

Welcome

As we near the end of a busy and rewarding term, I'm delighted to share just some of the highlights from across our school community in this latest edition of the newsletter. From the energy of our Rounders teams showing skill and determination on the field, to the inspiring leadership of our students hosting Primary Sports Festivals for local children, it's clear that our values of character, ambition, and outstanding relationships are shining brightly. We also celebrate our students' individual successes — whether it's excelling in the swimming pool, winning football leagues, or preparing for the world of work with hands-on experiences and professional support. These moments show the breadth of opportunities available at Paignton and the confidence our young people are building along the way. I'm especially excited to see the continued growth of our careers programme, the launch of practical workshops, and even a chance for parents to explore AI in education during our upcoming revision event. A huge well done to all involved and thank you to our wider community for your ongoing support. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we've enjoyed putting it together.

Just a reminder: School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 27th June. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 30th June. Enjoy the long weekend!

Mr Williams

Primary Sports Festivals A Year To Remember!

We're incredibly proud to share that it's been a brilliant year so far for our Primary Sports Festivals! We've had the pleasure of hosting 20 fantastic events for local primary schools, giving young students a chance to experience the joy of sport and teamwork.

From Tag Rugby to Sportshall Athletics, Handball, Outdoor Education, Cricket, Swimming, Rounders, and Multi Skills – it's been a whirlwind of energy, enthusiasm, and achievement!

A huge shoutout to our amazing Paignton Academy Sports Leaders – over 250 students have stepped up this year, receiving training and volunteering their time to help run these events. Your leadership, dedication, and passion have made a real difference.

Here's to finishing the year strong and continuing to inspire the next generation of athletes!



Preparing Our Students For Work Experience!

A huge thank you to David Hay from the Gregory Group Health & Safety Team for taking the time to visit our students!

David delivered an engaging and informative session covering key topics such as:

- Employment etiquette
- Workplace expectations
- Vital health and safety awareness

All to ensure our students are ready to embark on their upcoming work experience placements!

Employer support like this gives our students the confidence and understanding they need to succeed in real-world settings.

Interested in inspiring the next generation? Reach out to our careers team:

careers@paigntonacademy.tsat.uk



Careers At Paignton In Action!

As part of our build-up to Year 10 Work Experience Week (7th–11th July), we're thrilled to see Mr Willcocks supporting students with a hands-on Painting and Decorating Workshop in collaboration with South Devon College and the Careers & Enterprise Company.

This practical session is helping students develop real-world skills and boost their confidence before heading into their placements. It's a brilliant example of how we're preparing our young people for the world of work—ensuring they're ready, capable, and ambitious.

We're proud to offer experiences that connect learning with life beyond the classroom.



Congratulations!

Devon County ASA Development Gala

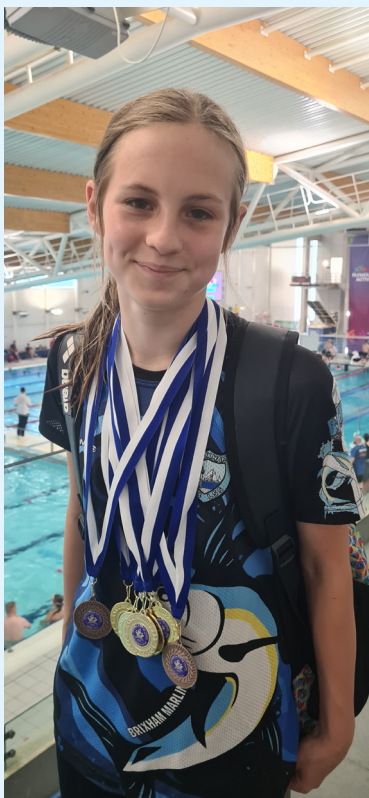
We're incredibly proud to share the amazing achievements of Mia at the recent Devon County ASA Development Gala, held over the past two weekends.

