

## Welcome

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's been heartening to reflect on the incredible achievements, initiatives and community spirit that continue to define Paignton Academy.

This week, I'm delighted to share just a few highlights that capture what makes our school so special. From the transformation of the "Henge" into a vibrant Sensory Garden—thanks to the creativity and hard work of our students—to outstanding individual successes in equestrian events, culinary arts, and kickboxing, there's a true sense of pride and positivity in the air.

Our students continue to live out our values of **believing and achieving**, whether by helping raise funds for a good cause, pushing themselves to reach the next level, or simply supporting one another through kindness and effort. And with the Golden Ticket Raffle just around the corner, there's a buzz of excitement building across the school!

I hope you enjoy reading about the inspiring things happening across our community this week.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, Mr Williams

## Please Help Us Make A Difference!

In 2026, a group of dedicated students from Paignton Academy will be travelling to Sri Lanka to take part in a life-changing community build project. We'll be helping to construct vital infrastructure for local people—while building friendships, learning about another culture, and growing in confidence and character.

This is an incredible opportunity, but we need your help to make it happen.

We've launched a GoFundMe to raise money to buy the materials, and tools in Sri Lanka. Every donation—no matter how small—will help us take one step closer to making a real impact for a community in need.

Please donate or share if you can. Your support truly means the world to us.

<https://gofund.me/5ac701e7>



## Believe & Achieve Rewards Assembly Golden Ticket Raffle!

Get ready for an unforgettable celebration! Check out the fantastic prizes up for grabs at the Believe & Achieve Rewards Assembly. All of these amazing prizes are included in the Golden Ticket Raffle!

### Important Reminder:

Keep your Golden Ticket safe and be sure to submit it to the House Office or bring it with you on assembly day to be in with a chance of winning!





# A Wonderful Day In The Sensory Garden!

At our Waterleat Road site, we've transformed the "Henge" quadrant into a beautiful Sensory Garden—a peaceful haven that's already making a positive impact on the wellbeing of both students and staff.

To support the garden's continued growth, we held a plant sale on Thursday, 26th June, during lunchtime. Despite a bit of unpredictable weather, the event bloomed—indoors and out!

We offered a delightful variety of:

- Flowers
- Herbs
- Vegetables
- Planted containers
- Houseplants

All lovingly grown by our amazing student volunteers, who were on hand to share their gardening knowledge and passion.

Thanks to the incredible support from our school community, we raised a fantastic £250! These funds will go directly toward enhancing and maintaining our Sensory Garden.

We're also deeply grateful to the local businesses and staff members who generously donated flowers, herbs, and houseplants to support the event. Your kindness made a huge difference.

Special thanks to:

- Sainsbury's
- Morrisons
- ASDA

Shoutout to our talented students for designing the posters that helped spread the word!

Your support means the world to us and is helping to make the Sensory Garden a lasting, thriving space for all to enjoy!





## Congratulations Ellie!

Last week, Year 8 student Ellie attended the Junior Chef Academy presentation at South Devon College. This fantastic after-school program is designed for young aspiring chefs aged 11–15, offering progression through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

We're thrilled to share that Ellie has successfully completed her Bronze level and received her certificate!

This is an amazing achievement and a testament to her dedication and passion for cooking. Well done, Ellie — we're so proud of you!



## Rosa Shines At Chard Equestrian

Huge congratulations to Rosa in Year 8 for her incredible performance at Chard Equestrian on Saturday, 7th June! Riding Kengo Mandy Shadow, she was the only rider to go clear in the jump-off, clinching 1st place with a time of 35.82 seconds.

Her calm, focused ride showed amazing skill and teamwork. Well done, Rosa — we're so proud of you!



Read more in the full article below;  
<https://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/.../rosa-beer-shines...>

## Exciting News From Our Kickboxing Star!

We're thrilled to share that Dillon successfully passed his kickboxing grading! He's now proudly wearing his Red and Black Belt — just one step away from the coveted Black Belt!

Next stop: London, where Dillon will compete for his Black Belt. Let's all wish him the best of luck as he prepares for this incredible milestone!

Well done, Dillon — we're so proud of your hard work and dedication!



## Paignton Academy

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## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 18th July

Early Closure for  
Last Day of Term 1.40 pm

Wednesday  
3rd September

**Year 7 only** back to school/  
Year 7 photos

Thursday  
4th September

All years back to school