

Welcome

Student leadership is going from strength to strength here at Paignton Academy! This is really good news as our Trust place a huge emphasis on the role that students play in ensuring that their voice is not only heard in what is a very large organisation but also is listened and acted on. We have already made changes as a result of the feedback that we have gained from our students with the Term 6 "summer" uniform and charity mufti days being two examples. This week, Mr Carpenter (who leads on Student Voice), also informed me that applications for House Captains have massively increased: from 77 to 172! I want to thank Mr Carpenter for all of his work on this and congratulate all of our wonderful student leaders who want to get involved in the running of the school. Also, a real highlight this week was congratulating two of our brilliant Learning Support Assistants, Sara Nunn and Wendy Davey, who have been nominated for the Teaching Assistant of the Year award. Huge congratulations to these two amazing colleagues at the Academy. Wishing all parents/guardians and pupils a relaxing weekend, *Mr Williams*



Girls' Football Fever!

Twenty-two girls participated in the first girls' Football matches of the season against Cuthbert Mayne and Newton Abbot College. We had so many talented players that we had two teams: Paignton Town and Paignton United! Paignton Town achieved a win and a loss, while Paignton United remained unbeaten with a win and a draw. Both teams played excellent football, especially considering it was the first time they had played together.

Huge thanks to April and Freya for refereeing and coaching the teams!



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Dates for Your Diary

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

Friday 20th December
Last day of the Autumn term

Teaching Assistant of the Year Award

We were thrilled to nominate a Learning Support Assistant from both our Waterleat and Borough Road sites to receive a Teaching Assistant of the Year award from the Branch Manager at Teaching Personnel. The decision was especially tough due to the high level of excellent staff we have in both LSA teams.

At Borough Road, Sara Nunn was nominated for her outstanding, positive work ethic and empathetic patience. Sara goes above and beyond to support our students, which significantly impacts their learning and overall happiness within school. Thank you, Sara!

At Waterleat Road, we proudly announce that Wendy Davey was nominated. Wendy is an exceptional member of our Learning Support team. Thank you, Wendy, for all you do and for the difference you make to our students every day.



World Mental Health Day

To mark World Mental Health Day, we have been delivering assemblies focusing on what mental health is and how we can keep a positive mental attitude with tips and strategies.

Tutors are delivering a 'drop-down' lesson discussing how we can strive for positive mental health, looking into the importance of self-help and building resilience.

As part of the tutoring session, students will watch a well-being video created and directed by our excellent Mental Health Ambassadors. The video aims to remind students of the support available for well-being at Paignton Academy.



All Parents and Guardians

As we continue to ensure the safety of our children during school drop-offs, let's all commit to parking responsibly. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- **Park in Designated Areas:** Avoid blocking local resident's driveways.
- **Be Mindful of Pedestrians:** Watch out for children and other pedestrians when parking and pulling out.
- **Stay Clear of No-Parking Zones:** These areas are marked for a reason, often to ensure visibility and safety. Please note, traffic wardens patrol regularly and issue parking fines.
- **Keep Traffic Flowing:** If you need to stop for a moment, make sure you're not obstructing the flow of traffic.
- **Set a Good Example:** Our children learn from us. Let's show them the importance of following rules and being considerate of others.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our school community safe.

Check out this amazing artwork created by **Jake**, our talented Year 8 student, from Borough Road. In his own time, he designed a striking poster for his Head of House, Broadsands, and it looks absolutely fantastic!

The poster is proudly displayed outside the House offices at Borough Road.

