

Welcome

Welcome back to Term 4 to all parents, guardians and pupils. I hope that you had a peaceful and relaxing half term.

On the Friday before we broke up, we were delighted to welcome Steve Darling MP to our Waterleat Road site. Our school is unusual in that as a split site, we have two MPs! Our Borough Road site falls into the South Devon constituency and our student leaders on this site have already met with the new MP, Caroline Voaden during the Autumn Term. On Friday 14th February, it was the time for our student leaders at Waterleat Road to meet the new Torbay MP, Mr Darling. This was an excellent meeting where our pupils questioned their new MP on his role, duties and vision for Torbay. The star of the show was of course his guide dog, and so our pupils spent as much time as they could with the very lovely and friendly Jenny. Mr Darling was particularly interested in finding out the views of our young student leaders on a whole variety of issues and is keen to return to the school during the course of the academic year.

Best wishes, Mr Williams

Torbay TSAT Students Come Together

On the 12th of February students across the Trust collaborated to discuss the important areas they would like to address and change in our schools.

Head Students, Form Captains and Student Council representatives from Brixham College, Curledge Street Academy, Kings Ash Academy and Paignton Academy all met in person to discuss many key ideas including reading, charity work, anti-bullying and catering in schools.

Alongside this they were able to join virtually with all the other 26 TSAT schools from across the South of England and feedback their thoughts to senior members of the Trust.

It was fantastic to see the way in which the students worked together, collaborated and shared ideas. We have a group of fantastic student leaders who represent their schools superbly.



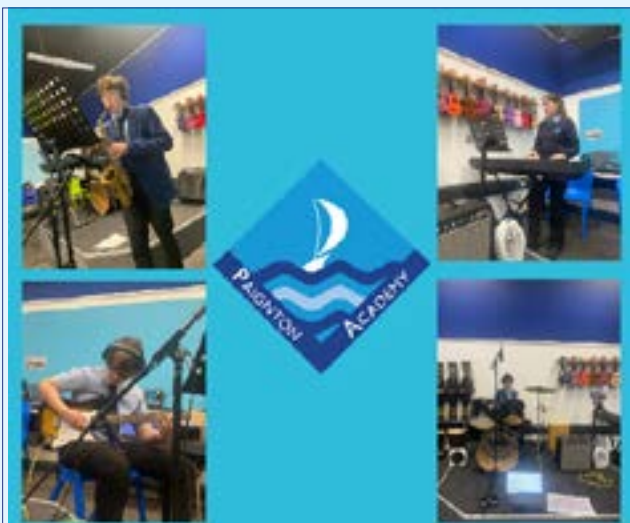
Music At Paignton Academy

This year so far, 100 different students have used the music practice rooms on our Borough Road site. These students have been rehearsing their class pieces, GCSE performances, practising for their 1:1 musical tuition sessions and just playing for fun.

Come along at lunchtimes on each site to learn a new piece or get yourself ahead for your music assessments.

Form a band or go solo - your rehearsal, your choice!

To use the music rooms on either site, speak to your music teacher!



Violin Project

We are excited to announce that starting this term, the Creative Arts Faculty are hosting a violin project, for a range of students to develop their skills on this instrument. There are 10 spaces available on each site, open to Years 7 - 10. This project will be operated on a first-come-first-served basis. The sessions are run in groups of 10 students and will develop practical violin skills and knowledge. No prior experience is required - join the project brand new to violin or with a background in the instrument! Half of the spaces at Waterleat Road have already been claimed, so to claim your space on either site, complete the Microsoft Form that was emailed home in a letter at the end of last term. If you need a new copy or require a printed copy, please see your music teacher at either Waterleat Road or Borough Road! This is an exclusive opportunity that is not to be missed!

MP Steve Darling Visits Paignton Academy



We were delighted to welcome Steve Darling, recently elected MP for Torbay, to Paignton Academy on Friday 14th February. Mr Darling and Mr Williams discussed the challenges facing education both nationally, regionally and locally and then our Form Captains and senior students engaged in a lively discussion about his career, daily life as an MP and his vision for Torbay and South Devon.

A highlight of the visit was his guide dog, Jenny, who stole the show! Our students represented the academy with pride, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating great enthusiasm.

We sincerely appreciate Mr. Darling for taking time out of his busy schedule to inspire and engage with our students.



Student Success

Ryan, a Year 10 student, has achieved a significant milestone by winning his last junior BSHRA J2 class! He will now advance to adult classes.

Additionally, Ryan participated in the Fun Day CaniCross event at the weekend, where he ran with one dog for 1.7 miles. Out of approximately 40 competitors, he emerged victorious!

Congratulations, Ryan, on your commitment and success!

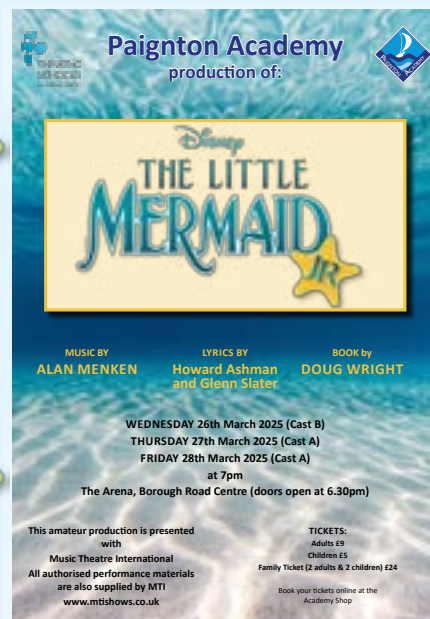


The Countdown Has Begun! Only One Month To Go!

The Faculty of Creative Arts Invites You To See
This Year's Academy Musical
"The Little Mermaid Jr"

We're thrilled to invite you to our fantastic performances from the 26th March to the 28th March 2025, at the Arena on the Borough Road site!

Join Ariel and her underwater friends in this enchanting show based on Disney's Broadway production and animated film. It features award-winning music and explores the sacrifices we make for love and acceptance.



This production includes over 100 students from Years 7 to Year 11. We welcome support from parents, guardians, and the local community. Students and staff have worked hard since September, and we hope you can join us.

Tickets are now available through the ParentPay Shop (link below):

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



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Dates for Your Diary

3rd - 12th March	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
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
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 2pm
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm

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