

## Welcome

As we come to the end of another busy week, I am filled with immense pride as I reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students. We have seen outstanding performances in sports, creative arts, and community activities, highlighting the diverse talents of our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every student for their hard work, perseverance, and enthusiasm. Their efforts continue to inspire and uplift our school community, and we are excited to share some of the highlights with you in this week's newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, Mr Williams.

## Netball Round Up

Last week two of our Year 8 teams took part in the Year 8 Netball League, playing two matches each throughout the course of the evening.

Paignton Diamonds made a strong start against Coombeshead, taking the lead early on and building on this, resulting in a confident win. Their second game saw them face Teignmouth for the first time; their strong defence showed their power and skills resulting in a win and leaving them top of their table heading into the second half of the league in two weeks' time.

The Paignton Pearls had a tough first game against a strong Teign side. The girls showed excellent teamwork, resilience and determination but unfortunately it wasn't enough. Going into the second game against Dartmouth the girls used the feedback from game one to improve their attacking play and defensive strategies resulting in a win. This leaves them second in their league ready for the second half next week. A special mention to Darcy and Emily for stepping in from the Year 7 team to support the Paignton Pearls.

This week Year 7 experienced their first league fixture, playing two games across the evening. Their first game was against a strong Newton Abbott College side. They started well with some great interceptions in defence followed by some amazing shooting in the attacking circle, going into half time with the scores level. Sadly, the second half saw NAC step up their game resulting in a loss for our girls. In the second game the team faced Teignmouth, showing excellent resilience, teamwork and positivity. The girls worked the ball through court with accuracy, control and power, resulting in a strong win. This leaves the Paignton Sapphires second in their league going into the second half in two weeks' time.



Paignton Diamonds



Paignton Pearls



Paignton Sapphires



## Key Stage 3 Artwork

Students from Years 7, 8, and 9 proudly display the exceptional artwork they produced last term as part of their Key Stage 3 curriculum. Pictured below are Charlotte from Year 7, Isabelle from Year 8, and Elisha from Year 9 with their artwork.

What remarkable work you have all created!



## Year 9 Music

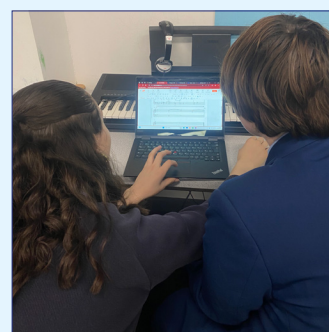
Last week, Miss Peter's GCSE Music class began experimenting with composition. They created a piece as a group, which Miss Peter is calling a 'monster composition', inspired by the game of drawing part of a monster, folding the paper, then passing the paper to somebody else to carry on the monster.

For this task, four Chrome-books were set up around the classroom, with either Soundtrap or Noteflight, two different types of music software.

In pairs, students composed four bars of a piece, then rotated to continue the next four bars of a different piece, until everyone had contributed to each of the four pieces. Each composition sounded different, but one stood out.

**Please see our Facebook page to hear the composition.**

Well, done everybody!





# Student Success

## WINNING ATHLETICS VEST DESIGN!

Congratulations to Leonora in Year 7 for her exceptional achievement in a recent competition by England Athletics. The competition was to design a dream athletics vest inspired by athletes coming together from around the world for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Leonora's design won first place in the 9-18 age category! Well done Leonora!



Leonora with her winning design



Leonora with Mr Williams and the vest she designed

## NOAH BRINGS HOME GOLD!



Year 8 student, Noah, pictured above, has been taking part in a Table Tennis Club tournament over the last 4 weeks, with the Torbay Table Tennis Academy.

Having achieved 2nd place in the autumn tournament, this time around Noah persevered and proudly brought home a gold medal.

Huge congratulations, Noah!

## GREAT VOLUNTEERING, AIDEN!



"I feel proud to help with this. I love doing it with my family and friends. I look forward to fitting into the Megatron costume!"

Aiden

Every August, Aiden, Year 9, volunteers for Children's Week with 'Skywalkers of Swindon'.

He happily makes teas, coffees and snow cones for the public as well as providing invaluable support in the craft tent caring for the younger children.

As a mascot, he dances on stage, bringing smiles to faces and creating unforgettable moments in photos with the children.

Aiden dedicates his time selflessly to raise money for charity during Children's Week.

We are very proud of you Aiden - keep up the great work!



## U13 Cricket - South Devon Competition

Paignton Academy Under 13 cricket team took part in the South Devon Softball Cricket School Games tournament. Many teams competed for a chance to reach the County finals at Exeter University in March.

Paignton Academy faced a tough start in the group stages. They began with a match against the favourites, Torquay Boys Grammar School and scored just 18 runs, with Eddie being the stand-out batsman. The next match was against South Dartmoor B, where Captain George chose to bat first. The team scored 80 runs, leading to a win that kept them in the tournament.

The final group match was against Churston Ferrers Grammar School. PA needed 16 runs in the last over to secure a win. In a thrilling finish, Oliver hit the winning boundary and they won by just one run, moving on to the Super Four semi-finals.

In the semi-final, PA played against South Dartmoor A. They limited their opponents to 71 runs. Unfortunately, PA was bowled out for 60, losing by two wickets. Despite this loss, the team showed great competitiveness and performed well throughout the tournament.

Well done on a great day of Cricket, boys!



## Year 7 Football

On January 22nd, the Year 7 football team faced Clyst Vale in a County Cup match at Waterleat Road. Paignton's early momentum was evident as Winger Archie scored in the 4th minute, quickly followed by Captain Roman's goal from a corner, making it 2-0.

Striker Callum hit the post, but Harry netted the rebound for his first Academy goal, extending the lead to 3-0. Clyst Vale responded well getting back to 3-2, but Paignton restored their two-goal cushion before half-time with Gibson's strike, ending the half 4-2.

The second half began with Gibson scoring again for Paignton, followed by Briard's second goal for 6-2 lead. Captain Aston's pass set up Luca, who scored his first for the school, making it 7-2.

Clyst managed a late consolation goal but Briard completed his hat trick for an 8-3 finish. This impressive display propels Paignton into the next round of the County Cup. Well done to the team for a fantastic performance!







# Paignton Academy

production of:



MUSIC BY  
**ALAN MENKEN**

LYRICS BY  
**Howard Ashman  
and Glenn Slater**

BOOK BY  
**DOUG WRIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 26th March 2025 (Cast B)

THURSDAY 27th March 2025 (Cast A)

FRIDAY 28th March 2025 (Cast A)

at 7pm

The Arena, Borough Road Centre (doors open at 6.30pm)

This amateur production is presented  
with

Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials  
are also supplied by MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

TICKETS:

Adults £9

Children £5

Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) £24

Book your tickets online at the  
Academy Shop

## School Production The Little Mermaid



Paignton Academy is thrilled to  
announce that our students will  
be presenting

“The Little Mermaid”

Please refer to the poster for  
further details. Tickets are  
available for purchase through  
the ParentPay shop on our  
school website.

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ParentPayShop/Uniform/  
Default.aspx?shopid=766](https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=766)



## Dates for Your Diary

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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