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Operation Christmas Child

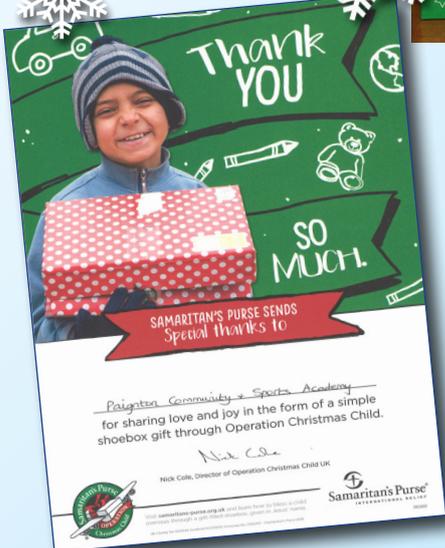
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2019

- 14-18 Jan Year 9 exams
- 28 Jan Year 11 Plymouth field trip
- 4-9 Feb Year 10 exams
- 7 Feb Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 18-22 Feb Half term
- 4-8 Mar Year 11 exams
- 14 Mar Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 25-29 Mar Year 7 exams
- 4 Apr Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 8-22 Apr Easter holidays



Students with some of the boxes filled for 'Operation Christmas Child'



This year we had an amazing response to our 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal with 92 shoeboxes being filled to the brim with gifts for children living in poverty-stricken and war-affected places.

Every form group in Years 7, 8 and 9 was invited to take part with many embracing the challenge wholeheartedly, resulting in an outstanding effort. Thank you to all

the parents and families who donated an item for the boxes or, indeed, an entire shoebox.

A huge thank you must also go to Year 7 for their bake sale and to all those who took part in the Mental Health Awareness non-uniform day. Between them the students have raised the £460 needed to cover the cost of shipping the parcels to their destinations.



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Fund-raising and Work in the Community



Mason Babbage and Jack Baker selling cakes for charity

Cake sale in aid of two great charities

Mason Babbage and Jack Baker, Year 8, brought in home-made cakes to sell during lunch break. The proceeds will be split between two charities, Brain Tumour Research and Jeans for Genes, a charity that helps children all over the UK with a life-altering genetic disorder. Well done to the boys for giving up their time to bake and sell the goodies in aid of two very good causes.



Students from the Interact Club deliver a presentation to the Rotary Club

Students present to the Rotary Club

The Interact Club visited the Rotary Club in Paignton where they delivered a presentation informing the Rotary Club of all of their achievements. These include beach cleans and raising money for the 'End Polio Now' campaign which seeks to eradicate polio in India.



Kieran Butt - praised by Beaver Scout organisation

Scout, Kieran Butt earned praise for his help in running the caving base at the Beavers International Fun Day, where he helped not just with checking equipment but also with encouraging and reassuring the Beavers.



"I know from the feedback from my Beaver Scouts that some of them would not have 'given it a go' had Kieran not been there to help them. Well done Kieran and thank you so much for giving the younger Scouts an experience to remember."

On behalf of the 6th Torbay Vanguard & Vigilant Colonies, 1st Marldon Beavers, 1st Brixham Beavers and 15th Torbay Beavers.



Year 8 raise money for PoTS

Year 8 students organised a cake sale to raise funds for the charity, PoTS, Postural Tachycardia Syndrome. PoTS can be a life altering and debilitating chronic health condition which the students wanted to raise awareness of. Congratulations to all the students who organised and/or supported the cake sale, which raised over £100 towards this good cause.

The students involved were: Rhianna Farley, Kyla Sinclair, Katie Hughes, Sam Shepherd, Jack Kemp, Emily-Mae Bethell, Tahlia Harding, Leah Pike and Layla Collings.

Community Events



180 primary school children take part in 'quicksticks' hockey festival



Years 1 and 2 rugby festival saw 210 children taking part



High quality hockey festival

The Academy welcomed 180 enthusiastic children from six local primary schools for a fun afternoon of 'quicksticks' hockey. The festival was part of the School Games Competition Pathway, with the top two schools being invited to the Level 2 tournament against the best teams from across Torbay.

This was one of many primary festivals held at the Academy throughout the year where Paignton Academy Key Stage 3 leaders help co-ordinate and umpire the games.



180 young rugby players from Years 3 and 4 enjoy festival at the Academy



TUFC support 'White Ribbon'

Staff from Torquay United Community Sports Trust visited our Academy with their football speed radar. Students competed against each other to see who had the fastest shot with Alfie Lloyd having the fastest speed of 51mph for the boys and Elize Fowler at 42mph for the girls.

This was to raise awareness of White Ribbon, a charity to reduce violence towards females.



