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Believe and Achieve

A FOND FAREWELL TO YEAR 11

Our 2019 Record of Achievement day was a glorious and memorable farewell for 160 of our Year 11 leavers.

The students were presented with their ROA folders by Mrs Sharon Whyte, an ex-student who is now the director of H & C Lawyers, specialists in overseeing multimillion pound conveyancing contracts. Sharon spoke fondly of her time at the Academy and inspired the students that through hard work, determination and a belief in yourself, you can achieve almost anything.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8, 9, 10 July	Summer Musical
9 July	Primary Open Morning (Borough Road)
11 July	Primary Open Evening (Waterleat Road)
17 July	Year 8 Celebration Evening
18 July	Year 7 Celebration Evening
19 July	Last Day of Summer Term
22 August	GCSE Results
3 Sep	First Day of Autumn Term



"This was a superb occasion, it was a real pleasure to see all the students and parents as they complete one successful stage of their lives and embark on their next journey. It was also fantastic to welcome Sharon back into the Academy. We look forward to celebrating some excellent GCSE results with these wonderful young people who have been a credit to the Academy throughout their time here."

Mark Smith
Head of School



Students and families celebrate ROA Day



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Students, inspired by find from 1947, prepare a new time capsule

Time Capsule

Academy students are busy preparing items to bury in the new time capsule. After the recent discovery of the 1947 time capsule it was fantastic to invite back into the Academy Doug Cole, who planted the original capsule, and Tony Brewer, the son of Colin Brewer, who also buried items 70 years ago. A video was produced that documents the discovery and can be found at the bottom of the Academy website.



Easter Showcase

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The Faculty of Creative Arts put together an array of fantastic performances at their annual Easter Showcase. Performances were given from a range of key stages and included extracts from 'Blood Brothers' and 'Teachers', together with a mixture of exceptional musical talent. This is a real highlight of the year and we are already looking forward to the next one.

Devon & Cornwall Police Awards Ceremony

We are very proud of two of our students, Ryan and Daniel Christer, who were given a standing ovation and commendations from Superintendent Carey, for services to the community at the Devon & Cornwall Police Awards.



Ryan and Daniel Christer receive award at the Devon & Cornwall Police Awards

Torbay Festival of Performing Arts



Festival of Performing Arts

Paignton Academy students shone once again at the Torbay Festival of Performing Arts. The Academy band created an upbeat performance of Bastille/Marshmello's hit song Happier. The band also gave an uplifting rendition of the classic song by Brian Adams – Summer of '69, showcasing their exceptional versatility and talent as a group.

Organised by Torbay Music Service, the event gave individuals and schools across Torbay the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in a professional setting. The evening was a resounding success for both students and audience alike.

Construction Students

Year 10 Construction trainees are practising their bricklaying skills by attempting their first brick wall (a brick pyramid) which is part of their BTEC L2 Construction course.

Students enjoyed developing their skills in the new bespoke workshop and were assessed against industry standards by their teacher David O'Connor.

The students will move on to build a block pyramid and lay bricks and blocks to a line in order to help them to complete their assessment which is a brick and block cavity wall.



Construction students practising their bricklaying skills



Year 10 students with their working model of a drainage basin

Geography Students Create Working Model

As part of a voluntary home learning project over the Easter holidays, Joe Ruocco and Jess Bowkett created the working model of a drainage basin, pictured, which is over 1m sq! Joe constructed and created the electronics, whilst Jess brought it to life with acrylic paints and accurate geographical feature labels. Mrs Smerdon, their Geography teacher, was extremely proud of the students and their final outcome.

Year 11 Engineers

All our Level 2 Engineers completed a research module and have passed an examination testing their Computer Aided Design skills at Pass, Merit or Distinction Levels.

Pictured is Marcus Coombes who, in order to produce the desktop lamp, had to develop his skills in metal drilling, turning and milling, high temperature metal casting and electronic circuit soldering. The steel rose was fabricated using traditional cold and hot metal working techniques, with a hand turned and finished wooden vase.

Examples of work by Dejay Bolton, Oscar Williams and Blake Neal are also pictured.

Congratulations go to all of our Young Engineers, some of whom are going onto higher Engineering courses at South Devon College.

