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Believe and Achieve

*Merry
Christmas*

STUDENT SENIOR TEAM APPOINTED

We are thrilled to introduce you to our Student Senior Team for this academic year. All students performed brilliantly in the interview process to decide our Academy Head Boy and Head Girl. We were delighted to receive so many strong applications, it was an extremely competitive process and the closest decision in many years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13-17 Jan	Year 9 Exams
5 Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10-14 Feb	Year 11 Exams
17-21 Feb	Half Term
5 March	Year 9 Options Evening
9-13 March	Year 10 Exams
11 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening (Borough Road)
17 March	D of E Bronze Meeting
18 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening (Waterleat Road)
27 March	Last Day of Term
14 April	First Day of Summer Term



Left to Right - Senior Prefects: Chloe Huxter, Emily Sibley, Molly Dunn (Deputy Head Girl), Elise Pulham (Head Girl), John Welch (Head Boy), Joe Ruocco (Deputy Head Boy), Harley Mayes and Harry Jones

"I want to support the students in the upcoming terms, I will make my role more visible to allow all students to clearly see me as someone they can talk to if they need support or guidance, without hesitation."

Elise Pulham
Head Girl

"I will be sure to bring a welcoming atmosphere to the Academy as well as try my hardest to help all the students succeed."

John Welch
Head Boy



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Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday in November, the Head Boy and Head Girl were joined by students from Kings Ash Academy and Curledge Street Academy to lay a wreath at the war memorial in Palace Avenue.

The ceremony followed a service at Paignton Parish Church conducted by Trust member Roger Carlton.

Year 10 Visit to Marjons

Year 10 students attended a workshop at Marjons University. Following a design brief, their creativity and dexterity was certainly challenged when using the soldering kits and having to pitch to an audience their product's unique selling points. It was an interesting day which encouraged students to consider the opportunities available to them.

Paralympic Athlete Visits Academy

David Hill is a renowned paralympic athlete who has represented Great Britain in swimming and, more recently, in triathlon at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

David is a World and European medallist, British Champion and was Team GB's youngest athlete at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens.

David spent the day working with five talented sports leaders, as part of a new project at the Academy. The project will use physical activity as a way to improve the confidence, self-esteem and activity levels of students at the Academy.

"We've known for a long time that physical activity can be a fun way to help to relieve stress and also develop leadership and social skills. We are convinced that this project will have a really positive impact on our students."

John Julian
Cluster Development
Manager



David Hill, paralympic athlete, visits the Academy

Paignton Academy Takes Part in the UK's Largest Youth Consultation

Paignton once again took part in this year's 'Make Your Mark' ballot, the largest consultation of young people in the country. Topics this year included: the environment, votes at 16, hate crime, refugees, mental health and knife crime. The top five topics voted for by ballot would have been discussed by Members of Youth Parliament in their November debate.

Make Your Mark





French Breakfast for Year 7!

At the end of the summer term, the French department offered Year 7 the opportunity to sample a French breakfast. The students had the chance to try croissants, pains au chocolat and brioches which, needless to say, caused much excitement. For many of them, the food on offer was a new experience which they really enjoyed!

Many thanks to Morrisons and Sainsbury's for supporting us in this venture.



French Theatre visits Academy



Year 7 enjoy a French breakfast



French ambassadors at Curledge Street Academy

Libraries Become the Heart of the Academy



The library is a central part of Academy life, so please feel free to encourage your son/daughter to come and use these excellent facilities.

As well as using the library to support their studies, students can enjoy socialising with friends over a selection of board games and jigsaws.

The libraries on both sites are open for Breakfast Club before school as well as at break times, lunchtimes and after school.

A member of staff is available to help, guide and support students with: selecting books, helping with Knowledge Organisers, supporting homework or any other learning tasks. Students also have access to computers and printing.



French Ambassadors go to Curledge Street Academy



Five of our Year 7 students spent an afternoon at Curledge Street Academy, working with 60 Year 6 pupils. The aim was for the Year 7 students to demonstrate the importance of learning foreign languages, pass on their tips and tricks for successful language learning and inspire the Year 6 pupils.

By the end of the afternoon, the Year 6 pupils had picked up a wealth of language learning tips, and remembered various animals in French. Many commented that learning a foreign language was fun and easy!



Year 7 Sponsored Walk

In the summer, 150 Year 7 students took part in a sponsored walk from Waterleat Road to Broadsands and back. The walk was to raise funds for children caught up in child poverty and humanitarian crises overseas and was organised by local charity, 'Events and Stuff South West Charitable Trust'.

