

Welcome

Last week I had the huge pleasure of awarding certificates to all of our pupils who had gained the Young Interpreters Award. This was a programme led by Mrs Rabicano and it was wonderful to see so many of our pupils recognised and rewarded for their great work. A huge thanks to Mrs Rabicano for all of her outstanding work with all of our EAL pupils.

Please see below a round up of our week.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend as always, *Mr Williams.*

Young Farmer!

Last month Year 8 student, Brook, demonstrated his young farming skills by helping to deliver over 250 lambs. Well done Brook, we are so proud of you!



Abi Martin Wins Bronze



We would like to congratulate Abi for winning a Bronze medal at a recent International Competition.

Abi attended the Osijek World Cup in Croatia and was placed 3rd, winning her first World Cup medal!

What an amazing opportunity and a massive well done to Abi who we continue to support and we are very proud of!

Abi is now in training with Team GB preparing for the upcoming European Championships as a reserve, which again is an incredible achievement!



Paignton Students Business Odyssey starts with a win!

Year 10 Business students - Julia, Bailey and Alicia - are embarking on an intense business journey of discovery as they find out what it takes to successfully run a travel agency over the next 5 weeks.

They will take part in the business simulation, run by the International Educational Provider REVAS, against some of the top 6th Form and private colleges from around the UK.

Last week they had a phenomenal result, winning the practice round of an intense business simulation that is designed for 6th Formers, undergraduates and professionals to complete.

What an amazing result and we look forward to hearing how they get on throughout the competition over the coming weeks!

Melissa Wins Bronze



Congratulations to Melissa for her achievements over the weekend in the Ken Trickey Open Athletics event at Exeter Arena.

Melissa won a bronze medal for the Javelin and two PBs: 6.03 metres for shot put and 13.50 metres for discus.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS ON THIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

The Young Interpreters Award

Young Interpreters

Mr Williams presented ten students with a well-deserved Young Interpreter Award this week. The students spent a total of four hours following a comprehensive training scheme for Young Interpreters in the second half of last term. All the training was completed in the students' own free time, and their dedication was faultless. Their skills will be put to good use by welcoming new students to the school and helping them to settle in, accessing their learning fully. This group of students speak an incredible fifteen additional languages between them, and two of the Young Interpreters can operate in 4+ languages! There are already students who have expressed a desire to join a second training group, so watch this space for more news!

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team progress through to the South Devon Cup semi-final after a 4-2 victory over Teignmouth.

Fin had an exceptional debut in goal, making several key saves whilst Alex and Reece both scored their first goals for the Academy.

Captain, Jude, was also on the scoresheet as he once again led by example.

The boys look forward to face the winners of Torquay Academy and Torquay Grammar in the Semi Final.



The Year 10 Basketball team delivered an outstanding performance, marking their best show to date, triumphing over a strong Coombe Dean school team in Plymouth with a score of 47-22.

This match revealed flashes of the excellence and smooth game-play reminiscent of Paignton's championship basketball teams from the past.

Having reached this level of play, the students now face the challenge of maintaining and elevating their performances further.

Congratulations to the team!

Year 10 Basketball Success



World Earth Day

On Monday Paignton Academy celebrated World Earth Day and this year's theme was 'Planet Vs Plastic'.

In Geography lessons students discussed the environment and created a Trust-wide banner to promote recycling.

The banners will be submitted to Thinking Creative, with the winning designs being printed and displayed across our schools and offices.

Form Captains also met with our catering teams to discuss how they could help to reduce plastic usage.

To support the campaign, each school was provided with a green hat to wear and show their support for World Earth Day.



Design a banner which will be displayed in schools to promote recycling and the 'Planet Vs Plastics' campaign. The deadline for the banner designs is Friday 15th March 2024. One banner design was chosen and shared with the Trust.



