

Welcome

Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. It has been wonderful to see our corridors, classrooms and sports pitches buzzing with energy once again as we begin this next half term together.

This is an important period for many of our students, and I would like to take a moment to wish all our Year 11s the very best of luck as they begin their exams. We know how hard they have worked and we are incredibly proud of their commitment. Keep striving, stay focused and remember that your teachers and the whole school community are behind you every step of the way.

As always, this edition of our newsletter is full of fantastic achievements and opportunities. From outstanding sporting performances in netball and rugby, to remarkable individual successes in performing arts and international competition, our students continue to inspire us with their talent and determination. You'll also find reminders about upcoming events, extracurricular clubs and the return of the Boom Bus, as well as important information for those taking part in the Bronze DofE programme.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another positive and productive half term ahead.

Mr Williams

A Fantastic First Outing For Year 7 Netball!

Our Year 7 netball team took to the court for their very first fixture representing the school — and what a debut it was! With 3 wins out of 4 games, the girls showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and some seriously impressive netball skills.

They played with pride, supported each other throughout, and were an absolute credit to the school. We can't wait to see what the rest of the season holds!



Year 9 Shine In National Schools Netball Debut!

At the end of last term, our Year 9 netball team stepped onto the court for their first round of the National Schools Competition — and delivered a fantastic performance, finishing a respectable 4th place!

Despite facing tough opposition and carrying several injuries, the girls showed grit, skill, and true team spirit throughout. We're incredibly proud of their effort and sportsmanship.

Next stop: Exeter University for the next round — let's go, team!



Paignton Year 9 Boys Storm Past Teignmouth To Progress In The Cup!

A dominant 41–7 win saw Paignton RFC power into the next round, scoring seven tries to one in a confident, all-round performance.

Using the slope to their advantage in the first half, Paignton controlled territory with strong carries and quick ball. In the second half, they showed maturity and smart game management to keep Teignmouth pinned back.

Standout performances came from Max with a superb kicking game, Toby and Ashton crossing the line with determination, and Jacob putting in a huge shift out of position. Callum anchored the scrum, while Max and Oli led from the front.

Special shoutout to Logan and Cody, who impressed on the wings in just their second school match!

A great team effort—on to the next round!



Want To Do Your Bronze DofE This Year?

Fill in your paper programme planner

- Choose an adult assessor (not a relative!) for Physical, Skills & Volunteering
- Return your planner to Miss Brown in W29 (Waterleat) or B42 (Borough Road)
- Pay the registration fee on Arbor
- Attend the next meeting on 12th November in B36 at 3.20pm at Borough Road

Make sure you include assessor email addresses — super important for finishing your award smoothly!

Need ideas for activities? Check out the Academy's DofE webpage! [The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)



The Boom Bus Is Coming To Waterleat Road!

Catch the Boom Bus at Waterleat Road on Friday 7th November from 15:00 to 17:00, located next to the music block.

The Boom Bus will also be back on:

Friday 14th November

Friday 21st November

Students from Borough Road are welcome to attend too – come along and enjoy the vibes!



Student Success Alert!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some phenomenal news — Poppy-May, one of our Year 8 students, has just qualified for next year's World Championships in Brisbane, Australia and the European Championships in France!

Her dedication, talent, and hard work have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of this remarkable achievement. Representing at both international events is no small feat — Poppy-May, you are an inspiration to us all!

Let's all cheer her on as she prepares to take on the world.



Autumn Term Extracurricular Clubs

We're excited to let you know that our extracurricular clubs are continuing throughout the autumn term! From sports and music to creative arts and STEM activities, there's something for everyone.

Check out the full list of clubs and schedules on our website:

[Paignton Academy](#) | [Thinking Schools Academy Trust](#)

Massive Congratulations To Year 7 Student Sofia!

Sofia has been awarded Scholarship Runner-Up at Razzamatazz Torbay Theatre School, earning a fully paid term at the school!

This prestigious award is given to students who demonstrate exceptional talent, creativity, and passion for the arts — and Sofia truly embodies all of these qualities.

We're incredibly proud of you, Sofia!



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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 5th November - Friday 14th November	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 4th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 19th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 5th January	First day of Spring term