

Welcome

What a fantastic week it's been here at Paignton Academy. Our students have once again shown exactly what makes this school such a vibrant and inspiring community. From sporting success and teamwork to unforgettable enrichment experiences, the stories in this week's newsletter highlight the determination, talent and spirit of our young people.

Our Under 15 cricket players demonstrated impressive skill and sportsmanship at the Indoor Cricket Tournament, while our Year 8 netball team showed remarkable resilience despite challenges on the night. Meanwhile, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting School Games adventure at Paignton Zoo — a wonderful opportunity that combined teamwork, learning and plenty of fun.

We're also incredibly proud to celebrate individual achievements. Ryan's outstanding performances in adult husky racing and Florence's inspiring opportunity to play against Chelsea FC are testament to the dedication and ambition our students bring to everything they do.

Thank you to all staff and families who support these opportunities each week. I hope you enjoy reading more about these moments that continue to make Paignton Academy such a special place.

Mr Williams

Year 7 Roars into Action At Paignton Zoo!

Last week, some of our lucky Year 7 students had an amazing day at Paignton Zoo for the School Games event, hosted in partnership with Active Devon!

The rain held off just long enough for everyone to enjoy a fun-filled quiz and an exciting trail across the zoo. To top it all off, the students celebrated with a well-earned ice cream!

A huge thank you to Active Devon and Paignton Zoo for making this such a memorable experience for our students.



Well Done Ryan! Two Wins In Adult Husky Racing!

What a season it's been so far! Ryan kicked things off at the first rally of the season with the British Siberian Husky Racing Association.

Big news – he's now moved up to the adult classes, racing with the big guns! That means competing against some of the best teams from all over the country. As a newcomer to the adult category, Ryan is classed as a rookie – but he's already making waves!

Saturday's Results:

4-Dog Veteran Team:

Ryan came 5th – a fantastic start!

3-Dog Team:

He clinched 1st place by just 1 second!

Sunday's Results:

4-Dog Team:

A very respectable 4th place.

3-Dog Team:

He smashed it again – winning 1st place by 14 seconds!

Here's a pic of his winning 3-dog team:

Leads: Yiva & Dawson

Wheel: Bibi

What an achievement – two first places in the adult class already! Huge congratulations, Ryan!



Under 15 Indoor Cricket Tournament Recap!

On Monday, the Sports Hub hosted an exciting Under 15 Indoor Cricket tournament. Our Paignton players were competitive throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly!

There were amazing batting performances, fantastic catches, and great bowling on display. A special shout-out to Olly, who was named Paignton Player of the Day for his outstanding batting display!

With a strong field of 9 teams, our players not only showed great skill but also built valuable links with other schools. We're looking forward to many more fixtures for all year groups later this school year.

Well done to everyone involved – you did Paignton proud!



Year 8 Netball Update!



It was a challenging evening for our Year 8 netball team, with several players unavailable. Despite this, the girls showed incredible resilience and determination, battling hard right until the final whistle and securing one well-earned win from the night.

A special shout-out to Layla and Bella, who stepped up at the last minute to play a year up — and did so brilliantly!

We're proud of the team's effort and spirit and look forward to building on this performance in the next fixtures.

Florence Takes On Chelsea FC!

Florence, in Year 8, recently had the incredible opportunity to play against Chelsea FC! Although the team didn't come out on top, it was an unforgettable experience and a fantastic chance to showcase her talent at such a high level. Well done, Florence — we're so proud of you!



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 4th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 12th December	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 19th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 5th January	First day of Spring term