

Welcome

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our students over the past week.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Year 7 Netball team, who were crowned champions in the end-of-season league tournament – an incredible achievement! In cross-country, we are immensely proud of Scarlett, who has showcased her exceptional talent by competing in the National Cross-Country Championships. Well done, Scarlett!

Our Girls' Football teams have also shone on the field, with our Under 13 girls finishing second and our Under 15 girls taking home the trophy in the South Devon Football Championships. What stood out most was the unwavering support and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the tournament—well done, girls!

The Arts have been thriving too, with our school production of *The Little Mermaid Jr* being a resounding success. The dedication and talent of our students truly brought the magic of the show to life, and I extend my thanks to everyone who supported this fantastic production.

In the classroom, Year 10 English Literature students have been delving into the world of *Macbeth*, with one lucky class experiencing an immersive lesson. Complete with a feast, intrigue, and an unexpected ghostly visitor, it was an unforgettable way to bring Shakespeare's work to life.

Finally, a reminder that the Summer term begins on Tuesday, 22nd April. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and have a very happy Easter! *Mr Williams*

Shield Champions!

Last Tuesday saw our Year 7 Sapphires play in the end-of-season league tournament. The team had a hard task ahead of them with only 7 players available to play, and they rose to the challenge! The girls played three matches across the day. The first match saw some excellent attacking play with Emily calmly controlling the centre court, some excellent shooting from Lexi and Freya, and some incredible interceptions made by Lilah for the team to win 16-2.

The last two matches were played back-to-back, and with only 7 players, this was tough on the girls, but they didn't let it phase them and went on to win both games comfortably 21-7 and 21-2. The girls were an absolute credit to the school and showed some great netball throughout the day.

Well, done to Emily and Freya for receiving coaches' player for their outstanding performances in all three games. A special thank you to our Year 11 helpers Izzy and Miley for helping set up, running the results table, and coaching the team.



Double Delight for Scarlett!

A very busy 8 days for Scarlett saw her compete in TWO National cross-country championships!

The first was in Nottingham, where she took part in the club competition, and then 8 days later, the school version in Sussex! Scarlett finished in the top half of the field in both events and helped Devon to a 7th place finish in Sussex!

We are super proud of Scarlett's commitment to her running!



A Magical Underwater Adventure: The Little Mermaid Jr.

After six months of dedication, our talented students wowed audiences with The Little Mermaid Jr.! Across six shows, over 1,400 people—including the public, primary school students and a special Year 7 and 8 rewards audience— were transported under the sea with dazzling choreography, stunning sets and outstanding performances.

This unforgettable show was a testament to the cast, crew, and Creative Arts faculty's hard work, with incredible support from parents, staff and the community. This production was a shining example of what can be achieved through teamwork, passion and perseverance.

Congratulations to all involved—you've set the bar high for what's next!



Girls Football

South Devon Championships!

Amazing performances from both U13 and U15 teams as they're unbeaten across 9 matches in the South Devon Championships!

Under 13s - Second Place

- **Florence** between the sticks made some incredible saves and showed composure to marshal the team from the back.
- **Lois and Lacey** showing strength and awareness to set up attacks with defence-splitting passes.
- **Jasmine and Freya** dictating play in the centre of the park, working hard to thwart attacks and set up our own. Freya got the ball rolling with our first goal.
- **Maisie and Darcy** our top strikers terrified opposition defences. Maisie pressurised and threw herself into tackles, her pressure paid off with a goal in the last match. Extra praise to Darcy who brought her scoring boots with her, netting FIVE goals. The pick of the bunch was against a very strong and physical TA, scoring a last-minute equaliser that in Darcy's own words "felt like a winner!"

Match Results:

- 2-0 - Freya and Darcy (StCM)
- 1-1 - Darcy (Spires)
- 1-1 - Darcy (TA)
- 3-0 - Darcy 2 and Maisie (CFGs)

Under 15s - Winners!

- **Amelia**, our incredible goalkeeper, made crucial saves with composure, keeping us in the game when it mattered most.
- **Lacey and April** excelled with quick, accurate passing, helping us control the ball and advance play effectively.
- **Hollie** was exceptional in defence, consistently winning the ball and confidently stepping in as goalkeeper when needed, helping us maintain control.
- **Summer and Evie** showcased impressive speed and determination, contributing significantly to our six goals, and consistently winning the ball high up the pitch.
- **Maisy**, our midfield powerhouse, played exceptional games, balancing defence and attack with phenomenal technical skill, helping us dominate the midfield.

Match Results:

- 2-0 - Maisy and April (StCM)
- 1-0 - Evie (Spires)
- 1-0 - Summer (TA)
- 2-2 - Maisy and April (Churston)
- 0-0 - (Torquay Grammar)

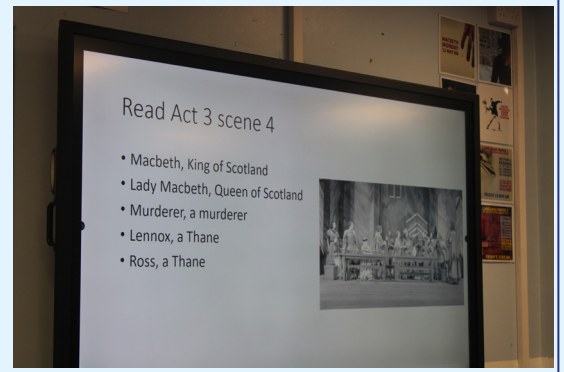
A fabulous group of girls, showing great support for each other during the whole tournament!





Year 10s Macbeth Adventure

As part of their English Literature GCSE course, Year 10 have been studying Macbeth, with one lucky class receiving invitations to the coronation banquet of the newly crowned king of Scotland. There was a mixture of food, murder and even one ghostly visitor who greatly displaced the mirth and broke the good meeting with most admired disorder.



Year 8 Students Explore Minimalist Music

This term, Year 8 students have been exploring the intriguing realm of minimalist music. They've been performing eerie arrangements of Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells, while analysing its musical features, such as ostinatos, interlocking layers, musical motifs, and the hypnotic quality of phase shifting.

Check out the video on our Facebook page which shows how students are focusing on the phase shifting effect in Music For 18 Musicians by Steve Reich.



Happy Easter To All The Parents, Carers & Staff At Paignton Academy!



We hope you enjoy the Easter holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday April 22nd.**



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Dates for Your Diary

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