

Welcome

As the term wraps up, we're celebrating a whirlwind of achievements! From Sports Leader applications now open for Years 7–10, to unforgettable visits to Somerset CCC, Exeter College and the Royal Marines — our students continue to impress. Year 11 signed off with a 4–0 cup win, our younger basketball squad won the West Coast Classic and students shone in music, darts and gymnastics. A huge well done to all!

Important September Start Information – Please Read Carefully

Year 7 students will return on Wednesday 3rd September at 08:30.

Years 8–11 will return on Thursday 4th September at the times below:

Year Group	Gates Open	Assembly
Year 11	09:00	09:10 – 09:40
Year 10	10:00	10:10 – 10:40
Year 9	11:20	11:30 – 12:00
Year 8	12:20	12:30 – 13:00

Please note: this corrects last week's message. Make sure to arrive on the right day and time!

Finally, a reminder about our boots & trainers donation drive - every pair counts in helping all students enjoy PE safely and confidently.

What A Success! Year 6 Induction Days

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for two inspiring induction days. Staff were truly impressed by the students' enthusiasm, active participation, and excellence in taster lessons.

As a special reward, we awarded 12 Golden-ticket winners with £10 Amazon vouchers alongside chocolates!

These photos offer a glimpse of the brilliant learning and excitement shared during the sessions.

We're buzzing with excitement for September and can't wait to see everyone again during Summer Transition Week — and especially on Wednesday 3rd September for the official start!



Inspiring Visit From The Royal Marines!

Last week, our Year 10 students at Paignton Academy had the incredible opportunity to meet a representative from the Royal Marines!

Those interested in joining the Armed Forces learned about the wide range of roles available, the dedication and resilience required, and the exciting paths a career in the Royal Marines can offer.

Students asked thoughtful questions and even got to try on night vision goggles—a real highlight!

A huge thank you to the Royal Marines for inspiring our future leaders and showing them what's possible with hard work and determination.



Future Ready At Exeter College!



Some of our amazing Year 10 students had an exciting day at Exeter College, diving into taster sessions for the courses they're passionate about pursuing after school.

It was a brilliant opportunity to explore future pathways, meet new friends, and get a real feel for college life. We're incredibly proud of how they represented our school — full of curiosity, confidence, and enthusiasm!



Year 11 Sign Off In Style!

On Friday 20th June, our Year 11 Football team played their final match for Paignton Academy—and what a way to bow out! In scorching conditions at Waterleat Road, the boys delivered a dominant 4-0 win over Newton Abbot College to lift the Hudson Bowl – U16 South Devon Cup!

From Jonah's relentless midfield engine to Harley's clinical finishing and a rock-solid defence, the team showed grit, skill, and unity throughout. Goals from Harley, Dylan, Lewis, and Jonah sealed a perfect farewell performance.

A huge congratulations to this incredible group of young men. You've made the Academy proud—on and off the pitch. Watch the highlights and relive the magic on our Facebook page!

An Unforgettable Day For Our Students!



Last week, some of our students had the amazing opportunity to travel to Taunton to watch a County Championship match: Somerset vs Nottinghamshire.

Not only did they cheer from the stands under glorious sunshine, but they also got the once-in-a-lifetime chance to step onto the pitch, meet the players, and collect some autographs!

The excitement didn't stop there—our students enjoyed cricket-themed inflatable games, watched expert bat makers at work, and soaked up the atmosphere of a thrilling professional match live!

A huge thank you to Devon Cricket and Somerset County Cricket Club for making this incredible experience possible.



Champions!

Paignton Wins the “West Coast Classic” Invitational Basketball Tournament!

On July 2nd, our Paignton squad made history at South Devon by winning the prestigious West Coast Classic—a SIXTH FORM competition—without a single sixth former on the team!

Despite being the youngest team in the tournament, made up entirely of Year 9s, 10s, and 11s, Paignton finished with a 4-1 record, clinching the title on a head-to-head tiebreaker after a 10-point win over Churston in the opening game.

Game Highlights:

- Game 1: Beat Churston by 10
- Game 2: Dominated Cronton (Widnes) by 20
- Game 3: Came from behind to edge South Dartmoor by 5
- Game 4: Switched to a full-court press to outlast a powerful Cronton B team by 2
- Game 5: Narrow loss to South Devon—but the title was already secured!

Led by Sam, Olly and Jack (Yr11), the team showed incredible maturity and teamwork.

Ethan (Yr11) found his scoring rhythm, hitting his first 3-pointer in a Paignton shirt.

Jack (Yr11) scored his first points, while Jacob (Yr9) impressed with a 3-pointer and strong drives.

Arthur (Yr10), Draven-Lee (Yr9), and Teon (Yr9) all made key contributions on both ends of the court.

The older players guided and inspired the younger ones, showing that the future of basketball at Paignton is very bright indeed.

Well done, team—you’ve made the school proud!



Gymnastics!

A huge congratulations to Tabitha, who competed in a gymnastics competition on Sunday, 6th July, representing South Devon Gymnastics!

Tabitha gave an outstanding performance:

- 2nd place on Vault
- 3rd place on Floor
- And her team took home the Gold overall!

We’re incredibly proud of her dedication, talent, and team spirit. Well done, Tabitha — you’re a star!



Darts!



Last weekend, Lydia (Year 9) and Bryony (Year 11) travelled to Ilfracombe for the annual Southern Counties Youth Tournament. Both girls faced tough games against strong Glamorgan players as well as playing their own Devon teammates in the singles, doubles, and trebles tournaments. The girls kept their heads and threw some amazing darts.

Overall, they won the Southern Counties League by a clear 2 points and also clinched the Champions of Champions League!

Congratulations to both Lydia and Bryony on their fantastic darts success!

Sports Leader Applications Now Open!

We're looking for enthusiastic students from Years 7–10 to join our 2025/26 Sports Leader Team!

Whether you're a returning leader or new to the role, this is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Be a role model
- Boost your leadership skills
- Gain new experiences
- Build confidence
- Make new friends
- Represent your school with pride

Apply now using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/D0vDTWbVJu>

Let's make next year's team the best one yet!

—Mr Julyan



Violin Project Finale A Musical Journey!

The violin project is nearly at a close, and what a fantastic 8 weeks it has been!

Every student has grown in skill and confidence, learning to play as part of a string ensemble. We're so proud of their progress and hope they continue their musical journey!

Interested in 1:1 music lessons? Contact your music teacher today!



Boots & Trainer Donations Can You Help?

Our PE Department is kindly asking for donations of moulded and studded boots (in any condition) and trainers to support students during lessons.

If your child has outgrown any of these, we would be incredibly grateful for your donation. Our goal is to set up a Boots & Trainers Swap Shop to help ensure every student has access to the right footwear for PE.

Let's work together to support our school community – every pair helps!

Donations can be dropped off at the PE office or main reception.

Thank you for your support!



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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