



PAIGNTON  
COMMUNITY &  
SPORTS ACADEMY



A mixed Academy for students aged 11-18

## OUR ETHOS: BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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We are a vibrant, happy and caring Academy.

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We pride ourselves on high quality teaching and excellent learning outcomes for our students.

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We recognise and provide for every young person as a unique and developing individual.

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We include all students and provide opportunities for them to achieve above and beyond their potential.

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We have high aspirations and expectations of everyone within the Academy.

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We work hard to help every young person develop the skills to contribute to the community, be a credit to themselves, their families and Paignton Community and Sports Academy.





# WELCOME

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your son/daughter to Paignton Community and Sports Academy. Staff and Governors in the Academy are totally focused on providing the very best academic outcomes for young people and work constantly to achieve this. In addition to achieving the best possible academic success, we are very clear that there is far more to a good education than academic achievement. Above all we want our young people to enjoy their time in the Academy, to feel happy, to be healthy, to feel safe and to enjoy their learning. As well as gaining the best qualifications they can, we want them to develop into well-rounded young people who can successfully take their place in the world. The Academy is proud to be the only non selective secondary school in Torbay to have held the OFSTED Outstanding accolade.

We look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter into this dynamic and vibrant Academy.

**Jane English**

Principal




# CURRICULUM

A photograph of a classroom. A female teacher with long dark hair, wearing a dark purple top with a sequined neckline, stands on the right side of the frame, looking towards the left. In the foreground and middle ground, several young students are seated at desks. One boy in a blue shirt is looking towards the teacher. Another boy with glasses and a dark sweater is visible on the left. The background shows a typical classroom environment with shelves, papers, and two red fire extinguishers. The overall lighting is bright and natural.

**“She has gained confidence  
and made remarkable  
progress”**

Year 7 parent



“Without exception my teachers were brilliant, full of enthusiasm and encouragement.”

Ex-student, now at University

Paignton Community & Sports Academy’s curriculum provides a rich, broad and balanced approach to learning. We believe that our curriculum, which we define as everything that impacts on the learning of our students, offers relevance, challenge, progression and continuity in all structured activities.

Our curriculum has flexible pathways which are designed to meet the needs of each student; these pathways ensure that all students will be challenged to achieve above and beyond expectations.

We have designed our curriculum to give all students a hugely rich experience that provides every opportunity for them to make full use of their skills and attributes, laying the foundations for future success in life.



# CURRICULUM

“Teaching is consistently good and a significant proportion is inspirational”

## Ofsted

A feature of Year 7 is accelerated form groups for students who are particularly able. We also have smaller nurture groups for students who need additional support in developing confidence and academic skills. Both these groups have had significant success in previous years and have felt confident and supported whilst in those settings. Independent learning is a key life skill that is vital for all students, therefore to promote independent learning skills Year 7 have a proportion of the week delivered via a thematic approach. On these days students will focus their energies on both academic and creative elements of the curriculum working around themes such as Invertebrates, alongside Paignton Zoo.

We know how starting a new school can make students feel, so to support Year 7 to settle-in we organise a range of team building events and a residential opportunity is offered to all students.





"I would like to mention the exceptional commitment from staff in ensuring the transition from primary school was a positive and successful experience."

Year 7 Parent



# SPORTS SPECIALISM

The Specialist Sports status is a real strength of the Academy, offering our young people a wealth of opportunities. Sport is used to drive academic excellence, through a range of projects and initiatives.

We have exceptional sporting facilities including a 3G artificial turf pitch and a huge multi sport hub which has provision for a range of sports including Netball, Basketball, Tennis and Badminton.

As a Sports Academy we recognise that young people enjoy a diverse range of sports, so in addition to offering all the traditional sporting activities we offer the opportunity to enjoy such activities as Rowing, Cheerleading, Roller Blading and many more.

We pride ourselves on achieving regular sporting success as well as high levels of participation. In addition to local success we are proud to be crowned Devon Champions for boys and girls Football, Table Tennis and Rugby sevens. We offer our most able sports performers additional support and mentoring through our highly successful Gifted and Talented programme. To support our vast array of sports events we also develop the skills of our students as young leaders, by offering a number of coaching and officiating courses.





“The children were fantastic and so enthusiastic, something I think they have inherited from the attitude of the staff.”

London 2012, Team GB Waterpolo Captain, Craig Figes





# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Academy offers a wide range of over 150 breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs each year, enabling every student to find an activity to suit their strengths and interests.

Students are encouraged to take part in as many activities as possible to increase their learning outside the classroom and promote confidence and independence.

