

Welcome

It has been another exciting, and busy, week at Paignton Academy. One of our highlights was having the opportunity for our Borough Road students to meet and question MP Caroline Voaden, who is the Liberal Democrat MP for South Devon. We are also hoping to arrange a meeting with Steve Darling, MP for our Waterleat Road site.

Caroline has a very keen interest in education and sits on the Education Select Committee. A selection of our Borough Road Student Leaders had the opportunity to put questions to Caroline. The student leaders were absolutely wonderful and it was a real privilege to hear them speak so eloquently and ask so many good questions (they were particularly interested in her views on the Australian government's proposal yesterday to ban under 16s from social media- her answer was that there is a very well supported Private Member's Bill currently working its way through parliament on this very issue!).

Wishing you all a restful weekend, *Mr Williams*

South Devon MP Visits Borough Road Students



We were privileged to welcome Caroline Voaden to our Academy on Thursday 7th November. Caroline is the new MP for South Devon, (which was previously the Totnes constituency) and this area includes our Borough Road campus. Caroline is a Liberal Democrat MP and has been in post since defeating the previous Conservative candidate, Anthony Mangnall, in July. The students were able to ask her a variety of questions as Caroline is extremely experienced, having been a member of the European Parliament and the party's leader in the European Parliament. Amongst other roles she has chaired a number of charities for women, supported the resettlement of offenders and helped to set up the JustGiving website. The students found the meeting to be insightful, whilst finding Caroline to be extremely interesting, engaging and honest in her answers. We would like to say a huge thank you to Caroline for her time and her proactive nature in gaining the views of young people.



TSAT Trust-wide Student Voice Meeting

The first Trust-wide student voice meeting took place at Borough Road on Tuesday. Students from all the Torbay schools (Brixham, Furzeham, Kings Ash, Curlledge Street, Steps and Paignton) were physically in attendance whilst linking virtually with all the other 26 TSAT schools across the South and South East. The students were able to select the areas they wanted to work on this year and begin to jointly plan with other students their aims to focus their efforts on. It was fantastic to have a student led discussion with the CEO of the trust in attendance.



Year 11 Basketball

As warm up games go, this was not going to be the toughest of challenges for the Year 11 basketball team. They were overdue some game time to hone their skills and tactics in preparation for the National Schools Competition next term. However, it was a slow start for the Paignton players as South Dartmoor Community College found the basket with ease during the opening exchanges. Midway through the first quarter, the team started to find their rhythm and showed glimpses of what they were capable of. At the end of the first 10 minutes, Mr Rogers asked for a change in tempo, better zonal defence and a lot more energy after what was a mediocre first quarter performance.

The coach got what he asked for as the boys were like a different team in the second quarter. South Dartmoor had to settle for long-range pot-shots that missed with regularity as they found it difficult to get close to the basket. Paignton moved the ball much better too and started to shift through the gears, adding more points to an increasingly comfortable scoreline.

Different plays were practised in the final two quarters of the game, in what became a comfortable victory for Paignton. Mr Rogers praised Ethan R, who consistently did everything that the coach had wanted from him and there were good debut performances from Cam and Jake, who both found the basket. Sam put together a sizable individual point score but was narrowly pipped by top scorer Leo.

The final score was a 17-50 victory, but the team will have much tougher challenges next term when they face teams from Cornwall, Exeter and Dorset.

Happy Halloween Everybody!

Halloween in the Paignton Academy libraries was a spook-tacular success!

Our libraries were transformed into haunted hubs of fun, with students enjoying ghostly games, creepy crafts, and plenty of Halloween treats!

Huge thanks to everyone who joined us and to our Careers staff for organising such a fang-tastic celebration!

Keep an eye out for more exciting events in our libraries!



Panto Time

We are thrilled to see many of our students taking the opportunity to showcase their amazing talents!

Good luck to Brooklyn in Year 8, Isabella in Year 7, and Sophia in Year 8, who will be performing in "Scrooge: The Musical".

Performances will take place from December 4th to 8th at the Kingskerswell Village Hall.

We can't wait to cheer them on!



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Celebrating Student Success



Paignton Academy is delighted to congratulate Ryan, a dedicated Year 10 student, for his impressive achievement of winning two first place awards at the start of the season in competitions held by the **BSHRA** (British Siberian Husky Racing Association).

Ryan's hard work, commitment to training, and passion for racing have truly paid off, demonstrating not only his talent but also the spirit of determination we value in our school community.

Congratulations, Ryan! Keep striving for excellence!



Netball News

Last term was a very busy time for netball at Paignton Academy, with multiple teams participating in various tournaments throughout the term!

Our two Year 7 teams played in their first Central Venue Tournament for the school, demonstrating great teamwork and resilience.

We also took part in the National Schools Tournament, where we finished 4th overall.

Well done, girls! We are really proud of how well you played and represented the school, and we look forward to the next term of netball with all of you!

If you are interested in joining the Netball Club, please come along to the hub on Tuesdays after school!



Student Success

Congratulations to our Year 7 Student, Poppy-May! She has just qualified for the 2025 BMX World and European Championships in Denmark and Latvia.

We look forward to hearing how you do and wish you lots of luck!

Well done, Poppy-May! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud of you!



Jersey Triumph For Mr Layland

Mr Layland is an avid and ever-growing international rally co-driver in his spare time, recently competing in the Jersey Rally. The rally took place on the small Channel Island which is only 9 miles long by 5 miles wide and offered up 102 competitive stage miles. Follow the link below to find out more!

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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 12th November	A Night At The Musicals
Wednesday 13th November - Friday 22nd November	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn term