

Welcome

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year at Paignton Academy, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many successes, big and small, that have defined the past twelve months.

This week alone has been packed with highlights — from Frankie's star turn on stage, Noah's table tennis championship, and Emily's selection for the Birmingham Panthers, to Jasmine's Tae Kwon Do success and Jack's inspiring community work with the Royal British Legion. Our guitar students also excelled in their exams, and we were thrilled to win TSAT's Got Talent 2025 — a true celebration of creativity and self-expression.

We danced the night away at the Year 11 Prom, and our Year 10 students impressed us during work experience. Our Year 7 football teams gave it their all in tournament play, and the announcement of High School Musical Jr. as next year's production has already stirred excitement for what's to come.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our exceptional staff, the encouragement of our parents and carers, and, of course, the talent, effort, and enthusiasm of our students. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for contributing to what has been a truly outstanding year.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September! Mr Williams

Year 11 Prom 2025

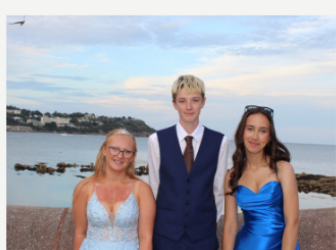
On Friday 4th July, our amazing Year 11 students dressed to impress for the Paignton Academy 2025 Prom!

They rocked up in cars like celebrities, turning heads as they arrived in style!

Everyone looked absolutely stunning, and the evening was filled with joy, dancing, and unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to all the students, staff, and families who helped make the night so special.

And a special shoutout to the Livermead Cliff Hotel for once again being a fantastic host! Photos from the evening will be uploaded to our website in due course — keep an eye out!



Exciting Announcement

Next year's school musical is...

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR!

The Creative Arts Faculty is thrilled to kick off preparations for this energetic and fun-filled production! Attached is the official poster with all the details about auditions in September. Use the links below to access the scripts and backing tracks so you can start preparing now!

<https://youtube.com/playlist...>

<https://www.mtishows.co.uk/broadway.../audition-central...>

If you have any questions, feel free to email Miss Duffin or Miss Simmonds.

LET'S GO WILDCATS!

Work Experience Highlights

We're excited to share a video on our Facebook page showcasing some of the fantastic work experience placements our students have taken part in recently. It's been an inspiring journey watching them grow, learn, and gain real-world skills.

A huge thank you to all the local employers who generously opened their doors and supported our students—you've made a lasting impact!

Please see our Facebook page to see a video of the students in action!



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER: PRINCIPAL AUDITIONS
Borough Road Arena 3-5:30pm

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER: ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS
Waterleat Road Drama Studio 3-5:30pm

AUDITION MATERIAL		
Character	Acting	Singing
Gabriella Montez	Side 2 with Troy	Start of Something New (19 secs – 1:19)
Troy Bolton	Side 2 with Gabriella	Start of Something New (19 secs – 1:19)
Sharpay Evan	Side 2 with Ryan	What I've Been Looking For (Start – 50 secs)
Ryan Evans	Side 2 with Sharpay	What I've Been Looking For (Start – 50 secs)
Kelsi Nielsen	Side 1	We're All In This Together (16 secs – 1:10)
Chad Danforth	Side 1 with Taylor	Counting On You (14 to 45 secs)
Taylor McKessie	Side 1 with Chad	Counting On you (14 to 45 secs)
Ms Darbus	Side 1 with Coach Bolton	
Coach Bolton	Side 1 with Ms Darbus	
Zeke Baylor		Stick To The Status Quo (11 secs – 54 secs)
Martha Cox		Stick To The Status Quo (1 min – 1:46 mins)
Ensemble		We're All In This Together Reprise (1 min – 1:34 mins)



Acting Materials



Song Playlists

Work Placements In Action

This week, our Year 10 students have been gaining hands-on experience by painting the school library as part of their work placement.

A big thank you to Spencer Morgan (Site Agent) from M W Benney for supporting the development of our students' construction skills, and to Abbie Rowe from Hybrid Safety Training for coming in to show them how to keep safe in the workplace. We truly appreciate your support in helping our students grow!



Student Guitar Exam Success!

A collection of our guitar students recently took their grading exams—with incredible results! All students have been taking guitar lessons this year with our excellent guitar teacher, Steve Grimes, who has a wealth of experience in guiding students to success in their gradings.

Congratulations to the following students on their musical achievements:

- Eddie – Grade 1 Electric, Pass (71%)
- Brianna – Grade 2 Acoustic, Distinction (94%)
- Olivia – Grade 2 Acoustic, Distinction (89%)
- Jack – Bass Grade 2, Merit (76%)
- Dillon – Grade 2 Acoustic, Distinction (85%)
- Eve – Grade 3 Acoustic, Distinction (88%)

If your child would like to begin guitar lessons in September, please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) or contact the school on either site for further information:

[INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS REQUEST FORM](#)



Massive Congratulations to Frankie!

On Saturday, Frankie took to the stage at the Palace Theatre Paignton with Razzamatazz Theatre School, delivering a fantastic performance as Lord Forte in *Saving Symphonia* — a character hilariously desperate to become Lord of the Land!



We're so proud of your talent, confidence, and stage presence. What an achievement!

Overall Champion - Noah!

We're thrilled to share that Noah was awarded the Overall Champion Trophy for the league!

He's competed in many Table Tennis competitions throughout the year, working hard to extend his lead going into the final. His dedication and determination truly paid off!

Well done, Noah — what an incredible achievement!



Celebrating Jack – A Remarkable Year 8 Journey

We're incredibly proud to share the inspiring journey of Jack, a Year 8 student at Paignton Academy, who has shown exceptional character, resilience, and community spirit over the past two years.

Jack has continued to shine both in and out of school. His strength and dedication have made his family, including his Nan and Grandma, immensely proud.

This year, Jack has gone above and beyond in his support for the Royal British Legion (RBL). During the 2025 English Riviera Airshow and Armed Forces Day, he helped raise an incredible £2,078.00 while volunteering at the Paignton RBL gazebo on Paignton Green.

His efforts didn't go unnoticed—Jack has made a lasting impression on the RBL branches in Paignton, Brixham, and Torquay, as well as with local dignitaries including Conservative MPs Kevin and Hazel Foster and the Torbay Lord Lieutenant.

Just this past Sunday (13th July), Jack proudly took part in parades at the Dunkirk and Normandy memorials in Torquay, where he met members of the Royal Naval Association and other veterans. His respectful conduct and commitment to service have brought honour not only to his family but also to Paignton Academy and the RBL.

We are incredibly proud of Jack's achievements and the way he represents the values of compassion, leadership, and remembrance.

Let's all give Jack the recognition he deserves – a true young role model in our community!



Success Story For Emily!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about one of our rising stars, Emily!

Emily, who plays for the U14 Performance Team at Dart Netball Club in Torbay and represents her school netball team, has recently achieved something truly special. After a competitive trial process, she has been selected to join the U13 Emerging Talents Programme with the Birmingham Panthers, starting this September!

This is a fantastic opportunity for Emily to develop her skills further and train alongside some of the most promising young athletes in the region. Her dedication, hard work, and passion for netball have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder.

Congratulations, Emily — we can't wait to see all that you accomplish on this exciting new journey!

Learn more about the programme here:

<https://www.birminghampanthers.com/.../birmingham.../>



Tae Kwon Do!

A huge congratulations to Jasmine for earning her Green & Blue Stripe Belt (5th Kup) in her recent colour grading!

Grading is no small feat — it's a rigorous test of skill, focus, and determination. Jasmine demonstrated excellence across all areas:

- Patterns
- Linework
- Set Sparring
- Self Defence
- Sparring
- Power Test
- Theory Knowledge

She's now setting her sights on the Blue Belt (4th Kup) — and we couldn't be prouder of her progress and dedication. Keep up the amazing work, Jasmine!



Paignton Academy Shines At Year 7 Football Tournament!

Paignton Academy came incredibly close to securing a third consecutive victory at the Year 7 six-a-side football tournament held at the Devon FA's Coach Road Headquarters on Friday 26th June.

We proudly entered two teams into the competition, with one team finishing as runners-up, just missing out on the top spot. A win in the final game would have seen them level on points with Orchard Manor School, with goal difference deciding the champion. Despite dominating their last match against Magdalen Court School, a 1-1 draw meant they had to settle for second place.

Roman was on fire throughout the tournament, scoring five goals, including a crucial penalty in the final game. Other goal scorers included Oliver (2), Taylor (2), and Dexter, who also impressed with several key assists.

Our second team also put in a fantastic effort, finishing fifth overall. Special mention to Oliver, who scored all four goals in a brilliant 4-0 win over Southbrook!

A huge well done to all the players for their skill, teamwork, and determination. We're proud of you all!



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 by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/.../visit-paignton-academy/>

Paignton Academy Takes The Crown!

TSATs Got Talent 2025 has a winner—and it's Paignton Academy! From epic performances to unforgettable moments, this year's talent blew us away. Massive shoutout to every amazing performer and the dedicated music team behind the scenes! Confidence - Aspiration - Self-expression

This is how we Transform Life Chances through the arts.

Watch the big reveal now: [Secondary School Winner - TSArTs Got Talent 2025](#)

Thank You for an Amazing Term!

As we wrap up another fantastic term, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support and positivity! Now it's time to recharge, relax, and enjoy the summer break. We hope you all make wonderful memories with family and friends. We're already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September — and a special warm welcome to our new Year 7 cohort, who will be starting their exciting new adventure with us!

Have a brilliant summer!

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Please like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with Paignton Academy's news.



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