

## Welcome

It has been another busy week at Paignton Academy, which included Christmas Dinner day at Borough Road and our Year 11 Parents' Evening. Along with this week's newsletter, I have also sent all parents/guardians a letter to confirm the arrangements for the last day of term on Friday 20th December. Please note that after lunch on the last day of term, pupils will go to period 5 where they will be registered and then classes will be dismissed when the bell goes at 2pm.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, *Mr Williams*

## Royal Albert Hall

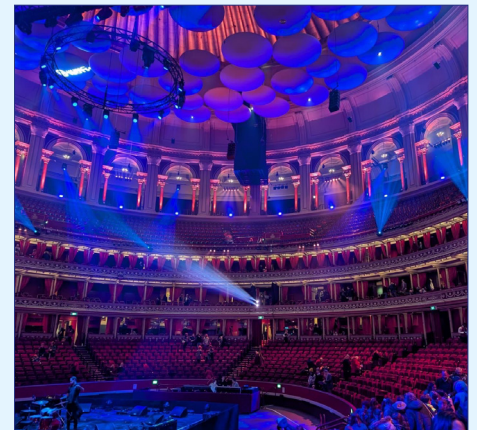
A couple of weeks ago, over fifty young musicians from the Hub-supported Torbay and South Devon Music Centre (TSDMC) had the incredible opportunity to perform at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall. They joined singers and instrumentalists from across the UK as part of this year's Music For Youth Proms.

Among the talented young musicians were Mia, Jazmyne and Ella from Paignton Academy. Mia, who is in Year 7, played the violin; Jazmyne, in Year 10, played the cornet and Ella, also in Year 10, played the snare drum.

They have put a tremendous amount of effort into reaching this achievement and should be very proud of themselves for earning this opportunity.

We look forward to seeing what they accomplish next!

If your child is interested in receiving 1:1 tuition for a musical instrument, please contact their music teacher to arrange lessons.



## Tuesday Lunchtime Girls Fitness Club

It's wonderful to see students taking full advantage of our facilities at the Borough Road gym.

These students participated in the Tuesday Lunchtime Girls' Fitness Club.

Be sure to check out all our clubs at the top of our Facebook page!





# Christmas Card Competition 2024

## Borough Road Winners



1st Willow 8BB1 - 2nd Eden 7BB2 - 3rd Jasmine 8BE2

## Waterleat Road Winners



1st Jess 7WB1 - 2nd Robyn 7WB1 - 3rd Evie 8WP1

Art & Design students at the Academy were invited to design Paignton Academy's 2024 Christmas card. Students were able to work on their creative designs during Art Club and at home. We had over 100 entries across both sites, each student received house points. The standard was superb and the judges had a tough time deciding on the winning entries. In fact, we had to choose a top three at Borough Road and a top three at Waterleat Road!

The overall winners were Jess in 7WB1 (Waterleat) and Willow in 8BB1 (Borough). They will each have their artwork transformed into the Academy's Christmas card for 2024 and they have also received 50 house points, an Amazon gift voucher and stationery, as well as a pack of Christmas cards to send to their friends and family.

2nd prize was awarded to Robyn in 7WB1 (Waterleat,) and Eden in 7BB2 (Borough). They have each received 25 house points and stationery, as well as a pack of Christmas cards to send to their friends and family.

3rd prize went to Evie in 8WP1 (Waterleat) and Jasmine in 8BE2 (Borough). They have each received 10 house points and stationery, as well as a pack of Christmas cards to send to their friends and family.

Congratulations to our six winners and well done to everyone for entering the competition.



2nd Eden 7BB2



1st Willow 8BB1



2nd Robyn 7WB1



3rd Jasmine 8BE2



1st Jess 7WB1



3rd Evie 8WP1



## Christmas Dinner 2024 at Waterleat Road



It was delightful to see so many students lined up in the Canteen for a delicious Christmas dinner and fully embracing the festive spirit.

A sincere thank you to our exceptional Aspens Catering team, whose hard work ensured that all our students enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal. We look forward to experiencing the same joyful occasion at Borough Road next Tuesday!



## Christmas Dinner 2024 at Borough Road



Borough Road students filled the canteen on Tuesday to enjoy Christmas dinner. As Christmas songs played, it was wonderful to see so many students waiting in queue for their Christmas dinner!

Another heartfelt thank you to our outstanding Aspens Catering staff, whose hard work made sure that every one of our students had a delicious Christmas meal.







## Year 7 Rugby Teams Shine!

At the recent U12 South Devon 12-a-side Rugby Competition, we were one of only two schools to enter two teams. With many boys attending training this year, we have an impressive group of talented players.

