

## Paignton Academy Believe and Achieve

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#### Welcome

Today we say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils as they start their study leave. They are now already into the exam season as they sit their final GCSEs and Level 2 examinations. We wish them all the very best for the future but also a reminder to revise and prepare well for these exams! The maths department is also putting on revision sessions during the half term holidays and I urge all Year 11 students to attend. A reminder as well that on Wednesday 18th June, all schools across the Trust will be closing early due to staff training. The day will therefore end for all pupils at 1:40 pm. Also, another reminder as well that on Friday 27th June, school is closed for all pupils.

This has been a shorter term than normal due to Easter being a week later. It has also been a very busy term full of celebration and achievement for so many of our pupils. We have also opened our new £1.25 million SEND block at Borough Road. This is a truly spectacular building and highlights our continued commitment to provide the very best, inclusive education for all of our learners. May I wish all of our community a peaceful and relaxing half term and I look forward to welcoming back pupils to school on Monday 2nd June. Best wishes, *Mr Williams* 

### Big Congratulations To Leila

Leila in Year 7 brought home two gold medals and a bronze from her recent Martial Arts competition!
Her hard work, discipline, and determination really paid off — what an amazing achievement!
Let's all give her a huge round of applause!



### Big News For Logan (Year 11)

We're so proud to share that Logan has signed a professional contract with Exeter City FC! Not only is he excelling in football, but he's also been working incredibly hard on his GCSEs, finishing exams on 18th June. Just five days later, he starts full-time training — 8:30 to 5:30 daily — while completing a course equivalent to 3 A-levels... and getting paid!

A true example of balance, ambition, and dedication. Well done, Logan!



## Mini Medics At UTC Newton Abbot!

A huge thank you to the University Technical College in Newton Abbot for hosting our Year 9 students for the brilliant Mini Medics session! From taking blood to knowing how to sew up open wounds: instructions provided by a Surgeon!





### Huge Thanks To VX3!

We're proud to have VX3 as a sports kit sponsor for our Netball dresses! Your support means the world to us and has our team looking and feeling like champions.

VX3 very kindly gifted us these brand-new dresses and we think you'll agree that our Netball team are looking excellent!

Thanks to their generosity, we're geared up and ready to give it our all this season!









### South Devon Schools Athletics Trials Success!

Last week, some of our talented students took part in the *South Devon Schools Athletics Trials* at *Stover School* and what a fantastic day it was!

With perfect weather and high spirits, *Team Paignton* delivered an outstanding performance:

- 8 1st and 2nd places achieved!
- 7 new personal bests smashed!
- For several students, this was their first-ever athletics competition—and they rose to the occasion brilliantly.

We're now eagerly awaiting the final results to see who will qualify for the next round. Regardless of the outcome, we are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school—with excellence, determination, and sportsmanship.

A huge well done to all our competitors—you've done Paignton proud!



### Year 8 Rugby Players Recognised For Stellar Season!

10 Paignton Academy pupils were recognised for a superb showing for Brixham U13s RFC at their end-of-season awards last week.

Ashton, Max, Olliver, Orchun, Oscar, Reuben, Toby, Tristen, Tyler & Wyatt all committed to training and matches for 8 months, resulting in the team winning an impressive 21 out of 29 games!

The following won specific awards:

- Toby Supporters' Player & Top Tackler
- Ashton Top Try Scorer (80 tries!)
- Oliver Most Improved
- Tristan Sportsman of the Year
- Max Players' Player

Congratulations to all these players for such excellent seasons for not just the Academy but also their club!





# Exciting News From Our Music Department!

This term marks the launch of our highly anticipated violin project and we're thrilled to share that 19 students from Years 7 to 10 have signed up! Whether they're picking up a violin for the first time or already have experience, our students are diving into a wide range of skills and musical knowledge — all under the guidance of a brilliant visiting violin teacher.

The enthusiasm has been incredible, and the progress made in just a few sessions has been phenomenal. We're so proud to see this beautiful instrument gaining a stronger presence in our school community!















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Dates for four Diary	
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Thursday 5th June	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 1.40pm
Friday 27th June	School Closed
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm

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