The Academy is very proud of those students who participated in the event on an extremely hot day. Their behaviour was exemplary, as commented on by members of the public.



Year 7 sponsored walk to Broadsands

Mental Health Awareness Day

In October the Academy held a non-uniform day to raise funds for Mental Health Awareness. Throughout the week mental health was the focus for PSHE lessons, assemblies and form discussion.

The Academy raised an impressive £116.23 which was divided between The Grey Dog Trust and the Shoe Box Appeal.

Shoe Box Appeal

The Academy enjoyed great success for its annual 'Shoe Box Appeal' which ran throughout October and November. Students invested a lot of time and effort collecting small gifts to be sent to children who are affected by war or extreme poverty and who would otherwise not receive presents at Christmas.



Cloe Conquers Charity Challenge!

In September, Elberry student, Cloe Connor, completed the 16 Bridges 25K London walking challenge.

Cloe completed the challenge with her mum and in the process raised over £400 for Children with Cancer UK. The Academy would like to congratulate Cloe on such a fantastic achievement.

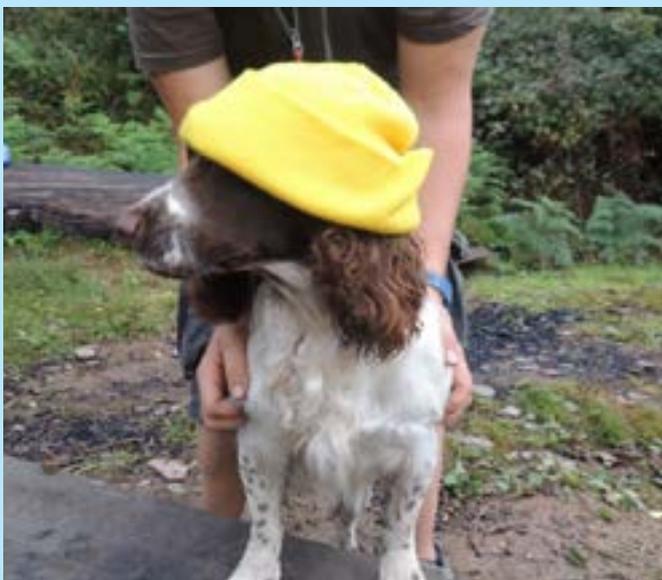


Cloe Connor completes London walking challenge

Freshers' Camp

As part of the Year 7 transition programme, students are able to take part in our Year 7 camp. Students sleep overnight in a remote woodland taking part in bushcraft activities, canoeing and problem-solving tasks. This enables students to challenge themselves and get to know their new peers as they start their journey at Paignton Academy.

The camps for our latest Year 7 groups were successful and enjoyable, as you can see from the following photos!





Work Experience 2019

At Paignton Academy we know how important it is to develop students' employment skills and prepare them for their futures. As part of this process our Year 11 students are given the opportunity to participate in work experience placements for a week in December.

Following an application process, students were asked to find their own placement. Well over 100 students went out to various local and national employers from the 9th to 13th December.



Year 9 Careers Day

Just before the October half term all Year 9 students participated in a Drop-down Careers event where lessons were suspended for a day.

An action-packed day began with an inspirational and uplifting keynote presentation by Stephen Seki which was very well received by students and staff alike. Year 9 students then took part in a range of career-based activities which included topics such as Apprenticeships and Student Life. Local businesses and higher education representatives gave the students information and advice about their future choices.

UK Parliament Assemblies and Workshops

A Senior Education and Engagement Officer from Parliament visited the Academy earlier in the year to deliver an assembly to Year 10 students on the working of Parliament. He then ran workshops focused around a Commons-style debate, discussing topics like school uniform and taxes on high calorie 'junk food'.

The students found the day informative and interesting – it gave them a taste of what happens in Westminster on a daily basis.

For information on how young people can visit Parliament for free visit this link: <https://ukparliament.seetickets.com>



Next Steps South West (NSSW Project)

For a number of years, the Academy has worked on a project that offers activities which engage our students with higher education providers within the South West. Preparing students for their future career aspirations is a focus of the Academy. With the ever-changing world our young people need to have up to date knowledge, relevant skills and education levels to compete for the top-level jobs.

For more information on the project and its aims log onto:

<https://nextstepssw.ac.uk/>

Post 16 Open Events

It's time to think about your future. Many 6th Forms across the Bay and local further education colleges are offering times to visit.

