



Welcome

Happy New Year to all parents/guardians, students and our wonderful Paignton community. I do hope that everyone had a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

Whilst we are now into a new calendar year and new academic year, a real highlight for me during the last week of term was seeing the end of term celebrations where we recognised, rewarded and celebrated the many achievements, be they in or out of subject areas, of our students. Well done to the huge number of students who received certificates, awards and prizes!

We return to a critical time in the school year for our senior students. The Spring Term is one where the examination curriculum is normally completed together with most of the coursework elements for those subjects which have a non-examined component. It is also the term where our Year 11 students have their final "mock" exams before the real thing.

As always, all subject areas are working hard to complete the taught elements of the courses and to ensure that all students are fully prepared for their exams. Revision of course is at the heart of this and this also involves students putting in the hours after school and during weekends to prepare effectively for these public examinations.

For our Year 9 students, we also have the Options evenings coming up where information will be provided on what subjects (and combination of subjects) they can study at GCSE/L2. There is a lot of information around this and as always, we will provide this to all parents/guardians and students together with talks by myself and Mr Willcocks on both sites. If your child is in Year 9, please do come along to these option evening talks.

Wishing our community a great weekend.

Derwyn Williams

End-of-Term Celebrations!

At the conclusion of last term, our students and staff united for our eagerly awaited Rewards Assemblies — a fantastic chance to acknowledge achievement, progress, dedication, and our CARE values.

Students were honored with a variety of awards, including:

- Tutor Awards
- Uniform Awards
- Subject Excellence Awards
- Most Improved Attendance Awards
- 100% Attendance badges and certificates



Additionally, we hosted our thrilling Golden Ticket Draw, where selected students had the opportunity to win some incredible prizes — adding to the excitement of the celebrations!

We are incredibly proud of all our students and love recognising the hard work, commitment, and positive attitudes they demonstrate every day. Well done to everyone involved!



Student Success

Congratulations Amelia!

Amelia, a Year 7 student, proudly won a trophy at her Taekwondo Christmas party last month, earning the title of Most Improved Cadet. She is immensely proud of this accomplishment and wishes to share her special moment with everyone.

Well done, Amelia—keep kicking your way toward your goals!



Year 7 Girls Football Trials

We are excited to announce the Year 7 Girls Football Trials, taking place on Thursday 15th January at Waterleat Road Astro.

This trial is a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 girls who would like to be selected to represent the school football team. Attendance at the trial is essential for anyone wishing to be considered.

Key Information

- Date: Thursday 15th January
- Venue: Waterleat Road Astro

Equipment Required:

- PE kit
- Moulded football studs or astro trainers
- Shin pads



All other year groups will take part in their normal training session on the same day, 15th January 2025.

Whether you're new to football or already confident on the pitch, we encourage you to attend and give it your best shot.

Let's see your skills on the pitch — good luck to all participants!



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Spring Term Clubs 2026

We're excited to launch our Spring **Term Clubs**! These clubs offer a brilliant opportunity for students to explore new interests, develop skills, and make new friends. All students—regardless of age or ability—are welcome to join in and represent Paignton Academy with pride.

No need to book for after-school clubs—just turn up at your chosen club at either site and get involved! We look forward to seeing lots of students taking part this term.

Click the link below to view the full schedule of clubs, including times and locations, on the Paignton Academy website.



 [Spring Term Clubs](#)
[Click Here](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Year 9	Options Event BRC	14/01/2026
Year 9	Options Event WRC	15/01/2026
Year 9	Parents' Evening	12/02/2026
All Years	Half term	16/02/2026-20/02/2026
Year 7	Parent's Evening	19/03/2026
All Years	Easter Holidays	03/04/2026-17/04/2026



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