Mia competed in 9 races and delivered an outstanding performance with:

- 9 Personal Bests
- 5 Gold Medals
- 2 Bronze Medals

Mia has been training and competing with Brixham Swimming Club for the past two years, showing true dedication and passion for the sport. Her hard work is clearly paying off, and she now has her sights set on qualifying for Regionals next year!

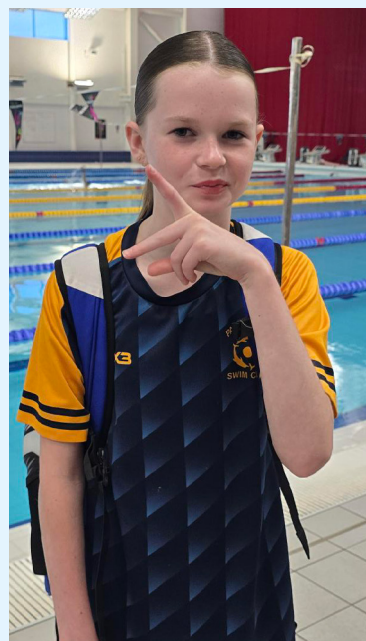
Well done, Mia — your school and community are cheering you on every step of the way!



We're incredibly proud of Tabitha, who competed in the Devon County ASA Development Gala this weekend and absolutely smashed it!

Tabitha achieved multiple personal bests, showing fantastic progress and determination in the pool. Her hard work and dedication really paid off — just look at those times in the second photo!

Well done, Tabitha! You're a shining example of what perseverance and passion can achieve.



Swimmer	
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FULL SCHEDULE	
EVENT 310	Girls 9&O 100 Meter Breast Finals Completed 1:46.52 Place: 9 Time improvement: -13.41
EVENT 418	Girls 9&O 100 Meter IM Finals Completed 1:35.33 Place: 7 Time improvement: -10.75
EVENT 626	Girls 9&O 100 Meter Free Finals Completed 1:19.95 Place: 5 Time improvement: -15.38

A Term Full Of Team Spirit & Big Hits!

It's been a fantastic term for our rounders players! We've taken part in multiple tournaments and friendly matches, and our teams have grown stronger with every game.

A huge shoutout to our Year 7s who proudly represented the school for the first time — what a debut!

Across all year groups, we've seen some amazing rounders scored and brilliant catches — especially from Years 8 & 9, who are becoming catching pros!

The improvement in skill, teamwork, and confidence has been incredible to watch. It's been a joy seeing the girls play with passion and positivity!

Massive thanks to all our players for showing up each week and giving it their all — you make us proud!

Reminder: Rounders Club is on Wednesdays, 3:15–4:15 PM at Waterleat Road. Come along, have fun, and give it a go!



Congratulations, Luca!

We're incredibly proud of Luca in Year 7 and his team, Totnes and Dartington U12s, for an outstanding achievement — winning the Pioneer League Division 2 in their very first season!

Luca's talent shone brightly as he was named Defensive Player of the Year for his match-winning saves in goal. His hard work and dedication have also earned him a well-deserved place at Saints Southwest Academy!

Well done, Luca — your school is cheering you on every step of the way!



Easter Ski Trip 2026 12 Places Left!

We still have 12 spots available for our exciting Ski Trip over Easter 2026! Whether you're a seasoned skier or a total beginner, this is your chance to hit the slopes and make unforgettable memories.

Interested? Contact the Academy Office to find out more and secure your place before they're all gone!



Using AI To Support Revision - Year 9 & 10 Parent Workshop

We're excited to invite Parents/Guardians to a special workshop on Thursday 10th July, 5–6pm at Borough Road Campus.

Learn how to use AI tools to create fun and effective revision materials like quizzes, flashcards, and puzzles – no subject knowledge needed! Our staff will guide you step-by-step with practical examples across subjects.

Reserve your spot:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1aCK3tQD57>

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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 4th July	Year 11 Prom
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm