

Welcome

It has been another busy week (and half term!) at Paignton Academy. A particular highlight this week was meeting our wonderful and newly formed Academy Council. The students that have been appointed are a total credit to themselves, their families and our community and they all spoke very eloquently on their ideas for further school improvement. Our new Trust (TSAT) rightly gives student leadership a very high profile and our senior student leaders will go on to represent the school in the regional leadership forums next term. Another highlight this week was the first win for our newly formed Basketball team. A huge thanks to Mr Rodgers for leading on this. May I wish all of our community a peaceful and relaxing half term break and I look forward to welcoming students back again for the start of the second half of the Spring term on Monday 19th February, *Mr Williams*

Year 7 Home Learning!

Year 7's flipped learning task for this half term was to create a 3D model of a cell.

The work submitted has been incredibly creative and shows an excellent level of knowledge.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 7.



Jocelyn Plays the Lead!

We are very proud to announce that Year 10 pupil, Jocelyn, will be playing the lead part of King Oberon, King of Fairies in the play A Midsummer Night's Dream with the drama group DYPT Seniors.

You will be able to see Jocelyn perform on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February 2024 at the The Little Theatre

Jocelyn has been working very hard in rehearsals and is showing great confidence playing her character.

Paignton Academy would like to congratulate Jocelyn and wish her the best of luck with her performances!



Year 10 Basketball Win!

Despite a diminished squad, the Year 10 team got their first win of the year, winning against St Cuthbert Mayne.

Mario's score tally was in double figures and strong performances were also given by Sam, Olly, Sol, Jack and Lewis.

The team continue to build on their confidence and we look forward to them making another run at the national competition next year!



Girls' Football



Our Year 8 and 9 Girls' football team played together as a team for the first time this year in their first Central Venue tournament.

Congratulations to them on a successful evening winning 2 out of their 4 matches and drawing another.

Well done on an impressive team performance!



Devon Swimming Championships

We are extremely proud of all the students who qualified to enter the recent annual Devon Swimming Championships in Plymouth.

The Paignton Academy Devon Swimmers pictured are Eva & Mia from Brixham Swimming Club; and Gethin, Harley, Oliver, Max, Heidi and Scarlett from Paignton Swimming Club.

We would specifically like to congratulate Mia for swimming PBs in every race, Eva on a silver medal in the 100m Backstroke, Oliver and Heidi for silver in the 200m Butterfly, Harley for his silver medal in the Breaststroke and Max who

came away with an incredibly impressive 4 silver and 4 bronze medals.

Impressively, Eva, Heidi, Scarlett, Max, Oliver & Harley have all now reached a qualification time for the South West Regional Championships.



Form Captains Appointed!



Last week we were delighted to meet with our newly appointed Form Captains for the first time; the students set out our priorities and the direction of our collaborative efforts in school.

Meetings were held on both sites and joined by Mr Williams; it was fantastic to speak with a representative from every tutor group.

Tesco Stronger Together

Stronger TESCO Starts
Every little helps

We'd like to remind you that Paignton Academy's **Duke of Edinburgh** scheme has been

successful in applying for the **Tesco Stronger Starts** grant. This is the system that allows you to place blue plastic coins into a box every time you shop at Tesco and so to vote for the community project that you would like to receive a grant from Tesco.

Voting is open until the end of March 2024 and will be in the following stores:

Torquay - Babbacombe Road, Barton, Torquay Express, Fleet Street, Lymington

Paignton - Torquay Road, Victoria Street

Brixham - Brixham Express

It would be amazing if you could show your support by voting for our school. The first prize for the grant is £1500 which we would put towards new equipment, especially tents, for our students who take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As always, thank you to all our parents / guardians and the wider community for your continued support.

Happy voting!



Academy Council

This week our Academy Council also met. Year 11 students and representatives from the Form Captains come together to make further plans and suggestions.

We are very excited to be growing our use of student voice.

Student voice means a whole-school commitment to listening to the views, wishes and experiences of our young people. This all works towards helping to build confidence and prepare our young people for their future and personal development.

Reminder! Year 8 Parents' Evening 22nd February

Dates for Your Diary

Year 7	Parents' Evening	27/03/24
Year 8	Parents' Evening	22/02/24
Year 9	Options booking opens	19/02/24
Year 11	Exams	28/02/24 - 09/03/24
All years	Academy Show - Matilda Jr	20/03/24 - 22/03/24