

Welcome



It has been another exciting week at Paignton Academy, with students demonstrating creativity, resilience and talent across many areas of school life.

A highlight was our celebration of World Book Day, where students enjoyed seeing staff dressed as their favourite book characters and taking part in engaging library activities, including the mystery event The Disappearance of Dave the Troll. It was a fantastic way to celebrate reading across the Academy.

Our Year 7 students also benefited from an important visit from Jay's AIM, learning vital life-saving skills and building confidence through hands-on practice.

In sport and the performing arts, our U13 and U15 girls' football teams represented the Academy brilliantly at the South Devon Championships, while our Year 10 GCSE Drama students impressed at the Doorstep Arts Devising Discovery event at Exeter University.

We are also proud to celebrate the achievements of several students outside of school. Brianna and Annabelle (Year 11) have been performing live with their band at local venues, and Kyla (Year 11) has successfully auditioned as a senior dancer at Babbacombe Theatre.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see our students embracing opportunities and representing the Academy with pride.

The CARE Store is Here!

At Paignton Academy, our values are at the heart of everything we do. CARE stands for **Community, Ambition, Relationships and Excellence** – and now we are proud to launch the much anticipated **CARE Store**.

The **CARE Store** is a rewards initiative that allows students to use their earned **CARE / Kindness and House Points** to purchase a range of items from the CARE Store brochure -

[CARE Store brochure](#) 

Once you have chosen your item/s please place your order via this form:

[Paignton Academy - The CARE Store – Fill in form](#)

The **CARE Store** isn't just about rewards, it's about recognising students who step up, try hard, show kindness, and represent the Academy in the right way.

You can also locate the brochure and the order form on the dedicated rewards page via the website:

[Paignton Academy | Thinking Schools Academy Trust](#)



World Book Day 2026 at Paignton Academy!

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day 2026 at Paignton Academy — and what an amazing day it was! Our students loved seeing all their teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters, and the staff put in an incredible effort with their creative and colourful costumes!

Over in the library, our fantastic library team hosted a range of fun activities, including their fairy-tale-themed mystery, “**The Disappearance of Dave the Troll!**”

Students had a brilliant time solving clues and taking part during break and lunch — lots of excitement, detective work, and laughter all around!

A huge thank-you to our wonderful staff and library team for making this day so engaging and memorable. Let’s keep the love of reading alive all year round!



Life-Saving Skills for Year 7!

Last term, we were thrilled to welcome Jay's AIM into school to work with all of our Year 7 students, teaching them vital life-saving skills.

Our students got hands-on experience with mannequins, building confidence and learning techniques that could truly make a difference one day.

A huge thank you to Kirsty and the whole team at Jay's AIM for delivering such an engaging and important session. We're incredibly grateful for the passion and time you dedicated to empowering our young people at Paignton Academy.



Paignton Academy Girls Shine at South Devon Championships!

Paignton Academy's U13 and U15 girls' football teams represented the school with incredible determination, teamwork, and pride at the South Devon Championships at Coach Road. What a day of grit, skill, and true Academy spirit!

U13 Team Performance

Our U13s played some fantastic football throughout the tournament, showing confidence on the ball and brilliant teamwork. Goals came from Mia and in a standout moment Flo, our goalkeeper, who scored from distance!

The team battled through wins, draws, and losses, proving their resilience and competitive edge.

Well done to: Tabitha, Florence, Mia, Illada, Aoife, Lois and Flo

U15 Team Performance

The U15s faced a tough challenge after losing their goalkeeper during the warm-up to a suspected dislocated finger. Despite being a player short and rotating in goal, they showed outstanding resilience.

Their hard work earned them a win and a draw an amazing achievement under the circumstances!

Goals came from Freya and April, with Jasmine and April also keeping clean sheets during their time in goal.

Well done to: Jasmine, Darcy, Georgia, Lacey, April, Ava and Freya!

Both teams demonstrated exceptional effort, teamwork, and pride in representing Paignton Academy. We couldn't be prouder!



Celebrating Our Year 10 Drama Stars!

A huge well done to our talented Year 10 GCSE Drama students - Amy, Amy, Ellie and Isla for taking part in the Doorstep Arts Devising Discovery event at Exeter University!

They created and performed their own original work alongside other local schools and youth companies, earning glowing feedback from the Doorstep team.

We are incredibly proud of their creativity, teamwork and dedication.



Tickets Still On Sale – Don't Miss Out!

Our High School Musical Jr performance is just 3 weeks away, and our students have been working incredibly hard to bring you an amazing show!

This much-loved 2000s classic has it all: a heartwarming love story, friendship challenges, and the timeless question of staying true to yourself. It's packed with energy, music, and fun!

Tickets are available now via Arbor – School Shop. Book soon to avoid disappointment... they're selling fast!

🎵 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
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 MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk
Thinking Schools Academy Trust



Student Success



Year 11 Musicians Shine on the Local Stage

Two of our talented Year 11 students, Brianna and Annabelle, have taken their passion for music beyond the classroom and onto the local stage.

Performing with their band at Torquay's Rock Garden and Cattleman's Steakhouse, they impressed lively audiences with confident, high-energy sets.

Their growing musicianship is clear to everyone who hears them, and we're excited to see where their next gig takes them.

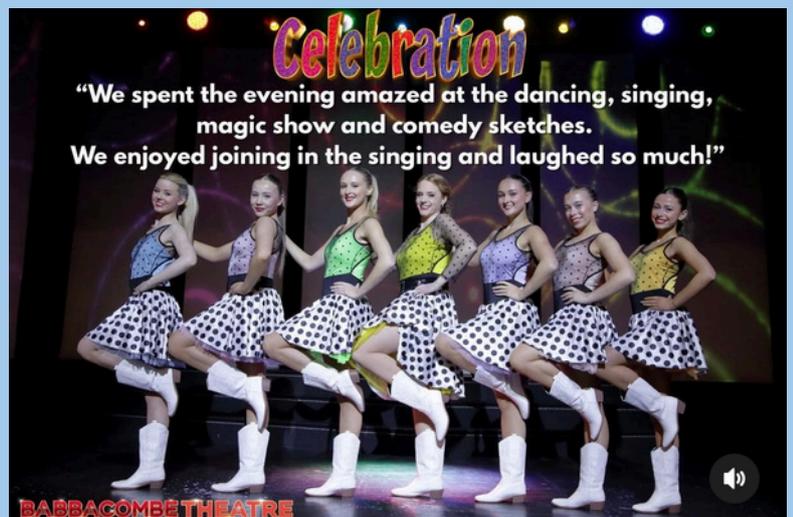


Massive Achievement for Kyla!

We are incredibly proud of Kyla in Year 11! She recently auditioned to become a senior dancer at Babbacombe Theatre for their seasonal show and she was accepted!

She will now be performing regularly throughout the season, showcasing her talent and dedication on a professional stage.

Well done, Kyla what an amazing accomplishment!



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



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