

Welcome

It's been another fantastic week at Paignton Academy, filled with achievements, enthusiasm and school spirit.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Year 9 football team, who stormed to victory in their first cup match with an incredible 13-1 win! A brilliant effort from the whole team—well done! Our netball team also showed great determination in the Under-13 State School Championship, securing an impressive 3rd place finish. We are so proud of their hard work and teamwork.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 students have been busy exploring the natural world, investigating the daisy population as part of their studies on ecosystems in Science. It's wonderful to see their curiosity and engagement with hands-on learning.

Lastly, a reminder that our Academy Show, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, takes to the stage next week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tickets are still available—don't miss out on what promises to be a magical performance! Tickets can be purchased following the link below.

[Paignton Academy Shop](#)

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead, *Mr Williams*

Year 9s Kick Off Cup Campaign With A Bang!

The Year 9 team started their cup campaign with a huge 13-1 win against KEVICCS on Monday! This blistering away performance sets a high bar for the rest of the season, with multiple players finding the back of the net and exceptional performances throughout the team.

From Freddie in goal to Rylee upfront, the team showed incredible skill and teamwork. Special shoutouts to our goal scorers:

Rylee x 4	Rhys x 2	Troy x2
Jude	Seth L	Seth F
Louie	Lewis	

The standout player of the match was Troy, whose exceptional performance greatly contributed to the team's success.

A notable mention to our debutants, Kyle and Dean, who played their first match for the team and stood out for their hard work and quality.

This memorable win will no doubt inspire confidence in the team for the next round of the cup!



Become a Parent Governor at Lodestar Academy!

Are you a parent of a secondary school-aged child? Do you want to make a real difference in the lives of young people?

Lodestar Academy, part of the **Thinking Schools Academy Trust**, is a dedicated alternative provision for students aged **11 to 16** whose needs cannot be met in a mainstream setting. We provide a **supportive and nurturing environment** for young people in the **Torbay area**, particularly those facing social, emotional, and behavioural challenges.

Rated "Good" by Ofsted, Lodestar Academy is looking for **passionate and committed Parent Governors** to help shape the future of our school. If you have the **time, dedication, and enthusiasm** to support our mission, we would love to hear from you!

For an informal chat, please contact **Steven Hulme** or **Paula George** via phone or email:

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U13 State Schools Competition

On Tuesday 11th March our U13 team represented the Academy in the South West finals of the State Schools competition. Previously the girls had finished champions in the Devon and Cornwall round!

The girls started strong with two wins from two in the pool rounds. The third and final game saw us play Castle School where we didn't start the game in our best form and found ourselves 5-1 down at the halfway point. After a half time team talk, the girls went back onto the court and showed amazing resilience, determination and team work to come back and win the game 10-9, finishing top of their pool.

We then went into the semi-finals and faced Penryn Academy. It was a well contested game, and the girls worked hard in all areas of the court, but it wasn't enough to keep out the Penryn shooters and we narrowly lost out on a spot in the final. Shaking off disappointment we still had one more game to play, the 3rd/4th play off to see who would win the bronze medal. We faced Castle School again and this time the girls started strong, pulling ahead early on, denying their attack into the circle with excellent defensive play resulting in fantastic turnovers. These turnovers resulted in them bringing the ball down court with precision, timing and control and converting them into goals at the other end. We successfully won the game 11-6. Finishing in 3rd place overall.

Securing 3rd place this season in the South West region of the State Schools competition is a remarkable achievement. We are also incredibly proud to be the U13 Devon and Cornwall Champions!



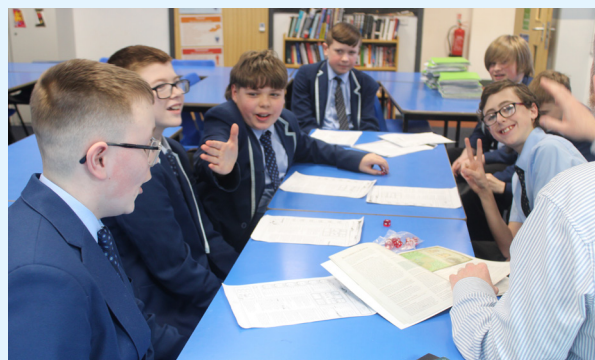
Dungeons and Dragons Club!

A team of hardy adventurers have been off fighting dragons, wizards and everything in between in the Dungeons and Dragons Club!

Our players learn valuable skills in teamwork, storytelling, character building, and understanding the consequences of their actions.

Wednesday's session saw the band fighting off some hungry orcs while they enjoyed ill-gotten bacon sandwiches, with the powerful use of magic saving the day (and, indeed, their bacon!).

All are welcome to join in every lunchtime in W38. Come and be part of the adventure!



Ecology Science In Action!

This week, our Year 7 pupils took their learning outside to investigate the daisy population on the school field.

This hands-on experience is part of our ongoing work on ecosystems. Check out the photos from their exciting lessons!



Year 8 Art Homework Showcase!

In Year 8, our talented students have been diving into Threshold Concept 5. They've been exploring the exciting world of purposeful play and honing their skills in 3D work, with a special focus on shape and form.

To consolidate their learning, students were given a 3-week home learning task to create a 3D insect/bug using recycled materials.

We are thrilled to share that the results have been nothing short of fantastic! Check out some of the incredible creations our students have made.



Year 8 Girls Take On The Bridge-Building Challenge!

Last week, our Year 8 female students rolled up their sleeves for an exciting hands-on construction challenge—designing and building sturdy bridges!

With expert guidance from **Torbay Council**, **TDA**, **Classic Builders SW Ltd**, and **Build Torbay**, the students developed practical skills while gaining valuable insight into careers in the construction industry.

A huge thank you to our incredible guests for inspiring the next generation of female builders, engineers and innovators. The future is looking strong!



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!

Meet The Cast

Souls Ensemble

In The Little Mermaid Jr., the souls ensemble consists of characters who have been captured and transformed by Ursula, the sea witch. During the song "Poor Unfortunate Souls", they help Ursula intimidate and manipulate Ariel into making a deal.

Sailors Ensemble

In The Little Mermaid Jr., the sailor's ensemble works on Prince Eric's ship. They are responsible for maintaining the vessel and ensuring it stays afloat during their adventures at sea. During the song "Fathoms Below", the sailors are depicted as hardworking and dedicated, performing various tasks to keep the ship in top condition.

Chef Louis

In The Little Mermaid Jr., Chef Louis is the head chef in Prince Eric's castle. Chef Louis is particularly passionate about preparing seafood, which leads to a humorous chase scene with Sebastian during the song "Les Poissons", played by Year 7, Cooper.

Grimsby & King Triton

In The Little Mermaid Jr., Grimsby is Prince Eric's loyal assistant and valet. He is a high-ranking court official who is dedicated to guiding Prince Eric towards finding a bride and fulfilling his royal duties, played by Year 11, Julia. In The Little Mermaid Jr., King Triton is the powerful ruler of the sea and father to Ariel and her sisters. He is deeply protective of Ariel and is concerned about her safety, especially when it comes to her fascination with the human world, played by Year 11, Jack.



Cast



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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



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

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