

Welcome

Please see a selection of news stories below from the Academy this week. I'm wishing huge luck to Scarlett, Oscar, Archie, Roman, Jordan and Harley who are running in the county cross country trials this weekend in Exeter! Good luck to all of you.

Emailed along with the Newsletter this week is a letter regarding the school calendar and structure of the school day from September 2025 onwards. I would ask all parents/guardians to please read this. The letter includes information about the return of the two-week October half term from September 2025 and the restructure of the school day to ensure that the time 'lost' in creating a 2-week October half term is made up through changes in the school day so that no student is disadvantaged through lost learning and, in fact, a greater priority will be given to key examination groups. All details can be found in the letter attached to this email.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Williams

Student Success

Congratulations to our Year 10 stars, Sophie, Kyla and Ellie! They showcased their talent in "Sleeping Beauty" at the Palace Theatre, Paignton with Paignton Pantomime Productions over Christmas and New Year. Altogether, they starred in 14 shows!

Well, done for your hard work and dedication!



Set for Success Session

On Monday at Paignton Academy, we held our first, Set for Success session, delivered by the Youth Sport Trust.

We were very fortunate to have Paralympian Louise Hunt visit the Academy and work with a group of our Year 9 students.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and we would like to extend a big thank you to Louise Hunt for her time.



Have You Logged On yet?

ClassCharts

Parents and Students are provided with individual logins to www.classcharts.com.

This platform can be accessed online or via the app, offering a clear overview of students' behaviour, praise points from teachers and homework as it is set.

It is also directly linked to our rewards system, whereby students are awarded reward points for reasons such as good work, effort and acts of kindness, as well as weekly rewards for good attendance and wearing the correct uniform.

Students can also log into ClassCharts to exchange their points for a variety of rewards, ranging from pencils to prom tickets.

If you or your child are experiencing difficulties logging into ClassCharts, please email us at:

wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org

Please be sure to keep us up to date with any changes to your email, telephone number or address.



EduLink One

EduLink One is a parent portal and communication app that consolidates your child's school information in one convenient location.

It also enables you to keep your child's emergency contact and medical information up to date. It's simple to use and can be accessed via Android or iOS app or any web browser.

Key features of EduLink:

- **Contact Data:**

You can view and easily update your contact information by submitting any changes through the EduLink One app.

- **Messaging:**

EduLink One includes a messaging system that allows the school to send emails and in-app messages to your school account, keeping you informed about important school-wide messages as well as individual messages related to your children.

- **Parents' Evening:**

You can book parents' evening slots at convenient times via the app, send teachers questions in advance, and keep your timetable handy on your phone for the evening.

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Cross Country This Weekend!

Best of luck to our cross-country runners heading to the county trials in Exeter this weekend: Scarlett, Oscar, Archie, Roman, Jordan, and Harley. Run well!



The Wonderstruck Science Show

Come and join us to celebrate the power of Science. We have an exciting opportunity as Paignton Academy presents the Wonderstruck Show, an explosive behind the scenes look at how rockets are made. There will be exciting demonstrations, bangs and explosions! The event is being held at our Borough Road Centre in the Arena on Wednesday 29th January 2025. Doors open from 5.30pm for the show to start at 6pm.

Ticket prices:

Adult Ticket - £1.50

Child Ticket - 50p

Tickets need to be purchased via the Paignton Academy shop, the link can be found here -

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentP.../Uniform/Default.aspx...>

We very much look forward to seeing you there on Wednesday 29th January.

Dates for Your Diary

20th - 24th January	Year 9 Exams
Wednesday 29th January	Year 9 Careers Day WRC
Wednesday 5th February	Year 9 Careers Day BRC
Thursday 13th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 24th February	Back to School
3rd - 12th March	Year 11 PPEs
26th - 28th March	School Production - "The Little Mermaid"
Friday 4th April	Last Day of the Spring Term
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of the Summer Term



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