

Welcome

Community is one of our core values as an Academy underneath our motto of *Believe and Achieve* and it was great to see this, together with another of our core values, *outstanding relationships*, on show last week during Kindness Week. We are also supporting the Paignton Community Larder by encouraging pupils and staff to bring in any food donation which can be exchanged for being able to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 4th December at Waterleat Road and Tuesday 10th December at Borough Road, which are our Christmas dinner days. Since it was founded in December 2017, Paignton Community Larder has been able to deliver 11,500 food parcels, equating to over 450,000 meals, to those in need. This is a wonderful community charity project for the school to be involved in and one which makes a real difference to people's lives.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, *Mr Williams*

Year 11 Basketball

Torquay Academy 39 - Paignton Academy 56

Paignton continued their preparations for the Nationals Southwest fixtures next month with a second impressive display of the year, avenging their only loss to a Devon based team from last year.

The game was even in the first half, with Torquay scoring 15 points of 3 pointers to take a 1-point lead 28v27 at the half. After a team talk at the half, Paignton came out with a new defensive plan. This was almost applied to perfection, as Paignton were able to break the spirit and rhythm Torquay had displayed in the first half. With a smothering high intensity defensive effort, that restricted Torquay to 4 third quarter points. It was a true team performance with all 10 squad players playing their part and appearing on the score sheet.

It was a mature and controlled performance, with students showing a greater appreciation of the importance of teamwork, patience and discipline to achieve their common goals.

Jack took a leap of faith, playing out of his comfort zone, in a role alien to how he plays for his club team and was rewarded with career highs in rebounds and with 10 points.

Ethan showed an ability to overcome size disadvantage by extreme hustle and excellent boxing-out technique to also gain more than his fair share of rebounds. Whereas the Pottinger brothers joined Jack to lead the team in scoring, Ollie (13 points) Sam (10 points). But it was Lewis who was credited with the team's only 3 pointer of the night on the score sheet.

For all the individual accolades the boys deserve for their continued improved performance, the most striking aspect of the performance was the teamwork and defensive effort the boys displayed.

Offence wins games but Defence wins Championships!



Yasmine's Water-polo Success!

We are thrilled to celebrate Yasmine from Year 11, who has had an incredible year in Water-polo. Her hard work and dedication have led to her selection for the South West Under 18 Girls' inter-regional team.

Congratulations, Yasmine!



Cross Country Championships 2024

Last Thursday over 60 courageous pupils braved the cold to compete in the annual Paignton Academy Cross Country Championships.

There were some absolutely incredible performances over the four races and we now know our running champions!

Huge congratulations to all involved, but especially the champions:

- Year 7 - Emily and Oscar
- Year 8 - Heidi and Jordan
- Year 9 - Maisy and Harley
- Year 10 - Scarlett

Next up is the South Devon Championships at Stover.





#WeAreOne Kindness Week

Last week, we celebrated Kindness Week, an important initiative inspired by our students. This is our second #WeAreOne event.

The students sent cards of gratitude to share messages with adults and fellow students in the Academy. Some students even brought cakes in for their teachers, demonstrating their kindness to one another!

Additionally, students participated in assemblies that focused on the theme of kindness.

We have also shared a video on our Facebook page featuring some of our students, which was shown during tutor time.

Thank you for your support in promoting and spreading kindness!



Christmas Jumper Day

Join us for our first charity event of the academic year! All staff and students can wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a food donation on the Christmas lunch days:

WRC - Wednesday 4th December

BRC - Tuesday 10th December

Donations will support the Paignton Community Larder. Students can also donate old Christmas jumpers, which will be available for others to choose from.

WRC Jumper Donations - Bring to House Offices by November 29th, and pick on December 2nd.

BRC Jumper Donations - Bring to House Offices by December 6th, and pick on December 9th.

Students who bring a food donation and wear a Christmas jumper on their allocated site day, will not have to wear their blazers or ties but must still wear their shirts. Non-Christmas jumpers are not allowed.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers!



Save The Date

Our Christmas Concert will be taking place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th December at Christchurch, Paignton. Mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks will be available on the evening.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 4th December	WRC - Christmas lunch
Tuesday 10th December	BRC - Christmas lunch
Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn term



Netball Success

Our Year 9 Netball Team, the Paignton Pearls, had a very successful outing at the central venue.

A huge congratulations to the entire team, who mainly comprised of Year 8 players competing a year above their age group!

The girls played exceptionally well, remaining unphased by the challenge and delivered strong performances, winning three out of their four games.

We are witnessing significant development in our teams, not only in their skills but also in their work ethic and resilience. This was particularly evident when we came from behind to win one of our matches.

Excellent performance, girls—well done!



Love Rugby Festival

Last week a group of Year 7 Girls braved the elements to attend a Festival ran by Paignton Rugby Club.

The festival was an opportunity for girls to try out rugby through a range of different games ran by coaches at Paignton. Some of the girls who attended the day had never played rugby before. The girls got to learn new skills, play a range of different games and then play some tag rugby games against other schools at the end.

The festival gave the group chance to develop RFU Core Rugby Values throughout the day showing teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

It was a really enjoyable day for all involved. The group of girls were a credit to the school with the Paignton coaches really impressed by how well the girls represented the school.

Well done to all involved and a Big Thank You to Paignton Rugby Club for hosting a great event to get girls into Rugby.

Any girls Interested in trying rugby there is a rugby club being run by Paignton Rugby Club after school on Monday's 3:15pm - 4:15pm at Waterleat Road on the Astro. All abilities welcome you will play a range of different games and do not have to play contact! No Need to sign up just turn up and play!



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