WWI battlefields trip to France and Belgium

Competition winners visit WWI battlefields

We, Bethany Hitchen and Sophie Jessop of Year 10, won a History Department competition that gave us a place on a government funded trip to tour the WWI Battlefields in France and Belgium, accompanied by Miss Coombes.

During the time from when we crossed the channel, we were taken to a series of busy and interesting activities, monuments and places that truly showed the World War, a picture of the massive effect it had not only on the people and their country, but the rest of the world, and how important it is that it is remembered.

Seeing the Battlefields and graves brought into context the amount of devastation and loss of life, from all nations, that World War One brought. Both countries are littered with graveyards of the white Dorset limestone to signify a battle and the subsequent death. We did not only visit the graves of the soldiers of the British, but there were the crosses of the French and the emblems of the Chinese, the Australians and Canadians who gave their lives for us. The German cemetery too, tastefully commemorates those brave soldiers. It was the headstones entitled 'A Great Soldier of the War' that showed the realisation that not everyone's story has been able to be told, and families still do not know the final location of their loved one.

Our visit to the field of the Battle of the Somme brought into context the circumstances and terrain that our soldiers had fought in. Standing where they stood was honouring and disheartening as we were given background to the layout of the deadliest aspect of the war. The French and Belgium forces still receive calls on a daily basis to pick up the unexploded shells that lay beneath the ground.

Our final day included a visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. We had completed previous research into local soldiers and used the archive to find the location of A G Gowman of the Devonshire Regiment, just 19 years old when he was killed in 1917. It was an honour to be able to pay our respects and lay crosses and messages of thanks from everyone at PCSA.

We are truly appreciative that this was a once in a lifetime trip to go to the Battlefields on the first centenary of the War. As part of Legacy 110, reading this means that the reasons for remembering are still being spoken about and this can carry on for generations. It was amazing to experience and visit the effects of the War and the magnificent work that still continues to remember those that gave their lives.

Written by Bethany Hitchen and Sophie Jessop, Year 10

French zoo trip

Year 9 students took part in a zoo trip this term as part of their preparations for their upcoming January assessment. Going around the zoo in groups, the students had to complete a set of activities and challenges by recording themselves describing the animals, their friends and their opinions on the zoo itself. The weather was mixed but fun was had by all across the week!

Joyeux Noël & Feliz Navidad from all in the MFL department.



French students at Paignton Zoo

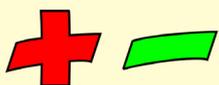


Students coached by Exeter Chief's community coach

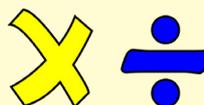
Students coached by Exeter Chief's community coach

During their Tuesday night training sessions, the Year 8 & 9 boys' rugby team are benefiting from the expertise of Ann Webb, the Community Rugby Coach from Exeter Chiefs. The Academy has been very lucky to have Ann supporting the rugby boys every Tuesday night as well as during rugby lessons for the first six weeks.

Any boys who are interested in joining should come along on Tuesday night. Please see Miss Lewis in PE if you are interested in attending.



Maths club



These are exciting times for our budding mathematicians...

At KS3 our 'Maths All-Stars' and 'Active Learn' clubs are proving to be very popular. In addition to this our new Year 10 'Maths All-Stars' club is growing in popularity.

Our maths clubs are for students who want to take control of their learning and want to improve their confidence and their results. Come along if that's you.

We have some students who are confident with their maths and who will further improve their understanding by mentoring other students at each club. These new Maths Mentors are:

Year 7: Cole Pursey and Jamie Bennett.

Year 8: Katelyn Johnson, Amber Coombes, Rachel Marsh, Justin Mallari, Audrey Caill, Mason Babbage and Tom Needs.

Year 9: Bailey Dixon, Luke Dodd, Jasper Wilkes, and Hana Harbidge.

Year 10: Poppy Bodwell, Ryan Bush, Rosie Jempson, Beth Hitchen, Joe Ruocco, Kyle Mellon, Luke Taylor and Ollie Gagg.

Key Stage 3 Maths Clubs:

Active Learn - Tuesday lunchtime - W05/06

Maths All Stars - Wednesday lunchtime - W47

Key Stage 4 Maths Clubs:

Year 11 Revision - Tuesday after school - B26

Maths All Stars (Year 10) - Friday lunchtime - B26



Christmas in Geography

Key Stage 3 Geography students have been busy at home making Christmas decorations with a geography twist on them! The most creative efforts will be rewarded and we look forward to decorating the classrooms for Christmas!

Languages club



Languages club is a fun place to be every Wednesday lunchtime

Languages club is a fun club that happens every Wednesday lunchtime where you can sit and learn about different cultures. Recently we have been doing French, and are now just starting the Hungarian culture. We have been learning basic Hungarian for example, the Hungarian word for "Hello" is "Szia" and the word for "Goodbye" is "Viszontlátásra".

