

## Welcome

Our Year 11s have now started their final mock exams before the real thing starts in the Summer. I wish all of our Year 11s all the very best in these important examinations.

A particular highlight this week was our inaugural LEAP presentation evening. This is a bespoke programme aimed at our most academically able pupils who have the opportunity to study the Higher Project (equivalent to half a GCSE) in Years 9 and 10 together with taking part in a series of academic enrichment activities. On Tuesday, these pupils presented their projects to members of staff and parents/guardians and it was wonderful to see them speak so eloquently and confidently on their research findings. I therefore want to congratulate all of these pupils on their outstanding work. *Mr Williams*

## Scarlett National Cross-Country Championships

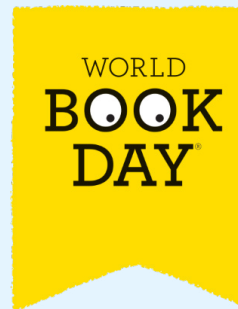
Good luck to Scarlett in Year 9 who will be running in the re-arranged National Cross-Country Championships in Telford in September!

Scarlett has already won the South Devon Championships, came second in the Devon and eighth in the South West.

We are so proud of Scarlett and wish her all the best!



## World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March 2024!

There will be lots of fun activities taking place around the Academy to celebrate and our students will shortly receive book tokens, which they will be able to exchange for a book in their local shops and supermarkets.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details!

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to Alex from the charity Rapaid Emergency Bandages for donating special first aid kits to the The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Alex popped in to pass the kits over and show some of the students how to use the special bandages. This is one gift that we hope will never be used but are very glad that we have.

Duke of Edinburgh students are also planning a cake sale to raise money to kit out some local taxis with some kits too.



## Leap Students' Presentation

The first group of Paignton Academy LEAP students showcased impressive skills by presenting their findings from their higher-level projects.

The group demonstrated dedication and considerable knowledge of a diverse range of subjects.

We are very proud of their hard-work and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating with them and their families.

Special thanks to Dr Phillip Mitchell, Industrial Specialist in Photonics & Microelectronics, for questions that provided stretch and challenge to our young specialists.



## Year 11 Cooking Exam

We are extremely impressed with the cooking skills of our Year 11 students in their final Food practical exam. The preparation and quality of the three-course meals they created from scratch was exceptional, as you can see!



## Netball - Year 7 End of Season Tournament



Two Year 7 teams were taken to the end of season netball tournament. Team A team were the well-deserved winners of the tournament, winning maximum points from their ten matches. Special congratulations to Pollyanna who was the coaches' Player of the Day!

Team B enjoyed a successful tournament considering this was the first time they had played together as a team. They narrowly missed 3rd place! Emily won Player of the Tournament!

Well done to all of the girls!



## Netball - Under 16s End of Season Tournament



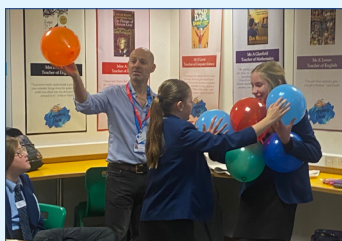
Our under 16 team represented the Academy in the South Devon schools end of season netball tournament. The girls represented themselves and the Academy excellently throughout the day. Despite not having played together before, students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 they had a really successful tournament, finishing fourth overall in the cup. Congratulations girls, with a special mention to Sophie C who won Player of the Tournament!

## Year 11 Exams

The Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations are now well under way. We would like to wish all of our Year 11 students continued good luck with their examinations.

If parents/guardians or students have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Exams Office.

## Mental Health Ambassadors



Our Borough Road Form Captains took part in a Mental Health Ambassador training day lead by the Mental Health Support Team from Children & Family Health Devon. They learnt about what mental health is and how they can help support themselves and others in maintaining a positive mindset.

They are now ready to use the new skills they have learnt in supporting our students every day.

Our Waterleat Form Captains can look forward to the same training this coming Thursday. Thank you to everyone involved.

## Dates for Your Diary

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| Year 7    | Parents' Evening             | 27/03/24               |
| Year 10   | Exams                        | 17/04/24 -<br>26/04/24 |
| Year 11   | Exams                        | 28/02/24 -<br>09/03/24 |
|           | GCSE Exams Start             | 09/05/24               |
| All years | Academy Show -<br>Matilda Jr | 20/03/24 -<br>22/03/24 |