

Welcome

This week, we are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of 14 multilingual students who completed the Young Interpreter Scheme®. Their dedication, empathy, and linguistic skills — in languages ranging from Ukrainian to Tagalog — are nothing short of inspiring. These young interpreters are ready to support their peers and strengthen our inclusive school community.

We are also deeply grateful to Yurata Roses, whose generous donation of plants has brought colour and calm to our new outdoor quiet area. It's already becoming a favourite retreat for many students, and we truly appreciate the support in making our school environment even more welcoming.

And what a week it's been for student success! A huge shout-out to Leonora in Year 7, who dominated at the Southwest athletics meet, bringing home three gold medals. What an outstanding accomplishment — we're all cheering you on!

Finally, don't forget our upcoming Mexican Theme Day on Thursday 22nd May. Our catering team has planned a menu bursting with bold flavours, and we can't wait to see students enjoying this culinary celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, Mr Williams

Celebrating Our Young Interpreters!

This week, 14 students from both sites came together to complete the formal Young Interpreter Scheme®, building upon the successful course we ran last year.

During the morning, the children learnt about the ethics of interpreting, practical skills for interpreting, and how to be empathetic and effective listeners.

Some of the participants speak as many as 4 languages fluently, including those as diverse as Malayalam, Ukrainian, Panjabi, French, Nepali, Spanish, Polish, Tagalog, Romanian, Sinhala and Thai!

We are very proud of their fantastic achievement and can't wait to put their skills to good use around the school!



Superstar Alert!

Huge congratulations to Leonora in Year 7 who absolutely smashed it at the Southwest meet at Exeter Arena!

- 1st place in the 100m
- 1st place in the 200m
- 1st place in the Long Jump

What an incredible performance — triple gold! We're so proud of your hard work, determination, and talent. Keep soaring, Leonora!



Have You Logged on?... Edulink One



Edulink One is a parent portal and communication app that consolidates your child's school information in one convenient location.

It also enables you to keep your child's emergency contact and medical information up to date. It's simple to use and can be accessed via Android or IOs app or any web browser.

Key Features of Edulink:

Contact Data:

You can view and easily update your contact information by submitting any changes through the Edulink One app.

Messaging:

Edulink One includes a messaging system that allows the school to send emails and in-app messages to your school account, keeping you informed about important school-wide messages as well as individual messages related to your children.

Parents' Evening:

You can book parents' evening slots at convenient times via the app, send teachers questions in advance, and keep your timetable handy on your phone for the evening.

If you or your child are experiencing difficulties logging into Edulink, please email us at:

wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org

Please be sure to keep us up to date with any changes to your email, telephone number or address.



Mexican Menu!

Our next Theme Day is on **Thursday 22nd May** and we're spicing things up with a Mexican fiesta! Check out our delicious menu — it's bursting with flavour!

Hacienda Mexicana THURSDAY 22ND MAY

MENU

MAINS

- Spicy Beef & Bean Naked Burrito Bowl with Rice, Beef, Slaw, Guacamole & Smashed Nacho
- Chicken Chorizo Naked Burrito Bowl with Rice, Beef, Slaw, Guacamole & Smashed Nacho
- Vegan Bean Naked Burrito Bowl

DESSERT

SPICED HOT CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

Aspens

We are delighted to announce that our transition summer programme is now open to all students who will be joining Year 7 in September 2025.

Organised by **The Big Step**, this programme offers a unique opportunity to ensure a seamless transition from primary to secondary school, providing numerous benefits for your child. Secure your child's place without delay, as spots are limited and filling up fast! Please click on the link to take you to the booking page for Paignton Academy <https://thebigstep.org/school/paignton-academy>

Year 6-7 Summer Transition Programme - Book Now!

11th - 15th August 2025 Paignton Academy

"I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, it was amazing!"
Participating student 2023

GET YEAR-7 READY

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

THE BIG STEP TRANSITION PROGRAMME AT:
PAIGNTON ACADEMY
11 - 15 AUGUST 2025

THE BIG STEP!
YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Paignton Academy Open Events for September 2025 Admissions

We extend a warm invitation to primary school children and their parents to join us at our open events and experience the positive learning environment at Paignton Academy.

Throughout the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Take a tour of our school.
- Meet our Principal, teachers, and students.
- Get answers to any questions you may have.

Our open events were extremely popular last year, and we received a lot of positive feedback.

To find out more or to book a place, please visit our website by clicking on the link below:

[Paignton Academy | Thinking Schools Academy Trust](#)



PAIGNTON ACADEMY OPEN EVENTS



OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

Tours at 4.30pm and 6.10pm - WATERLEAT ROAD

Attendance will be by **pre-booking** only

To book please click on the link below:

[Paignton Academy Event Booking Form June 2025](#)

or visit our website and click on 'Our Academy', 'Visit Us' (in Quick Links)

We are expecting high demand so early booking is essential.

Further Open Events will take place in October

A Huge Thank You To Yurata Roses!



Paignton Academy would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Yurata Roses for their incredibly generous and kind donation of beautiful plants. These have helped transform our newly created quiet outdoor area into a peaceful and welcoming space for our students to relax and recharge.

Your support means the world to us and our school community!

Date for The Diary

**Early Closure for Years 7 – 10
on Friday 23rd May**

Due to the school staff coming together with the current Year 11 cohort to celebrate their final day with a Leavers Assembly before they start study leave.

**Years 7 – 10 will be
dismissed at 13:55.**



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22nd May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd May	Last Day of Half Term Years 7-10 finish at 13:55
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Thursday 5th June	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th June	Early Closure for Staff Training 2pm
Friday 18th July	Early Closure for Last Day of Term 2pm