Year 11 guidance interviews and assemblies will be taking place during December and January. For more information about choices at Post 16 log onto:

<https://careers.paigntonacademy.org/>



Royal Marines visit the Academy



We welcomed the Royal Marines into the Academy to work with Year 9 students. It was an exciting day filled with lots of motivational exercises, team building and fun. Students were set a variety of hands-on challenges and worked well together to find solutions to the problems that they were set. The final part of the day concluded with a presentation on life in the services and what a Royal Marine does. For further information log onto:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/the-fighting-arms/royal-marines/>



For further information about the careers service that we offer please visit:

<https://careers.paigntonacademy.org/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS DON'T MISS OUT!

Did you know that registering your child for Free School Meals means that the Academy gets extra money? The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium' and is used to support the learning of your child.

Who qualifies?

Parents/guardians who receive any of the following benefits are entitled to Free School Meals. Children who receive these benefits in their own right are also entitled:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit and with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190

Claiming for Free School Meals will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you meet the above criteria, go to <https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> to complete your application.



ACCELERATED READING

Key Stage 3 pupils have read and passed the Accelerated Reader Quiz on 1,532 books which is 30,531,706 words read between them so far this academic year.

Our first AR Word Millionaire of the year is Liam Mair from Year 9. Well done Liam.

All Key Stage 3 pupils take part in the AR scheme and should be reading their AR book for 20 to 30 minutes five times a week.

There are over 32,000 books on the scheme and you can check if a book is part of AR by going to www.arbookfind.co.uk

Sporting Achievements



Ella-Louise enjoys success in gymnastics

Gymnastic Success for Ella-Louise

Ella-Louise Rivers, Year 8, came 2nd on the vault, 1st on the beam and overall 1st in the 'Gymstars International' gymnastics competition in Malta. She and her team also took 3rd place against 25 teams from all over the world.



Brandon-Lee Rivers qualifies for National Finals

Katelyn Becomes National Champion

Katelyn Buswell became the 2019 NBTA National Baton Twirling Champion for her age group. Taking part in the national finals she finished top of the leader board and took the national title.



Katelyn Buswell
NBTA Baton Twirling Champion

Abi is British Champion!



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Abi Martin, Year 7, was crowned British champion at the National Championships last month!

Brandon Wins Bronze

Goodrington student, Brandon, continues to perform at the highest level in gymnastics.

He recently competed in the National Finals and won a bronze medal with the South West Team, which finished third overall.

As an individual, Brandon was placed 16th in Great Britain! This was in a competition that had 55 competitors.



Neo Judge, Year 9, wins his second bout for Torbay Amateur Boxing Club



Sporting Achievements

Tae Kwon-Do Success

Charlie Pickering from Year 7 competed at the Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain - Southern Championships. She won a silver medal in Tae Kwon-Do patterns, a bronze medal in the individual sparring and a silver medal in team sparring.

The next challenge for Charlie is her black belt grading.



Charlie Pickering wins silver in Tae Kwon-Do



Cody is MX marvel

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Congratulations to Cody Sharpe, Elberry, who took part in the South West Motocross Club 2019 championships and came an amazing 3rd in the 85 big wheel category!



Sporting Success for Olivia

Olivia Hayes continues to perform to a very high level across a range of sports and disciplines.

She narrowly missed qualifying for the Nationals in pistol shooting,

A recent member of Torbay Athletics Club, Olivia has been asked to represent Devon following successful competitions in the 100 and 200 metres. She has also been awarded the club's 'Most Promising Junior' award!

Devon Team Success for Harriette Lewcock



Devon swimming success

Broadsands student, Harriette Lewcock, was a member of the Devon team as they sealed their first-ever National County Team Championships crown to end Yorkshire's three-year reign as Division One title holders at Sheffield's Ponds Forge.

"Winning, for me personally, is a great result. We said in our team meeting last night that we should just go have some fun, race hard and it's worked."

