 9 students – December 2026

On Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th December 2026, our current Year 9 students will be travelling to London for an exciting two-day residential experience.

The cost is £400 per student, which includes:

- Private coach travel to and from London
- One night in a central London hotel (with breakfast)
- Packed lunch
- Evening meal and drink at the Hard Rock Cafe London
- Evening West End theatre show (to be confirmed)

Students will also enjoy visits to:

- Tower of London
- London Eye
- Buckingham Palace
- Big Ben
- Madame Tussauds London, including the Marvel 4D experience

If time allows, we are also hoping to see the Christmas lights on Oxford Street.

This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the capital's history, culture and atmosphere during the festive season.

If your child has not yet signed up and would like to take part, please email:

careers@paigntonacademy.tsat.uk and Mrs Deane will be in touch.



High School Musical Jr – The Countdown is on!

Faculty of Creative Arts Presents

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Borough Road Arena **JR**

Doors open 6pm
Show starts 6:30pm

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

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

Tickets payable online via Arbor.

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

Tickets Still On Sale – Don't Miss Out!

Our High School Musical Jr performance is just around the corner, and our students have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals to bring you a fantastic show!

This much-loved 2000's classic has it all: a heartwarming love story, friendship challenges, and the timeless question of whether to fit in or stay true to yourself. It's full of energy, music, and fun—what's not to love?

Tickets are available now via Arbor in the School Shop. Please book soon to avoid disappointment—tickets are selling quickly!

🎵 We're ALL in this together! 🎵



Student Success

Abi, Year 8

We're proud to celebrate Abi, who received her Sports Leader Medal for her exceptional performance as a Boccia official.

All of our leaders were recognised for their hard work, and this photo of Abi wearing her medal says it all.

Well done, Abi — a fantastic achievement.



Scarlett, Year 11 & Lilly Year 10

Scarlett (Year 11) and Lilly (Year 10) achieved outstanding results at the Devon Cross Country Championships, representing the school with determination and pride. Scarlett delivered a remarkable performance that earned her a place at the National Championships, while Lilly ran an excellent race, showing impressive focus and effort throughout.

Their success reflects the hard work they have put into training and the growing strength of our school's cross-country team.



Spring Term Clubs 2026

Don't forget that our Spring Term Clubs are in full swing!

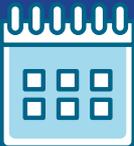
These clubs give students a fantastic chance to discover new interests, build confidence, and connect with others across the Academy. Every student—no matter their age or ability—is welcome to get involved and represent Paignton Academy with pride.

There's no need to book for after-school clubs. Simply head to your chosen club at either site and join in. We're excited to see so many students taking part this term.

Use the link below to view the full schedule, including club times and locations, on the Paignton Academy website.



 [Spring Term Clubs](#)
[Click Here](#)



Dates for Your Diary

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