

## Welcome

It has been another busy week at Paignton Academy. A big thank you to the huge number of parents/guardians and pupils who attended the Year 8 Parents' Evening last night. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout for the evening.

Please see below a selection of some of the events that have been taking place at the Academy this week.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend, *Mr Williams*

## Year 10 Design and Technology

Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology students have been developing their CAD skills to create prototypes using the brand new laser cutter.



Working quickly during one lesson students researched and designed a phone stand that could be batch produced in 3mm laser plywood!

Year 10 students will be using the laser cutter to create their own electronic products after the half term break.

Any Key Stage 3 students interested in learning how to create their own products in this way should come join the D&T club on a Wednesday lunchtime.

## Year 7 Science

Year 7 students created some amazing models of animal and plant cells for their homework last term.

This has really helped students understand the different organelles in cells, whilst allowing them to get creative!



## Year 10 Drama

Devising Discovery Platform - students studying GCSE Drama took part in a series of outreach workshops 'Devising from Scratch' over the last two weeks. These workshops were led by visiting artists from Doorstep Arts in collaboration with Exeter University and the Northcott Theatre.



The students now have the opportunity to perform in the Devising Discovery Platform at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter. This platform brings together students from performing arts programmes across South Devon to perform on a professional stage.

Students spend a Saturday in the drama studios at the University of Exeter rehearsing their piece and meeting other secondary students from across Devon. They then take over the Exeter Northcott Theatre and perform for each other.



The day is fully supported by the University of Exeter Drama Department and an acclaimed group of visiting Lead Artists. Thank you Doorstep Arts.

## Year 10 Work Experience Assembly

Scott Thomas, an ex-student and Sales and Operations Manager, from Inter-Line Building Supplies, joined our Year 10 Work Experience assemblies. Scott highlighted an employer's expectations of students who attend placements and gave an interesting insight into the construction industry. Thank you so much for joining us Scott!

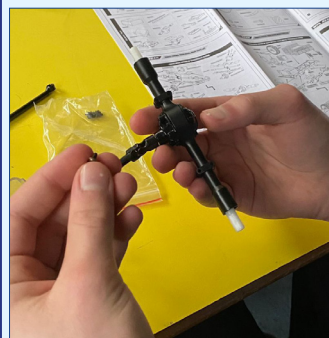
This is an exciting year as we relaunch our Year 10 work experience programme in July. We hope to see lots of our Year 10 students gaining 'real world' experience and understanding how organisations operate, as well as working with different people and enjoying doing something new and interesting.



## Year 10 Food - Valentine Meal

This week Year 10 Food students were given the challenge of preparing and cooking two dishes for the theme "Valentine's Day".

The chosen dishes were fajitas and heart shaped cookies which were beautifully decorated. The food looked and smelt amazing! Well done Year 10s!



## Design & Technology RC Car Kits!

The Design and Technology Club received an exciting delivery this week of 'build your own' RC car kits.

The club worked in small teams to build their own RC cars and will soon be able to test the cars by creating their own challenging landscapes in the workshop as well as putting the cars through their paces on outside terrains, when the weather improves.

Because of the excellent facilities, students will also be able to create modifications to improve the cars, using the 3D printers, CNC vinyl sticker cutter and metalwork skills. A huge thanks to Rob (our Technician) for creating this fantastic opportunity for our learners.

Any students who are interested in learning more practical skills and getting involved in building RC cars should attend the DT club on a Wednesday lunchtime or speak to Mrs Cooper or Rob for more details.

## Exeter College Academic Insights Day

A group of Year 10 students attended an Academic Insights day at Exeter College.

The aim of the event was to inform students of Exeter College's Higher Education opportunities, including A-Level choices and the IB (International Baccalaureate).



## Community Alcohol Partnership

Paignton Academy has recently taken part in the launch of a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in collaboration with other local organisations including Devon and Cornwall police, Sanctuary Housing, Sound Communities, Co-op and Check Point.

This project aims to: Improve young people's understanding of safety around alcohol / Improve young people's understanding of the risks associated with drinking alcohol / Reduce under-age sales within the CAP area / Provide family support / Create positive activities for young people.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact the local CAP adviser Annie - [annie@communityalcoholpartnerships.co.uk](mailto:annie@communityalcoholpartnerships.co.uk)

## Dates for Your Diary

Year 7	Parents' Evening	27/03/24
Year 11	Exams	28/02/24 - 09/03/24
All years	Academy Show - Matilda Jr	20/03/24 - 22/03/24

## Celebrate Rainbow Day

On Thursday we had a rainbow themed day at our Borough Road canteen to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month.

Students enjoyed getting into the spirit of the day and tucking into the wide variety of colourful food.