The A-team started the tournament with a fantastic series of matches. Captained by Zach, their first game was a tough match against South Dartmoor, which they narrowly won. The A team continued their unbeaten run until lunchtime, defeating Churston, Dawlish, TBGS B, and Newton Abbot, thanks to tries by Roman and Arlo. However, as fatigue set in after a strong morning, the team finished second to a solid Coombeshead side, and in the final game of the group stages, they faced the undefeated Brixham College. Paignton put in a tremendous effort but ended in defeat. The final group placement between 3rd and 4th was determined by the number of tries scored, and Paignton ended up in the 4th place play-off after narrowly missing out by one try.

In the decisive match against Torquay Academy for fourth place, Paignton swept them aside with a score of 35-10, with tries from Zach, Roman, Cameron, and Riley, securing the overall fourth position.

Simultaneously, the B team faced a challenge as they had to compete against every other school's A-team. Despite this, the team showed outstanding form, with strong performances from all players.

Many games finished remarkably close, resulting in several narrow losses, including 2-1 and 1-0 defeats, but the team managed to score tries. In their fourth game, the magic happened. With incredible determination and a massive effort from the entire squad, Jude scored a try, leading the B team to a 3-0 victory against Dartmouth and creating jubilant scenes at the final whistle.

This was the strongest showing ever from a B team in our Rugby history. A huge well done to all the boys involved!

Rugby will conclude at the end of this term. Interested players should speak to Mr. Perry about joining the Paignton Rugby Club, which trains on Fridays from 6pm to 7pm at Paignton Rugby Club.



# Year 11 Basketball

Year 11 Finished their warm-up before the regional basketball finals on the 13th & 16th of this month with a hard-fought contest with Churston.

Paignton looked fazed by an uncharacteristically poor start where they fell behind 9v0 after just a couple of minutes play. Players were out of position and having several mental lapses, gradually falling behind by as much as 15 before they started to make a comeback. Led again ably by brothers Sam and Olly, the team started to get a foothold in the game and chip away at the lead. Missing a couple of players, the team were noticeably slower in transition and did not get any fast break points until near the end of the 3rd quarter, when 2 great passes in quick succession from Olly found Mario driving to the basket to tie the game up just before the final quarter. Paignton led for most of the 4th quarter and were up by 6 with just 2 minutes to play but were visibly tiring, the baskets dried up and they were holding on to see out victory only for Churston to tie with 35 seconds left. Paignton had the ball with potentially one chance left but could not get the shot to drop and now Churston broke quickly to seal the win, but they missed also, only for Paignton to foul on the rebound and give Churston a chance to win it from the line. The first shot missed, but Churston scored the second to go 1 point up with 3.5 seconds to go. Olly received the in ball and raced up the court, but the ball flew out of court and the Churston bench flooded onto the court in celebration. The drama was not over however as the ball had flown off court as Olly had been fouled. Now Olly had the chance to win it. Make both free throws and Paignton would escape with a win, one it would be overtime, miss both and Paignton needed to win the rebound and score in less than 1.2 seconds. Unfortunately, on this occasion there would be no fairy tale ending, both shots cruelly bounced around the ring before falling out. Churston where able to get the rebound and wrap up a thrilling 67v66 result. Whilst the result may not have been ideal, facing adversity, learning from it, and coming back stronger is hopefully the ideal preparation as the next part of their basketball experience gets underway.

## Full Team

Cam F	Jake P	Olly P
Ethan R	Lewis D	Sam P
Jake G	Mario P	Sol G





# Form Captains Driving the School Agenda

It was another week of productive student meetings across both sites as the Form Captains met and spent time discussing and deciding the objectives or improvements they would like to make.

It must be noted our Form Captains came up with a fantastic idea to take a donation of food items for the Paignton Food larder on Christmas Jumper Day.

It was also suggested that we support more than one charity this year, which we are working on next week.

This key group of students provided lots of ideas and suggestions, it is now for the head students to bring together the feedback from both sites and look to make a plan to present to Mr Williams.



## Rugby Success



Congratulations to our Year 10 student, Finley! We are enormously proud to share this story about your achievement in rugby.

Finley, who plays for Paignton Rugby Club U15 Boys, has been successful in the recent Player Development Group and has now qualified for Exeter Chiefs Academy!!

Well done, Finley!

## Netball Success



Izzy, a Year 11 student, has achieved success in netball by being selected to join the Team Bath Athlete Development Programme.

Last weekend, she competed against several other ADP teams in a tournament and had an impressive performance, earning recognition from the coaches.

Well done, Izzy!



## Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 Netball team made the exciting journey to Penrice in Cornwall to compete in the next stage of the Sisters in Sport Netball Cup.

In a thrilling match filled with determination and teamwork, they emerged victorious with a score of 33-20.

This impressive win has secured them a spot in the national quarter-finals, a remarkable achievement for the girls.

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and success!



## Paignton Academy

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## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of Spring term