GCSE Art Students Exhibit Work



Year 11 engineers complete module



The Great Paignton Bake-off Winners

The last round of the Great Paignton Bake-off has now been completed with some really impressive and delicious entries! This competition was open to both staff and students and Mrs Partridge, who organised the event, is pleased to announce the winners for each round:

Round 1: Fairy Cakes

Student Winner: Matthew Thompson Staff Winner: Mrs Lord

Round 2: Victoria Sponges

Student Winner: Alicia James Staff Winner: Mrs Lord

Round 3: Your Masterpiece

Student Winner: Alicia James Staff Winner: Mr Francis

We clearly have some very talented bakers at the Academy!



A winning cake in the Great Paignton Bake-off

Torbay Apprenticeships Fair

Year 11 leavers and their parents are warmly invited to attend the first Torbay Apprenticeships Fair on Wednesday 10th July, from 2.00pm until 7.00pm at the Riviera International Conference Centre. The free event is being delivered for Torbay by TDA, in partnership with Devon & Cornwall Training Provider Network, Heart of the South West LEP Careers Hub, South Devon College, Torbay Business Network and Serco.

IT Apprenticeship Opportunity

Greymatter, a software company in Ashburton, is looking for students that have finished their GCSEs or A levels and love computers!

The company has 2 Apprenticeship placements starting in September and are looking for exciting individuals that would like to learn and grow within their established team. Check Paignton Academy website for more details.

DIARY CHANGE - MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

To mark the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day, the first Bank Holiday in May 2020 has been changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May.

Please make a note that Monday 4th May will be a normal school day, but that the Academy will be closed on Friday 8th May.

PEDAL MUMS

Torbay Council has recently started a term-time programme called Pedal Mums. This is a Thursday morning term-time bike ride at Torbay Velopark for mums and the cost is only £2.75 to include FREE bike and helmet hire. For those with smaller children baby trailers are available for free hire as well. Booking is essential. Follow the link below for all the details.

www.facebook.com/PedalTorbay/ www.torbay.gov.uk/pedal

Accelerated Reader

Our Word Millionaires

Well done to the following pupils who have become Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires this academic year:

Alicia James Year 7 - 2,960,203

William Horn Year 7 - 2,183,304

Olivia Hoskin Year 8 - 2,078,357

Jack Dorothy Year 9 - 1,889,398

Jake Bonnett Year 8 - 1,858,928

Liam Mair Year 8 - 1,661,326

Kaci Bates Year 8 - 1,638,837

Luke Dent Year 8 - 1,462,900

Sophie Martin Year 7 - 1,284,422

Georgia Nicette Year 9 - 1,233,383

Benjamin James Year 7 - 1,224,616

Joshua Warren Year 9 - 1,222,968

Jema Soby Year 9 - 1,198,413

Scarlett Horn Year 7 - 1,129,007

Harvey Hooton Year 7 - 1,105,630

The whole of Key Stage 3 have read 9,492 books and 185,442,327 words between them since September.

Can all Library books please be returned to the Academy before Friday 5th July. This will enable us to check our book stock so we have suitable books for both Key Stage 3 and 4 at Borough Road and Waterleat Road libraries for September.

Primary Festivals

“This is the first time we have run a festival for children of this age and it has been one of the best! The sports leaders have demonstrated tremendous courage, enthusiasm and teamwork today, which have resulted in this superb festival”

John Julyan
Cluster Development Manager

Never Too Young to Have Fun!

The Academy welcomed over 200 Reception aged children to a multi-skills festival, led by a team of young sports leaders, who had taken part in an after-school training event led by Mr Julyan.

The children took part in a whole host of different activities that focused on agility, balance, coordination, teamwork, problem solving and resilience. The children had an amazing time throwing, catching, dodging, jumping, running and even hiding!

The event has now been established as a regular fixture on the festival calendar and will take place again next year.



Reception children enjoy multi-skills festival



Young sports leaders lead the reception children in the multi-skills festival

Other Primary Festivals Held at the Academy



420 Key Stage 2 children have taken part in the Outdoor Education (indoors!) festival at the Academy



Academy sports leaders help children from Years 1 and 2 'aim high' in the Basketball festival at the Academy



200 children from Years 3 and 4 enjoy Kwik Cricket festival



210 children from Years 5 and 6 enjoy Rounders festival



Students on Holland football tour

Years 7 and 10 Students 'Go Dutch' on Holland Football Tour

After a busy weekend of travelling and football, students managed to attend the awards ceremony on the morning of their return.

