

## Welcome

It has been another very busy week at Paignton Academy. It is a real source of pride (one of course of our 7 core values as an academy) to see so many opportunities being provided for our pupils to gain genuinely memorable experiences. This newsletter is yet another example of this and it is testament to the hard work that teaching and support staff at the Academy give every week to provide these opportunities to our community (again another one of our key values) of pupils. Running alongside these opportunities, there is also the looming start to the formal GCSE exam season next week which our Year 11s will be sitting. Again, there are a number of extra revision opportunities that are taking place across the Academy every day to ensure that our senior pupils are fully prepared for the exams. We also need to bear in mind that these pupils should now be dedicating several hours every week revising the core content and exam skills that they need to be successful in these exams. We break today for a long weekend due to the Bank Holiday on Monday. School starts back at the normal time on Tuesday 7th May. Wishing all members of our community a relaxing long weekend. *Mr Williams.*

## World Earth Day Banners



Last week our students designed banners to promote our mission to reduce single-use waste and encourage recycling as part of our #WeAreOne: World Earth Day Event.

The banners will be submitted to Thinking Creative, with the winning designs being printed and displayed across our schools and offices within the Trust.

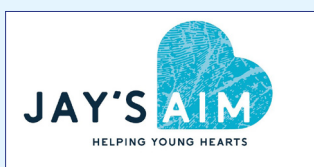
Here are the entries from Paignton Academy, which look fantastic!



## Jay's Aim

Thank you once again to Jay's AIM for returning to the Academy and providing invaluable life-saving skills in CPR and defibrillator training to all our Year 9 students.

The students engaged in the hands-on activities and listened intently to the information provided by the instructor Kirsty.



# Tesco Stronger Starts



Thank you all for your support throughout the Tesco Stronger Starts competition. All the blue tokens you

deposited resulted in us winning second place.

This wouldn't have been possible without your support. With the grant money secured, we are planning to acquire essential equipment, including much-needed waterproofs - these would have come in very handy on our very wet Duke of Edinburgh expedition on Friday!



## NHS Physiotherapist Talk

A huge thank you to Chloe Jarman for coming in to speak to some of our Year 9 students.

Chloe works as a Physiotherapist within the NHS. Chloe talked to our students about jobs within the NHS, post 16 options of study for NHS careers and her pathway for her chosen career.

She also walked us through a day in the life of a Physiotherapist.



## Max South West Swimming Championships

Max has taken part in the South West Regional Swimming Championships, qualifying for four events, ranging from 100m Breaststroke to 100m Fly.

Max got through to the finals for 50m Fly and came 7th in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire and the City of Bristol for his age group.

This is an amazing achievement for Max - huge congratulations!

## Girls U16 Football

Last week four of our students played in the final U16 Girls' Football Central Venue of the year. Our girls represented the Academy with pride and showed a huge amount of resilience throughout the tournament. We came away with 1 loss and 2 draws.

A special mention goes to Brianna for her excellent goalkeeping (despite not playing in goal usually) and Layla for her sheer determination. Layla covered the pitch wherever she was needed, controlled the game and took every match in her stride, captaining the team excellently.

Well done girls, Miss Leahy is very proud of you for working so hard.

Thank you to all the schools who have entered this year and we look forward to inviting everyone back next year to grow girls' football even more. We would also like to say thank you to our trainee teachers for helping with the set up and the running of the tournaments, also for refereeing every week!



## Paignton Academy

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



# Years 8 & 9 Football

*Paignton Academy V Orchard Manor School*

Selina was the star of the show with a hat-trick as a mixed Year 8/9 team shared the spoils in an entertaining 3-3 draw with Orchard Manor School at Torbay Leisure Centre.

The pick of Selina's goals was a long-range free-kick that she struck sweetly into the bottom corner to level up the thrilling encounter with seconds left on the clock.

There were hard-working performances all over the pitch for Paignton Academy in the seven-a-side fixture.

Michael in the Paignton goal pulled off some impressive stops and Aki, Archie and Isaac made some brave blocks at the back!

Oscar, Tom and Tommy engineered some inventive attacking play from midfield to provide chances for Selina up front. What a great game and well done all!



## Community Rugby Success

### Year 7

We are always pleased to hear of the success of our students outside of school. We have so many great students regularly attending and representing a number of superb community clubs. We'd love to hear all about students' achievements and celebrate their awards, please do share successes and inform us.

We are very proud of our Year 7 students who were award winners at the Paignton Rugby Club U12 Rugby End of Season awards. A huge thanks to Paignton Rugby Club for their coaching and support in school earlier in the year.

### Year 9

We are also very proud to hear of some more recent rugby success from our Year 9 students!

These talented young athletes received awards at the U14s Rugby End of Season event hosted at Paignton Rugby Club.

A big thank you goes out to Paignton Rugby Club for their excellent coaching and school support earlier this year.

A huge congratulations goes to;

- Carson - Tackler of the Season
- Cody - Players Player of the Year
- Finley - Clubman of the Year

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- Max - Player of the Year
- Ollie - Top Tackler of the Year
- Billy - Clubman of the Year
- Jacob - Players Player of the Year
- Lucas Jones - Best Newcomer



## Dates for Your Diary

Year 10	Parents' Evening	16/05/2024
All years	Bank Holiday	06/05/2024
	Half Term	27/05/2024
		- 31/05/2024