

Participating student 2023

**LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE**

**GET
YEAR-7
READY**



PAIGNTON ACADEMY
10 - 14 AUGUST 2026

THE BIG STEP!
YEAR 6-7
TRANSITION
PROGRAMME

OUR 2026 PROGRAMME AT **Paignton Academy**

The BIG Step invites your child on our transition programme, to achieve:

- ✓ **Smoother transition** from primary to secondary school
- ✓ **Develop and improve** students' self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ **Familiarising them** with their new surroundings
- ✓ **Help to meet and make new friends**
- ✓ **Build teamwork, resilience, and skills** for secondary school success

How to help them make the transition to secondary school – it's something we all worry about.

It's a big step and you want to do everything you can for them.

A secondary school teacher myself, I set up **The BIG Step** in 2018, to help ease the transition from primary to secondary school. I saw those September nerves in the children I taught. I knew that a little summer preparation would make all the difference. Some kids hit the ground running, others need gentle encouragement.

It's the small things that make it a big step.

"Will I find my way around?" "Will I fit in?"
"Where are the loos?" "Will I make friends?"

Our one-week summer programme tackles all this and more. We work really closely with schools to offer just the right programme to help your child make the big step.

Oh, and we have a lot of fun along the way.

Dan Leverton *Founder of The Big Step*

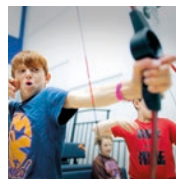
2026 SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAMME **What is the cost?**

£130 FOR THE WEEK*

£20 deposit
Guarantees your
child's place

*That's just
£26 a day!*

Choose
to pay in
instalments



The Big Step Summer Programme is a fun, action-packed way to make friends, explore the school, and build confidence before the new year. Students love it, the feedback is always fantastic, and you'll get to take part in exciting, engaging activities!

David Carpenter *Assistant Principal*

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* Discounts may be available if your child receives free school meals or has in the past two years.
Availability depends on your school - please check with us for details.

'MAKING THE BIG STEP A SMALLER STEP'

Make friends. Make food. Make Music. Make a mess. Complete against. Build a team. Compete together. **Build confidence.** Discover the school grounds. **Dance and do drama.** Get arts and crafty. Go on a scavenger hunt. Find the loos. Find yourself. Find the loos. **Get arts and crafty.** Fall down. Learn new skills. **Feel less anxious.** Solve riddles. Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Dodge dodgeballs. Capture the flag. Meet some teachers. Meet your tutor group. Explore some more. Visit classrooms. Get excited. **Get psyched.** Unlock your potential. Unleash your...Inner year 7. Make food. Make Music. Make a mess. Complete against. Build a team. Compete together. Cor. nt. **Get lost.** Find the loos. Fall down. Get back up again. Learn new skills. Feel less anxious. Solve riddles. Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Dodge dodgeballs. Capture the flag. Meet some teachers. Meet your tutor group. Explore some more. Visit classrooms. Get excited. **Get psyched.** Unlock your potential. Unleash your...Inner year 7. Make food. Make Music. Make a mess. Complete against. Build a team. Compete together. Cor. nt. **Get lost.** Find the loos. Fall down. Get back up again. Learn new skills. Feel less anxious. Solve riddles. Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Dodge dodgeballs. Capture the flag. Meet some teachers. Meet your tutor group. Explore some more. Visit classrooms. Get excited. **Get psyched.** Unlock your potential. Unleash your...Inner year 7.

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Scan to see our activities here!



STUDENT FEEDBACK

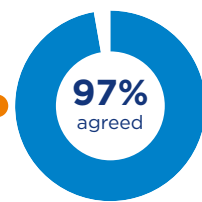
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Don't just take our word for it, see what students have to say about our summer transition programme:

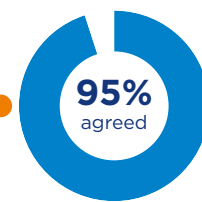
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have attended since 2019



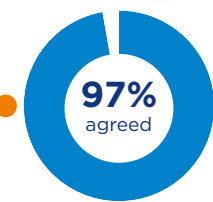
I HAD FUN at the summer school



The activities provided were **VARIED AND ENGAGING**



Summer school has **HELPED ME PREPARE** for September



I WOULD RECOMMEND 'The BIG Step' to other students

PARENT FEEDBACK

"I'm so glad she has gone **from scared witless and tears to excitement about starting a new school.** I am forever grateful. Thanks again Dan. You guys are awesome. P.S. It was **totally 100% worth the money.**"

"Such **a genius way of integrating Year 7 children into the school.** Good size groups, my daughter made 5 new friends immediately!"

"Honestly - it was fantastic! **My son had such a great time,** made lots of new friends, and looked forward to going every day!"

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steps on our
website

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Average Parent Rating: 9.6/10

**A must
for all new
Year 7s**

Suzanne, Parent



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