

# **Paignton Academy**

# Believe and Achieve

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#### Welcome

It's been another fantastic week at Paignton Academy, and I'm pleased to share some highlights.

We're thrilled to announce that our next ski trip to Italy will take place from 1st-6th April 2026. It promises to be an unforgettable experience — letters have been sent, so check your in-boxes!

Our Violin Project continues to impress, with students developing both their technique and musical understanding. A big thank you to Miss Peter for joining in and showing such enthusiasm!

I'd also like to wish the very best of luck to our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students who are heading out on their practice expedition this weekend. Your commitment and preparation have been excellent — enjoy the experience and make the most of the challenge.

Congratulations to Lilly in Year 9, now the Overall Devon Gymnastics Champion, and to Oscar in Year 7, who ended his season with both the Golden Boot and Goal of the Season awards — remarkable achievements!

Finally, well done to our Year 8/9 and Year 10/11 football teams, who both earned silver medals in their recent tournaments. Your teamwork and determination were outstanding.

Well done to all — your hard work continues to make us proud. Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Williams

## **Exciting News!**

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that our next incredible ski trip to Italy is officially happening from April 1st to 6th, 2026! Letters have already been sent to those who meet the criteria — so check your in-boxes and get ready for an unforgettable adventure on the slopes! Start prepping your gear, dust off those skis, and stay tuned for more updates. This is going to be epic!



### Violin Project Update!



It's been another fantastic week in our violin project! Our students have been working hard, continuing their pizzicato (plucking) and arco (bowing) techniques while playing along with backing tracks. Their confidence and coordination are growing beautifully.

This week, we introduced minims (longer notes), helping students deepen their understanding of rhythm and note values.

The progress from Week 1 to now is truly remarkable their dedication is paying off!

A special shoutout to Miss Peter, who joined in the fun and tried the violin for the very first time — and loved it!

Well done to all involved keep up the amazing practice and enthusiasm!





# Good Luck -Silver Duke Of Edinburgh Students!

We're sending our best wishes to all the Silver Duke of Edinburgh students heading out on their practice expedition this weekend! Your hard work and dedication have brought you this far, and we know you'll do great. Embrace the adventure, learn lots, and most importantly, have fun! You've got this!

### **Huge Congratulations to Lilly In Year 9!**

What an incredible performance at the Devon Gymnastics Championships last weekend! Lilly showed amazing skill, determination, and grace across all events:

- 3rd on Vault
- 1st on Bars
- 1st on Beam
- 2nd on Floor

And to top it all off... Overall, Devon Champion!

We are so proud of you, Lily! Your hard work and dedication truly paid off. Keep reaching for the stars!







### Oscar's Golden Season!



Huge congratulations to Oscar from Year 7 for an incredible football season with Galmpton U12's!

Not only did Oscar score the Goal of the Season, but he also took home the Golden Boot Award —finishing as the top goal scorer for his team! What a phenomenal achievement!

Your hard work, dedication, and talent have truly paid off, Oscar. We're all so proud of you!



# **Athletics Club Summer Term**

The Athletics Club has been buzzing with energy this Summer Term! Students from all year groups have been working hard on their running, jumping, and throwing events as they gear up for the fast-approaching Sports Day.

All students from both sites are warmly invited to join us every Tuesday after school at Waterleat Road.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just fancy giving something new a go, there's something for everyone!

Come along, have fun, and get ready to shine on Sports Day!



# Paignton Academy Football Teams Shine With Double Silver!

Paignton Academy's footballers delivered outstanding performances at the recent six-a-side tournament in Newton Abbot, with both the Year 8/9 and Year 10/11 teams proudly bringing home silver medals.

#### Year 8/9 Team – Unbeaten Run to the Final

The Year 8/9 squad topped their group with four wins and two draws—remarkably, without conceding a single goal. Every outfield player scored during the tournament, with Ollie leading the way with four goals. Despite dominating the final against Mount Tamar, the match ended goalless and was decided by penalties, where Paignton narrowly lost 2-1.

#### Mr Stacey praised the team's efforts:

"The students were disappointed not to win, but they can be very proud. They worked so hard as a team and finishing as runners-up is a fantastic achievement."

#### Year 10/11 Team - League Format Success

The older team competed in a league format, playing each of the other four teams twice. They secured second place on goal difference. Reece was a standout performer in goal, even scoring from his own area in the opening match! Elliot top-scored with four goals, supported by strong performances from Michael, Aki, Jay, Josh, and Teon.

#### Mr Stacey added:

"This team as a whole is a relatively new one and they managed to build on their performance from the previous two tournaments.

"It was great to see the confidence they have gained, and they were naturally delighted to be awarded with the silver medals in what was their best-placed finish."

Congratulations to both teams for their determination, skill, and sportsmanship!





# PAIGNTON ACADEMY OPEN EVENTS



# OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

Tours at 4.30pm and 6.10pm - WATERLEAT ROAD

Attendance will be by <u>pre-booking</u> only

To book please click on the link below:

<u>Paignton Academy Event Booking Form June 2025</u> or visit our website and click on 'Our Academy', 'Visit Us' (in Quick Links)

We are expecting high demand so early booking is essential.

Further Open Events will take place in October

# Paignton Academy Open Events For September 2026 Admissions

We extend a warm invitation to primary school children and their parents to join us at our Open Events and experience the positive learning environment at Paignton Academy.

Throughout the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Take a tour of our school
- Meet our Principal, Teachers, and Students
- Get answers to any questions you may have

Our Open Events were extremely popular last year, and we received a lot of positive feedback.

To find out more or to book a place, please visit our website.

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You can now purchase our Academy ties directly from the **Academy Shop!** Whether you prefer a **classic standard tie** or the convenience of a **clip-on tie**, we've got you covered.

Ties are stocked at school and can be collected from Reception for your convenience.

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Dates for Your Diary	
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 1.40pm
Friday 27th June	School Closed
Friday 4th July	Year 11 Prom
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm