

## Welcome

It has been another action-packed week at Paignton Academy. In particular the process has now started which culminates in our annual spectacular whole school production. Last year's production of Matilda was the best one yet and, with ambition as our first core value, we want to make sure that this year's production of The Little Mermaid manages to beat last year's! Thank you to the huge number of pupils who auditioned for this show! Another highlight this week has been the school being awarded the prestigious School Games Gold Mark Award. We are blessed with truly outstanding sporting facilities at the school and we are committed to ensuring that our pupils lead healthy (and sporting) lives. Finally, we are also gearing up to the first Open Events of the year. These are always incredibly well attended. Please do mention these to the parents of Year 6 pupils. Thank you for your continued support as always, *Mr Williams*

## Gold Mark Award



We are delighted to announce that Paignton Academy has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are very proud to have been recognised for our success with the highest accolade available to our Academy.

Huge thanks to Mr Julyan and Mrs White (SGO) for their efforts in driving this piece of work throughout the year.

## Year 8 English - Summer Term 2024

At the end of the last academic year, Miss Friend's Year 8 English class had the opportunity to write articles, reviews and adverts for their own class newspaper.

They were highly enthusiastic throughout the project and truly enjoyed the creative process.

Seeing their finished work in print gave them a real sense of achievement, making the task even more rewarding.



## Little Mermaid

Thank you to all the incredible students who auditioned for The Little Mermaid. We had over 90 students over the two days auditioning for principals and ensemble! The full cast list is up in B23 on Borough Road Site & W20 on Waterleat Road site. The first rehearsal took place on Wednesday 18th September at Waterleat Road and we can't wait for many more!



## Paignton Academy

Please like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with Paignton Academy's news.



## Rugby Success for Carson



Paignton RFU U15s received support from Exeter Chiefs player Niall Armstrong, with Carson our Year 10 student being recognised as Niall's Player of the Match.

Carson, who plays as the number 15 full back, was awarded a match ball signed by the Exeter Chiefs team.

This recognition has further fueled Carson's determination to join the Chiefs' rugby program at Exeter College.

## Exam Success

This summer, five students took their Acoustic Guitar Grade 1 or Bass Guitar Grade 1 exams, and all of them achieved either merit or distinction!

The students were from different year groups and should be proud of their success as they worked hard during their guitar lessons at school and in their practice at home.

Congratulations to Dillon in Year 9, Olivia and Brianna in Year 10, and Jack and Eve in Year 11 for this fantastic achievement!

Thanks to Steve Grimes, our excellent guitar teacher at Paignton Academy, for guiding these students to success.

Any students interested in starting instrumental lessons at Paignton Academy, whether on guitar or another instrument, can obtain a letter with information from their music teacher at both sites.



## Open Events for September 2025

We extend a warm invitation to primary school children and their parents to join us at our open events and experience the positive learning environment at Paignton Academy.

Throughout the event, you will have the opportunity to take a tour of our school and meet our Principal, teachers, and students, who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Our open events were extremely popular last year, and we received a lot of positive feedback.

To find out more or to book a place, please visit our website by clicking on the below link

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/open-events-2/>



## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday/Wednesday 24/25th September	Year 9 LEAP residential
Tuesday 1st October	Open Morning - Waterleat Road
Thursday 3rd October	Open Evening - Borough Road Centre
	Year 11 photos
Tuesday 8th October	Year 7 Settling-in Evening
Tuesday 15th October	KS4 Aspirations Evening
28th October - 4th November inclusive	Half Term
Wednesday 13th November - Friday 22nd November	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas concert
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn term