

Welcome

It has been another busy week at Paignton Academy. Firstly, our Year 9s have started their exams. These are really important events which not only get our pupils into the habit of experiencing a formal examinations setting, which is vital for making sure that the examination rules at GCSE are followed at the end of Year 11, but also as key information to help them decide what options they should take for Key Stage 4 which best helps them achieve the highest possible grade. Secondly, we continue to ensure that our pupils experience a wealth of extra-curricular and sporting activities as part of their school experience. Finally, we are also gearing up for the opening night of this year's Academy production of Matilda Jr. Our Creative Arts department always puts on a truly outstanding show and we are blessed this year with an enormous take-up from our pupils. This will be a genuinely memorable experience and I encourage parents, guardians and pupils to book tickets for these shows! Wishing you a great weekend as always, Mr Williams

Matilda Jr. The Musical

The faculty of Creative Arts would like to invite you to this year's much anticipated Academy musical - Matilda Jr.! The students and staff have been working very hard and are so excited to showcase our wonderful students' talents!

We are asking for lots of support from parents/guardians, pupils, governors, friends of the Academy and the wider community as well as local primary schools!

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased via the ParentPay shop (Please see the link below):

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=766>

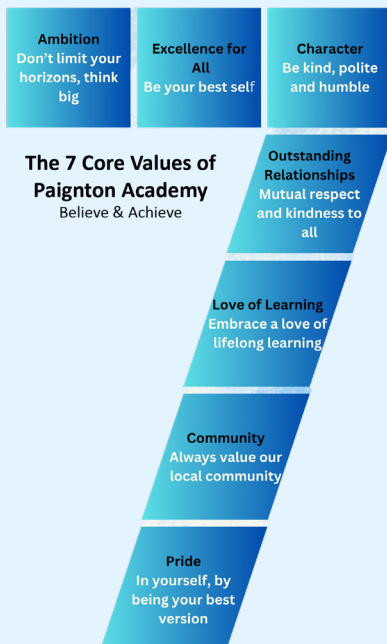
Performances take place in the Arena at Borough Road, as follows:

Weds 20th, Thurs 21st and Fri 22nd March at 7pm

We'd love to see you there!



End of Term Celebration and Reward Assemblies



Before Christmas we celebrated our Believe & Achieve 7 Core Values with all of our students in Year group assemblies.

At the heart of these assemblies was #ambition and sharing genuine joy and success with our pupils.

During the end of term assemblies, we awarded over 1300 certificates, for achievements such as Scientist of the Month, Tutor Awards, Uniform Awards, Subject Excellent Awards, Most Improved Attendance Awards, 100% Attendance badges and certificates, Attitude to Learning certificates, Skip the Dinner Queue (Golden Ticket reward) £10 Amazon Vouchers (Golden Ticket reward) and 25 Golden Ticket Grand Prizes!

We are immensely proud of our students and love to celebrate and acknowledge all their hard work.



Online Safety Hub Webinar

Diary Date!

The Thinking School Academy Trust and Smoothwall have created a new free Online Safety Hub for parents and guardians, to help you manage your child's safety online. With children growing up in an increasingly online world it is vital we do all we can to support and guide their digital journey.

On the 29th January, we have organised a webinar for all parents which will introduce them to the Online Safety Hub as well as share hints, tips and activities to support their children in the online world. A letter has been emailed, along with this newsletter, with details of how to register for the webinar.

Please do register your interest for this!

Under 13 Girls Cricket Tournament

The Under 13 Girls' Cricket Team recently competed in a regional tournament finishing an impressive 3rd! Huge effort was demonstrated by all of our players.

The team defeated Kingsbridge Community College, South Dartmoor Community College and Teign School, losing only one game narrowly to Churston Ferrers Grammar School.

The girls showed a lot of spirit and promise and, as the majority of the team were Year 7 students, this bodes well for next year. A huge well done to all our talented players!



Year 8 Netball End of Season Netball Tournament



We're sure our players will agree that this was a fabulous Year 8 end of season tournament!

Our Year 8 netballers finished 3rd out of 14 teams, which is an amazing achievement as many of our players were playing up a year group!

Well done to Sophie and the whole team - we are proud of you!

"The girls were a pleasure to coach and represented the Academy with great sporting attitude and teamwork. The Captains for the tournament were Lilly and Sophie. Sophie shone in defence and attack, helped her teammates all through the court and is my coach's Player of the Tournament."

Ann, Y8 Netball Coach

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Activities

Our Spring term extra-curricular activities are now up and running across both sites! There is a large variety of clubs available from sports clubs to creative writing!

Click the link below to find the Spring term club lists:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15Zmc7BTDOgV7YcbFH2c3-Qia0kDPh4Cy?fbclid=IwAR3ioiW0_kcsu5itRId2tVhzutm_mLJHZRZvjVzYlV_E_GJUmCSA7SUEQcMY

Remember, AFTER SCHOOL clubs are open to ALL students on BOTH sites! We look forward to seeing as many students as possible attend clubs across the Academy.

Dates for Your Diary

Year 8	Parents' Evening	22/02/24
Year 9	Exam results sent home	07/02/24
	Parents' Evening	08/02/24
	Options booking opens	19/02/24