

Welcome

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. As we begin this short but busy half term, there's plenty to look forward to and prepare for.

A special focus now turns to our Year 11 students, who are entering a crucial period as they prepare for their upcoming GCSEs. We encourage them to revise thoroughly and stay focused—this is the time to work hard and make every moment count. Our dedicated teachers will continue to support them in every way possible over the coming weeks.

Please take a look at some of the Academy's recent highlights below. A special mention to the students and staff that attended the recent ski trip. We were very proud to receive glowing praise from a fellow passenger, who complimented our students on their impeccable behaviour and manners. A huge well done to all involved—you were a credit to Paignton Academy!

Please also note that **Monday 5th May** is a Bank Holiday, and the school will be closed on that day.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, *Mr Williams*

Year 7 & 8 Drama Trip To London The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe!



Last term, 65 of our Year 7 & 8 Students had an unforgettable experience at the Princess Theatre, Torquay, watching *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*! This trip enriched our students by exposing them to professional theatre, allowing them to explore characterisation and puppetry which are key areas of our drama curriculum. They were also astounded by the amazing live music performed by the actors on stage and the harmony-based singing, which are integral to our music curriculum. The students were fantastic and thoroughly amazed by the production!



Year 7 & 8

We are excited to announce our **Summer Term Clubs!** These clubs provide students with a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and make friends. We welcome students of all ages and abilities to join us for fun activities and to proudly represent Paignton Academy and beyond.

For after-school clubs, there is no need to book in advance—simply come to the club of your choice at either location and join in! We hope to see many students participating.

Please find the link to our Paignton Academy website below, which includes all the times and locations of our clubs.

[Summer Term Clubs](#)

GCSE Drama Easter Revision

During the Easter holidays, our Drama Department hosted a fantastic GCSE Drama revision session for Year 11 students. It was incredibly productive and helpful as they prepare for their upcoming exams. We also enjoyed some delicious pizza, but it disappeared too quickly for a photo!



A huge thank you to everyone who participated and made the session so valuable. Let's keep up the great work and ace those GCSEs!

Italy 2025 Ski Trip Recap

What a wonderful time our students and staff had on our 2025 Ski Trip! Our students truly carved up the slopes — some even ventured into the next resort! With blue skies and sunshine, an amazing time was had by all as we wrapped up with a piste-perfect pizza party and a great evening game!

Snow many laughs, memories, and good vibes all around.

Thank you to all the staff and students for making this a memorable trip!



"I just wanted to praise a group of your students who were on the same flight as my family today. I believe from their beautiful hoodies that they were returning from skiing in Italy. They were all well dressed, polite, well-mannered, and respectful. They chatted quietly to their partners but there was no loud laughing or shouting and ZERO bad behaviour. They sat perfectly in their seats and were all-round perfect. You should be extremely proud of them and the staff accompanying them. I hope when my child goes skiing next year with her school, she is as well-behaved as your pupils. Congratulations because your pupils are a credit to you and your school."

It was also a pleasure to receive this lovely feedback from a fellow passenger on our flight from Nice, France.



World Earth Day: The Great Debate

On Tuesday, we celebrated our We Are One event: World Earth Day at Paignton Academy. Year 9 students participated in a debate on the topic: "Are electric vehicles truly more sustainable than traditional fuel-powered cars, considering the environmental impact of battery production and disposal?" The students presented their arguments with Miss Pugh and Miss Thorne via video link to Holcombe Grammar School and Mr Carpenter. The students did exceptionally well in presenting their arguments, and it was a great debate!

Great job to all the students and teachers involved!



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22nd May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd May	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Thursday 5th June	Year 10 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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