Glen Currie,
Devon Coach

Sport



Year 7 rugby team



Year 7 netball team



Year 9 football team



Cross country champs

Sport and Other News



Year 10 rugby 7s



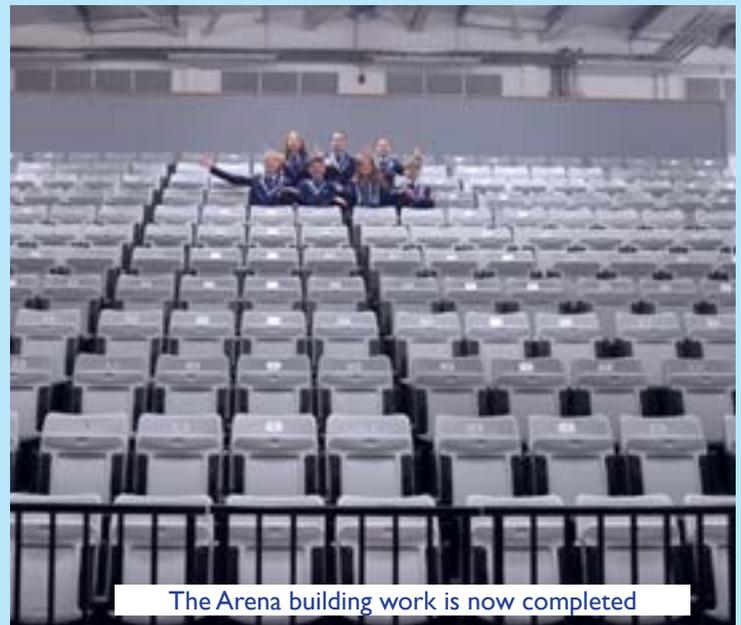
Year 10 football team



Year 10 netball team



Year 7 Talent Show



The Arena building work is now completed

Student of the Month

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Alexis Hunter Year 7	Alexis is such a fantastic student. She always asks sensible questions to try and further her learning and her punctuality and helpfulness make her a pleasure to have in the class.	Carly Woodward Year 9	Carly received two nominations! Both nominations reflected her commitment, determination, hard work and talent.
Kasey Pottinger Year 8	Kasey is a very diligent student. She always catches up on any work missed, and asks sensible questions during discussions. She is polite, quiet, and always ready to help others; a lovely member of the group.	Kaitlyn Maie Osborn Year 10	Kaitlyn has been progressively improving in Science down purely to hard work and perseverance. She is never afraid to ask for help, and is always the last person in class to close her book shut.

SEPTEMBER 2019

	WATERLEAT ROAD	BOROUGH ROAD
BROADSANDS	Xena Davies - 8WB1 Xena volunteered to perform at the year 7 assembly. She worked hard to ensure that she could play to a high standard showing commitment and discipline.	Poppy Bodwell - 11GB1 Poppy continues to impress. She must be one of, if not the most hard-working student in the school. She is polite, diligent and calmly determined to succeed. "You are a fantastic role-model. Keep going, Poppy."
ELBERRY	Emily Nash - 10WE2 Emily has received two nominations commending her attitude to work which she always completes to a high standard.	Josh Hackman - 10BE1 Josh works really hard, has an excellent attitude to learning and is trying to push himself and complete extension work.
GOODRINGTON	Alfie Baker - 10WGI Alfie has worked really hard in lessons and has conducted copious amounts of independent research in her own time to further her knowledge and help improve her written work. Incredible attitude!	Sindy Lu - 10BG1 Sindy is a hard-working, deep-thinking student with an incredible attitude and an incredible curiosity for learning. She is consistently polite and kind, offering fantastic answers in class which raise the standards of the class she shares it with.

OCTOBER 2019

	WATERLEAT ROAD	BOROUGH ROAD
BROADSANDS	Alfie Howe - 7WB2 Alfie is wonderfully helpful every single lesson, always enthusiastic and keen to contribute to class discussions and feedback.	Gracie Gerrish - 11PB1 Gracie is really working hard in lessons and her attitude to learning and focus has improved significantly since the start of term.
ELBERRY	Jai Mulcahy - 10WE Jai received three nominations. He was commended for being eager to learn, self-motivated, respectful and a delight to work with. Also for his empathy and help for students who are nervous or struggling.	Savanna Sozzi - 8BE1 Savanna helped the Science Faculty during Open Evening, during which she showed great maturity. She is able to perform experiments above her year group and understands what is happening and why.
GOODRINGTON	Mckenzie Burton - 9GG1 Since joining the Academy, Mckenzie has made a really positive start. He has shown a great work ethic during his lessons, is polite, well-mannered and I am hoping this well-deserved award will boost his confidence more in the Academy and in his social life. Great start – well done!	Josh Howard - 11PG2 Josh's attitude to learning has really improved and he is now engaged, wanting to learn, completing ALL tasks to the best of his ability and acts on feedback. Josh is worthy of this award as changing your attitude to learning requires effort and hard work and his Geography teacher is very proud of him.