Players' Player of the Tournament

U12s – Alex Veysey

U15s – Sam Lamburn

Managers' Player of the Tournament

U12 – Ashton Ballard

U15 – Oliver Groves

Huge thanks go to all of the sponsors who provided very generous donations to support the funding of the teams' new playing kit and training gear; to all parents who supported the boys along the way; and to all of the players who represented the Academy superbly across the weekend, both on and off the pitch.



U13 girls' football team reach Devon finals



Students set off for Holland on football tour



Jenny Sinclair has been chosen to represent Devon at the Scouts National Shooting Championships in Wolverhampton.



Joel Thompson in Year 9 wins silver medal in the 1500m at the Devon Athletics Championships at Exeter Arena

Sports News



Freddie Hulance and Ben Armstrong, Year 7, make it to the finals of the UI2s Shield with Torquay Utd



Olivia Hayes, Year 7, achieved 3rd place on Dusk in the Dartmoor Ponies class and 5th place on Foxy in the Welsh Section B class at the Devon County Show



Year 9 students attend inspiring Sports Masterclass at Marjons



Congratulations to the 35-mile and 45-mile Ten Tors teams on successfully completing the course.



Year 11 football team reach South Devon final



Harlie Aitken-Smith and Sophie Butt (both pictured) along with Cloe Connor pick up trophies at Paignton Rugby Club

Student of the Month

FEBRUARY 2019

Paige Prior Year 7	Paige works exceptionally well in Drama, making exceptional progress. She has even overcome fears of performing in front of others.
Abigail Barker Year 8	Abigail's effort in Science lessons is always brilliant, but it is her home learning that really makes her stand out. The time and effort Abigail puts into each task is outstanding.
Alice Portch-Bowers Year 9	Alice has recently become a Princess Diana Anti Bullying Ambassador. Within less than a week she has put this training into action.
Caitlyn Washbrook Year 10	Caitlyn amazed me with her result in her PPE in Geography this month, achieving a grade 7, two grades above her target. She has done this through hard work and determination.
Monay Dunn Year 11	Monay's attitude to Maths has significantly improved and this has helped her to show progress at the right time of her studies. Her effort should be commended.

APRIL 2019

Freddie Hulance Year 7	Freddie has grown into a really polite and helpful young man, helping and encouraging others around school and is being supportive at home.
Tom Needs Year 8	Tom worked very hard on completing his Bronze Crest Award and has now gained his Silver Award on first submission of his project which this Academy has never achieved before.
Hayley Howard Year 9	Hayley has achieved two grades above target in a recent Geography assessment and has worked hard despite numerous external pressures.
Zuzanna Walesa Year 10	Zuzanna always puts 100% into her work in English and always tries her best even when she finds the work difficult. If she keeps trying her best she will improve further.
Eloise Taylor Year 11	Eloise has worked tirelessly in history lately, in both class and at home. The hard work she is putting in makes her target grade closer to achieve. (Eloise was also nominated by her English teacher for her attitude).

MARCH 2019

Charls Brucal Sampayan Year 7	Charls is an absolute delight to teach. He's a little quiet, but is beginning to come out of his shell now. He is polite, helpful and diligent.
Marley Vickery Year 8	Marley has made a really positive improvement in Computer Science being very successful with his recent Dungeons and Dragons programming.
Isabel Julian Year 9	Isabel is producing unforgettable work in Art and Design. She works really hard and the skill and talent she shows in her artwork is amazing.
Charlie Insch Year 10	Charlie went out of his way to help me set up for a recent Parents' Evening. It was delightful that a student was so well mannered and helpful. A true gentleman.
Harrison Grainger Year 11	Harrison has exceeded his Geography target on his PPE. I'm not sure who was more pleased - Harrison or myself? Well done!

MAY 2019

Mia Widdicombe Year 7	Mia has shown a real commitment to her studies and has progressed from working towards her target to above target in 3 subjects.
Aaron Ayshford Year 8	Aaron is very conscientious and always highly motivated. In class he sometimes struggles to understand complex concepts but always goes the extra mile to further his understanding.
Trinity Richardson Year 9	Trinity has been a huge asset to the Music Department this term. She has prepared songs to teach and led the Key Stage 3 choir.
Chloe Huxter Year 10	Having Chloe in my form is like having a whirlwind sometimes - so much energy and enthusiasm! However, Chloe brightens my day with her 'stories'. She is a pleasure to be around.