

Welcome

It's been a busy few weeks, and I'm excited to share some highlights. Our Year 7 students have been enjoying the introduction of Ukulele lessons, where they have been picking up new musical skills and expressing their creativity. It's been a joy to see them so engaged and excited about learning this new instrument, and I look forward to hearing more of their progress in the coming weeks!

In Key Stage 3, 45 students had the opportunity to visit Paignton Zoo, where they observed giraffes and learned about animal care. This hands-on experience provided invaluable insights into the world of conservation and animal welfare, enriching our students' understanding of science and the environment.

Last week, we also celebrated World Book Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Library team for their fantastic efforts in making the day a memorable one for all. Please do take a moment to look at our photographs from the day and see the wonderful costumes that were on display.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the learning and experiences that the rest of the term will bring. Best wishes, *Mr Williams*

Netball

Our U13 Diamonds recently competed in the final 8 round of the prestigious Sisters in Sport Cup, facing off against Emanuel School from Battersea.

The game was a true display of resilience and determination from all the girls. Throughout the match, they remained committed, offering unwavering support to one another. Despite their efforts to adapt and try new strategies, Emanuel's attacking pressure proved too challenging to overcome.

On the defensive end, the team showed remarkable intensity, applying pressure across the court and forcing errors and turnovers from their opponents. Unfortunately, despite their strong performance, the Diamonds were unable to secure the win and progress to the finals.

Nevertheless, finishing in the top 8 teams in the country for their age group is an incredible achievement and we are immensely proud of all their hard work and dedication.



Year 7 Music

This term, Year 7 students are learning to play the ukulele in their music lessons. They are exploring a variety of chords and developing effective techniques for playing the instrument.

The students will showcase their skills by performing "Riptide" or "Watermelon Sugar" in ukulele ensembles. They are working hard to master this new instrument and are enjoying the learning process!



Exciting Drama Workshop by Box House Theatre!

Year 10 GCSE Drama students had an incredible time at the recent Drama workshop led by the talented Lewis Evans and Amy Fielding from Box House Theatre Company!

Known for their pioneering approach to Platform Theatre, Box House Theatre is celebrated for creating unconventional, high-quality ensemble-based performances that break down traditional theatre barriers.

Platform Theatre emphasises the raw power of storytelling through a stripped-down aesthetic, pushing the boundaries of traditional theatre. By stripping away the reliance on set, props, costumes, and technical effects, Box House Theatre makes the art form more inclusive, engaging, and accessible for all.

Our Year 10 students had the unique opportunity to dive into this innovative approach, exploring the essence of storytelling and performance in its purest form to support them with their Devising exam. The energy and creativity in the room was fantastic and students created a range of very inspiring and empowering performance pieces.

Check out the photos from the workshop to see the magic in action!

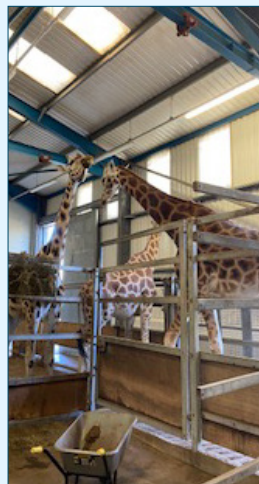
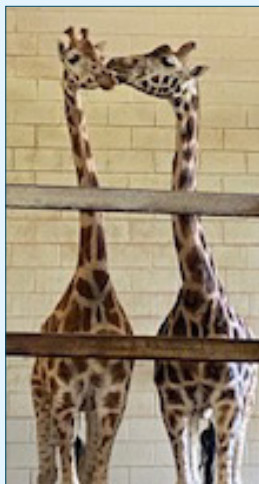


Exciting Educational Excursion at Paignton Zoo!

Last week, 45 KS3 students embarked on an engaging three-day educational trip to Paignton Zoo.

During their visit, students had the incredible opportunity to observe giraffes and other fascinating animals up close. They learned about various aspects of animal care and enjoyed a delicious lunch as part of the experience.

Overall, it was a highly enriching experience for everyone involved, filled with fun and learning!



Twickenham Men's Six Nations

What an incredible day at Twickenham! Paignton Academy had the perfect outing to the home of England Rugby, watching Italy take on England in round 4 of the Men's Six Nations. The match was filled with tries, tribulations, sunshine, saxophones, chips, cheering, and unforgettable moments.

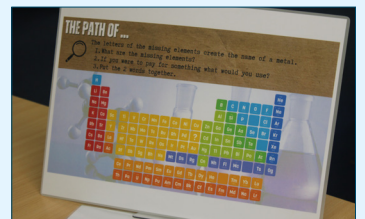
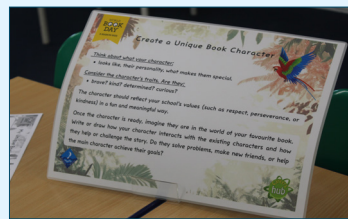
A huge thank you to everyone who made this trip possible and to all the students for their enthusiasm and spirit. Here's to more amazing adventures!

World Book Day 2025 At Paignton Academy

What an incredible World Book Day we had at Paignton Academy this year! A huge thank you to our amazing library team for organising lots of fun and engaging activities in the library.

A special shout-out to all the staff who participated in the fancy dress! Your enthusiasm and creativity in dressing up as beloved book characters created a vibrant and fun atmosphere that our students absolutely loved. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate the joy of reading.

Thank you to everyone who made World Book Day 2025 a memorable event at Paignton Academy! Let's keep the spirit of reading alive all year round.



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

The Little Mermaid Jr. is getting closer and closer with just 2 weeks to go!

Pictured are your wonderful performers in the show! We have over 60 students performing, and they have all worked so hard since September on this amazing production.

So come join us "Under The Sea" from Wednesday, 26th March to Friday, 28th March at the Borough Road Arena!



Cast

Meet The Cast

Seagulls Ensemble

In the The Little Mermaid Jr, the seagulls are Scuttle's flock of zany "back-up singers" who help to explain human stuff to Ariel during the song "Human Stuff."



Seagulls Ensemble

Chefs Ensemble



Chefs Ensemble

In The Little Mermaid Jr, the chefs ensemble works for Chef Louis in Prince Eric's palace. They assist Chef Louis in the kitchen and are involved in the humorous chase scene with Sebastian during the song "Les Poissons."

Paignton Academy
production of:

Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN** LYRICS BY **Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater** BOOK by **DOUG WRIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 26th March 2025 (Cast B)
THURSDAY 27th March 2025 (Cast A)
FRIDAY 28th March 2025 (Cast A)
at 7pm
The Arena, Borough Road Centre (doors open at 6.30pm)

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

TICKETS:
Adults £9
Children £5
Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) £24
Book your tickets online at the Academy Shop

Dates for Your Diary

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
Thursday 24th April	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 2pm
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm



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