We will be learning more Hungarian in the future, such as how to construct basic sentences.

Not only this, but every now and then we play some Kahoot to focus more on what we learnt in the past, to revise our knowledge. In the future we are thinking about learning these languages: Spanish, Elvish, Italian, Tagalog, Dawi and Russian.

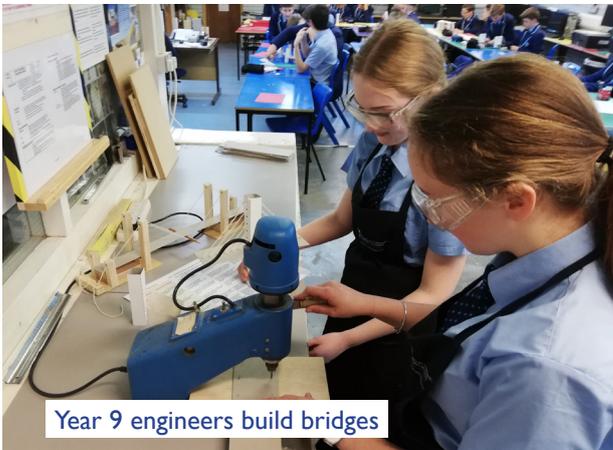
Year 9 engineers build model bridges

This term our Year 9 engineering students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of bridge structures. They have experimented with a range of bridges, including the building of model suspension bridges and beam bridges.

Isabelle Julian, Jasmine McNally and Danni Piper-Eales worked really hard to complete their model, and set high standards for exercise books.

Year 9 parents and students can see the Year 9 course here:

<http://pcsaengineers.uk/year-9-engineering/>



Year 9 engineers build bridges

Year 8 USB light project

Our Year 8 engineers have been making mood lights during their practical lessons. The mood lights use a super bright LED and are operated via a USB cable.

One group experimented with adding texture to the aluminium front, beating, working and hand-finishing the metal. The results are very impressive and the students should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to all of the Year 8 students, in particular Brandon Fogwill, Rohan Frampton, Dylan Goulden, Ollie Hodgkins, Daisy Jeffery, Megan Johnson, Callum McClusky and Neo Judge.



Year 8 engineers USB light project

Mathematics taster day

Thirty Year 10 students have been invited to attend a maths taster day at Plymouth University. The day will consist of several hands-on interactive workshops on a variety of mathematical topics plus an inspiring plenary session.

The aim of the day is to provide our Year 10 students with a taste of mathematics at university with the hope that it will encourage them to consider mathematics post 16 or, hopefully, post 18. The workshops are designed to be challenging as well as enjoyable!

Accelerated Reading

Key Stage 3 students have read and passed the Accelerated Reading (AR) quiz on 2,423 books between them since September. This means they have read 42,177,499 words!

Seven students have read over half a million each and are well on their way to being AR word millionaires.

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 should be reading their Accelerated Reader book for 20 to 30 minutes at least five times a week. There are over 31,000 books on the AR scheme. School library only holds a fraction of these but students can read books from home, Paignton Library or books they buy or are given. You can find out if books are on the scheme by going to www.arbookfind.co.uk.

EXIM Dance Company make waves with Year 10 dancers



EXIM Dance Company - the Graduate Dance Company of Plymouth University - visited Borough Road this week to work with Year 10 BTEC dancers. Laura and Chloe from EXIM led a dynamic contemporary dance workshop where students were able to learn repertoire and develop their own ideas creatively. Many thanks to Laura Hay for organising this special experience for the dance group which was very beneficial and very much enjoyed by all who participated.

An evening of dance

Dancers from Years 10 and 11 shone at the dance evening in November where they performed assessment and examination work for their BTEC courses. The Year 10 group performed a stunning array of contemporary pieces showcasing a variety of promise and talent. The Year 11 group created a number of pieces in response to the stimulus from the exam board: 'Time Changes Everything'. The evening was a great success and was attended by many parents and friends of the dancers. Well done to all who performed and thank you parents for your on-going support.

Celebrating Success



Young Chef of the Year success!

Three Year 9 students, Tom Howard, Will Symons and Freya Ward, took part in the 'Young Chef of the Year' competition run by the Rotary Club at South Devon College.

We are delighted to say that these three students were the winners out of 145 students that took part during school rounds.

The competition at South Devon College involved 11 students from various schools across the area and was the strongest competition that we have seen.

Our students were fantastic in their approach, performed superbly amongst the best in Torbay and we are immensely proud of them all.



Young chef of the Year success

Scout, Thomas Wellsted, takes part in Cowes 'Small Ships' race

Thomas is a member of the 11th Torbay Sea Scouts who have taken part in the Cowes Small Ships race for the previous three years. The Scouts came third in their class (C2 – Smaller Bermudan Rigged Vessels) out of 10 ships in their category (23 ships entered the competition in total). This is the first time the Scouts have been placed in the race. As the youngest competitor in the race Thomas was awarded a book on knots.