DCW Polymers Plastic Tub

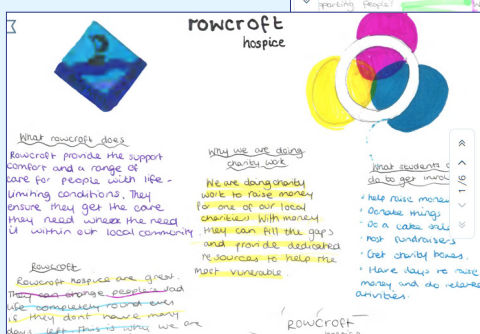
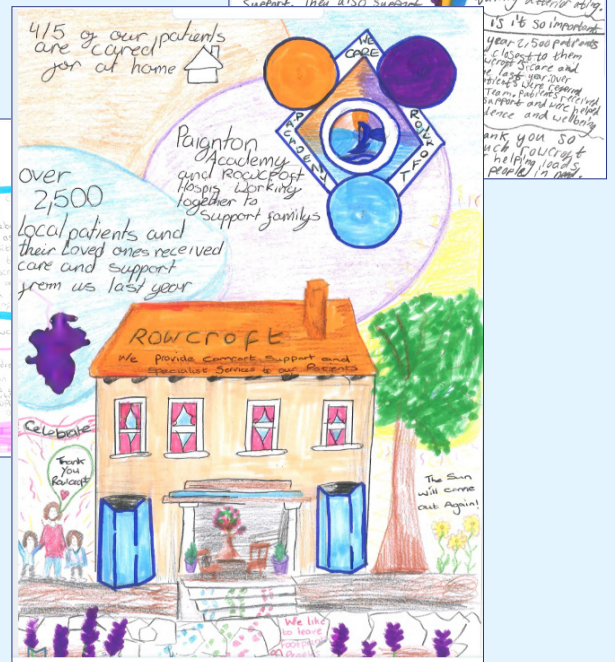
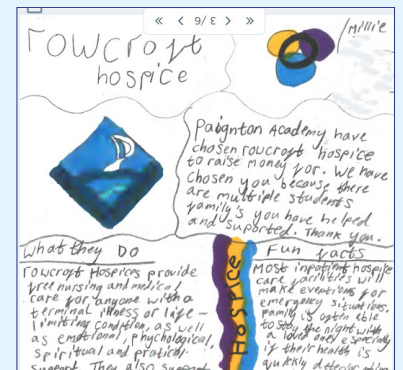
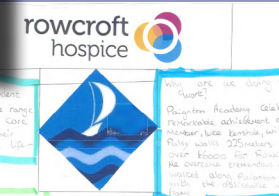
Thank you to everyone who donated any plastic tubs for the Recycle and Raise initiative on behalf of DCW Polymers. 1,200.5kg of sweet tubs have been collected this year by the initiative, raising over £1,500 for their two charities: @ Dartmoor Zoological-Society and @Life Chance TRUST. Our Year 11 volunteers, pictured, helped to get all our plastic tubs collected and sent off!

Rowcroft Competition

Well done to our four students for producing some informative and interesting posters about Paignton Academy supporting Rowcroft Hospice this year.

The posters will be displayed in Tutor rooms to help raise awareness of our charity focus.

The four winning posters were from Lucy, Millie, Ellie and Katie!



Spring Rewards Assemblies

Last week we held our Spring Rewards Assemblies in which 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 these assemblies, we awarded:

- Scientist of the month
- Tutor Awards
- Uniform Awards
- Subject Excellent Awards
- Most Improved Attendance Awards
- 100% Attendance badges and certificates
- Attitude to Learning certificates - Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum
- Skip the dinner queue - Golden Ticket
- £10 Amazon Vouchers - Golden Ticket
- Golden Ticket Grand Prizes

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



Summer 2024 - Extra-Curricular Activities

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

To see what clubs are available please visit our [website](#) and look under *Student Life / Extra-Curricular Activities*

Remember, AFTER SCHOOL clubs are open to ALL students on BOTH sites!

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible attending our clubs across the Academy.

Dates for Your Diary

Year 10	Parents' Evening	16/05/2024	Year 11	GCSE Exams Start	09/05/2024
All years	Bank Holiday	06/05/2024			
	Half Term	27/05/2024 - 31/05/2024			

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