

## Welcome

I want to start this week's newsletter by congratulating this academic year's Head Students. I, together with several other colleagues, had the privilege of interviewing these students before half term. This year, we had the highest number of applications we've ever had and it was truly wonderful to be able to spend time with them during this process. I was incredibly impressed with how articulate and confident they were and, at a time when young people nationally sometimes receive a bad press, I was left reflecting that the future is in very good and safe hands with students such as these. The first leadership responsibility for some of these students took place during Remembrance Sunday last weekend when they joined me at Paignton War Memorial in laying a wreath on behalf of our school community to commemorate all those who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This was an incredibly moving experience, and I was very proud of our students for the role that they played during this service.

Discover even more inspiring stories and achievements from our amazing students throughout this newsletter.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend, Mr Williams

## Drama Trip To Theatre Royal Plymouth!

On Tuesday 4th October, the Drama Department had the pleasure of taking 50 students — including GCSE Drama pupils and selected Year 9s — to see *The Woman In Black* at the Theatre Royal Plymouth.

It was a truly thrilling production that had everyone on the edge of their seats! The students were captivated by the performance and left the theatre absolutely buzzing with excitement.

Experiences like this are invaluable, giving our young performers the chance to witness professional theatre in action and deepen their appreciation for the dramatic arts. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible!



# Paignton Academy Announces Senior Prefect and Head Student Teams 2025–26

Before the half-term break, Paignton Academy completed a rigorous three-stage selection process to appoint our new Senior Prefect Teams for the 2025–26 academic year. We are incredibly proud to introduce these outstanding Year 11 students, who have shown dedication, maturity, and a genuine commitment to our school community.

This year, each site has appointed its own Head and Deputy Head Students, supported by a team of Senior Prefects who will play an important role in representing the Academy and supporting school life across both sites.

## Borough Road Campus

- **Head Students:** Scarlett & Fiona
- **Deputy Head Students:** Alexandre & Julia
- **Senior Prefects:** Annabelle, Gracie-Mae, Michael, Scarlett, Lilia, and Alfie



## Waterleat Road Campus

- **Head Students:** Evie & Aliesha
- **Deputy Head Students:** Diego & Samara
- **Senior Prefects:** Kai, Kyle, Charlene-Rose, Imogen, Casey, Abubakar, and Nevaeh



We would like to congratulate all of our new student leaders on their successful appointments and thank everyone who took part in the selection process. Their enthusiasm and leadership will undoubtedly have a positive impact throughout the year ahead.



## Remembering Together! Students Join Remembrance Ceremony

On Sunday, Paignton Academy students proudly joined Mr. Williams at the annual Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial in Palace Avenue.

Together, they paid tribute to all who have been injured or lost their lives in service, laying a wreath in solemn remembrance.

We honour their courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy.

**Lest We Forget.**



## Huge Congratulations to Jack -Year 9

Once again, Jack is out in his own time selling poppies and proudly representing the academy.

He has now raised over £30,000 in his lifetime for the Royal British Legion – an incredible achievement that shows true dedication and community spirit.

Please join us in celebrating Jack's efforts and supporting this important cause.



## Remembrance Day Reflections

During tutor time on The Day, 7BG1 wrote some beautiful and thoughtful letters reflecting on the meaning of Remembrance Day. Their words show compassion, gratitude, and a deep understanding of the sacrifices made by so many. We are proud of their effort and the respect they demonstrated in their writing.

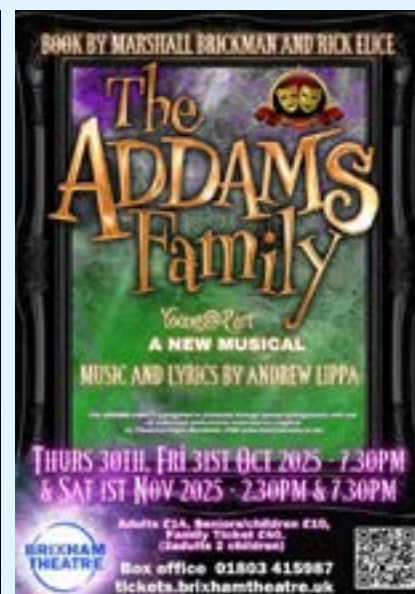


## Student Success Spotlight - Beau Year 8!

We are incredibly proud of Beau in Year 8 for her fantastic performance in the BOADS production of The Addams Family at Brixham Theatre!

Beau lit up the stage with her talent, energy, and dedication, bringing her character to life and contributing to a brilliant community production. Her passion for the performing arts is truly inspiring!

Huge congratulations, Beau – we're all so proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next!



## Future Innovators In Action Tech Cornwall Visits Paignton!

Last week, Paignton Academy proudly welcomed Tech Cornwall for an inspiring career-related learning experience! Students had the opportunity to dive into the ever-evolving digital world—enhancing their programming skills and designing innovative wearable tech projects.

At Paignton, we're passionate about offering diverse opportunities that spark curiosity, creativity, and innovation. This event was a brilliant example of how digital technology can ignite imagination and pave the way to exciting futures in the tech industry.

A huge thank you to Tech Cornwall for helping our learners explore the possibilities of tomorrow!

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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