“Well done Thomas. What a fantastic event to be involved in and at such a young age.”

Mr Scott, Head of Year 7



Thomas Wellsted takes part in Cowes 'Small Ships' race



Brooke Coldwell reaches last 9 out of 2000 to win place in Great British Cycling team



Neo Judge and Jamie Hooper represented Paignton Boxing Club in amateur boxing fight night



Girls' football team reach county final!



Brothers, Jasper and Charlie Wilkes, represent Devon and win gold and silver in inter-county water polo championships



Olivia Hayes, Year 7, excels in South West Schools Pistol championships



Year 11 rugby team - South Devon champions 2018

Student of the Month

SEPTEMBER 2018	
Stacey Smith Year 7	Stacey has handled transition really well. She takes an active part in all Science lessons and is also very kind to her peers, offering a helping hand when needed.
Alek Ciesielski Year 8	Alek has a genuine gratitude for learning and so always does his best. He is an excellent role model whose confidence is growing. He is contributing more in class and becoming more adventurous.
Massimo Yuosf Year 9	Massimo really impressed both his teacher and the Brightcoach Ambassadors with his enthusiasm to help the Year 7s develop their Mathematics and English skills, through the mentoring activity that the Academy is trialling.
Noah Hugger Year 10	Noah has made an excellent start to GCSE English this year. He always participates in lessons. If he continues to work at this level, he will be successful in his GCSE.
Georgina Miles Year 11	Georgina has massively improved her attendance this year. She has gone from being a persistent absentee, to 100% attendance so far this term. This is a huge thing for Georgina and she deserves recognition for this achievement.

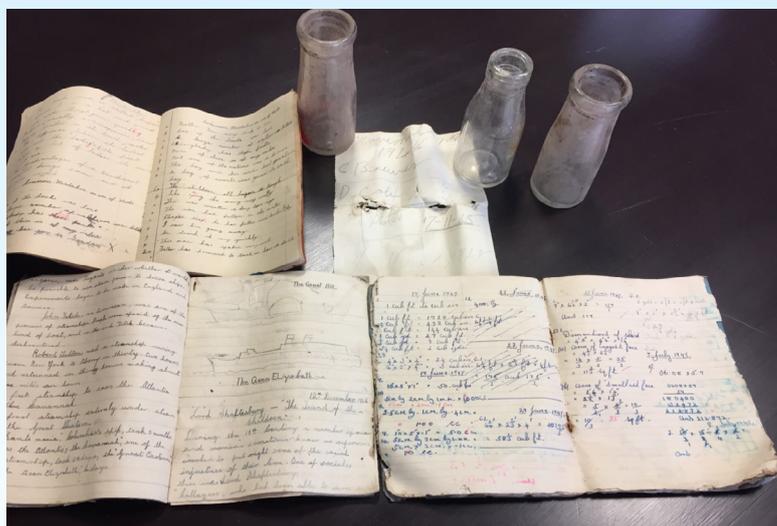
OCTOBER 2018	
Tyler Hughes Year 7	Tyler went above and beyond to create a charity shoebox by himself filled with gifts for a young boy who upon receiving it will be so happy. Well done Tyler for making a difference to someone.
Fin Lewis Year 8	Having joined PCSA very recently, Fin comes to his English classes with a great attitude, always contributes well in class and has some great ideas. His homework is always on time and sometimes early! He is always polite and friendly.
Billy Glover Year 9	Billy is an incredibly hard working student who rises to every challenge that he faces in English. He is always ready and willing to participate in a range of activities.
Owen Foley Year 10	Owen exceeded his target in the first unit test by 2+ Levels and works hard at all times.
Holly Appleby Year 11	Holly is focused, polite and hard-working with a keen sense of humour. She deserves recognition for making the best out of every situation.

Unsolved mystery under PCSA!

It was found in the depths of the boiler room; a treasure box hidden under Paignton Academy for seven decades.

The discovery was made by workers for Gilpin Demolition during the final part of phase one of our building works. Inside, they found three milk bottles containing a note and some exercise books dating from 1947/48. They were left by Colin Brewer and D Cole, who were students at the school in the aftermath of World War II.

A lifetime has passed since then, and we estimate the former students would now be between 81 and 86, but we are hopeful someone may know their whereabouts. Can you help us find them? We would love to invite them into the Academy when the building works have been completed and pass them back their exercise books!



The above photo shows the beautiful handwriting in their Maths and English books; something we are sure we could all aspire to!

Can you help?

If anyone has any information on Colin Brewer or D Cole, please email wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org for the attention of Mr Smith. We would love to meet them!