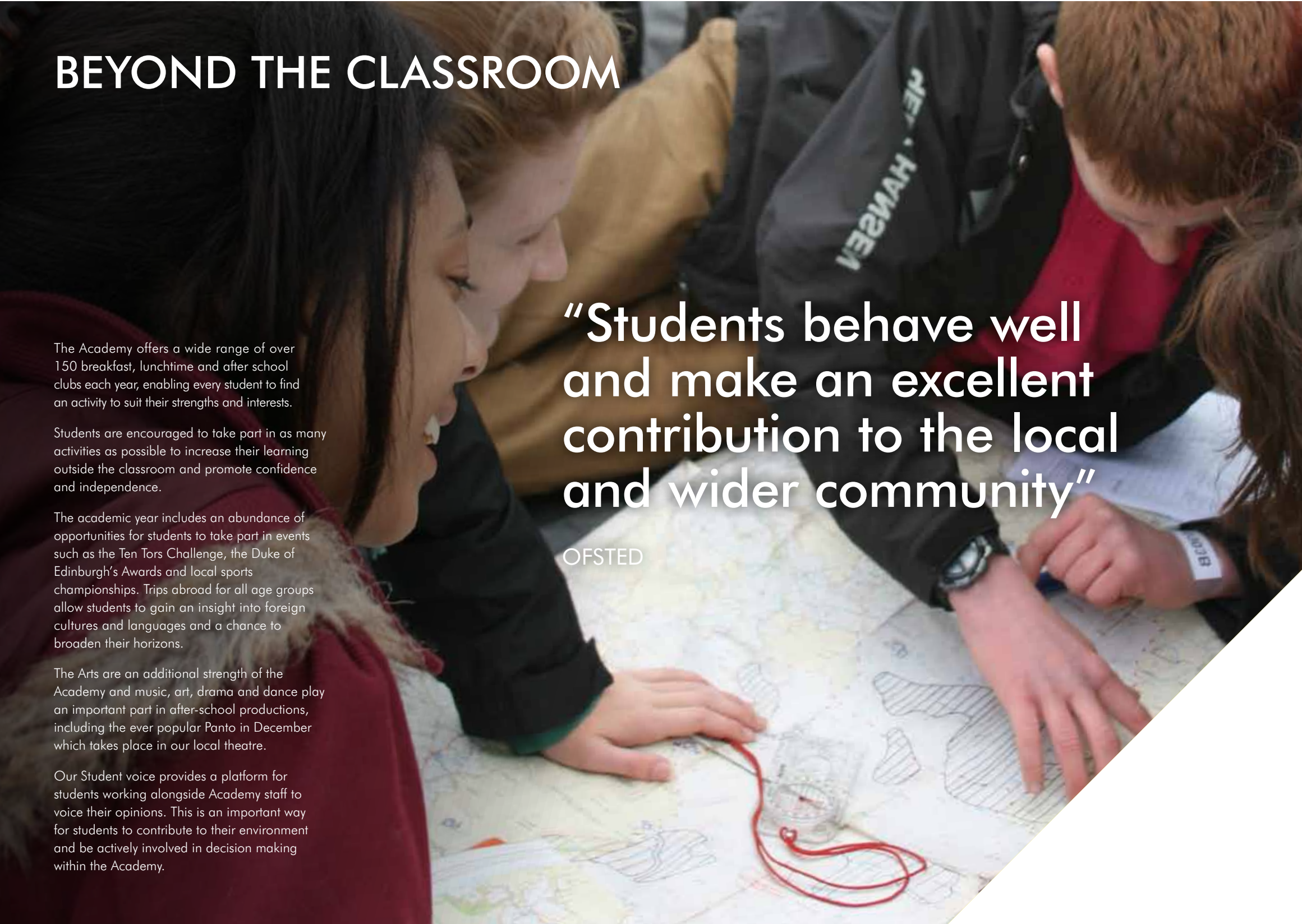
The academic year includes an abundance of opportunities for students to take part in events such as the Ten Tors Challenge, the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and local sports championships. Trips abroad for all age groups allow students to gain an insight into foreign cultures and languages and a chance to broaden their horizons.

The Arts are an additional strength of the Academy and music, art, drama and dance play an important part in after-school productions, including the ever popular Panto in December which takes place in our local theatre.

Our Student voice provides a platform for students working alongside Academy staff to voice their opinions. This is an important way for students to contribute to their environment and be actively involved in decision making within the Academy.

**"Students behave well and make an excellent contribution to the local and wider community"**

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“Thank you for all the support and help you have given my son. He is now a very happy and confident young man.”

Year 10 Parent

# CARE, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

**“Everyone was so friendly and there was a lovely atmosphere between pupils and tutors”**

Primary Headteacher







Pastoral care is a real strength of the Academy.

Staff visit the local feeder primary schools to meet students who will be moving up to join the Academy in Year 7. This ensures the students are happy and familiar with their new school and will recognize some of the staff before they start in September.

Each group of students has a Head of Year and a non-teaching Pastoral Manager who stays with them for five years as they progress through the year groups. The teams develop excellent relationships with their students and families. To further enhance the pastoral care the Academy has an on-site Health Centre called TICTAC, which opens on a daily basis giving students the opportunity to gain independent advice on topics such as healthy eating.

Although they are new into their secondary school life, students are encouraged to plan for their futures. Helping support students with future careers is high on the Academy agenda, trips to local universities and Careers Fairs are organised, all supported with careers advice.





# CELEBRATING SUCCESS



“The experiences our children have encountered throughout their time at Paignton has prepared them for a successful future in adult life.”

Parent

Academic success is very important but the Academy recognises that success comes in a variety of ways and celebrates the full range of student achievements such as academic, sporting, leadership, performing, community work and many more.

Valuing good behaviours and attitudes is vital in building confidence and self-worth and at the academy we are keen to ‘catch students doing the right thing’. The academy runs a rewards system which includes Achievement Points which can be given for a number of successes and contributes to the house system. The Academy is quick to recognise and reward students through phone calls and letters home, so that parents can join us in celebrating these achievements as well. Other ways in which we celebrate are through exciting rewards trips to places such as Premiership football games, the theatre, X Factor finals and outward bound centres. In addition, each year group has a Celebration Evening which is held at the end of the academic year to highlight the successes of our students.

The Academy strongly encourages students to develop self-confidence and self-esteem and praise plays a key role in this area.



“Teachers have high expectations and excellent relationships with their students”

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For further information please feel free to contact us. We are always open and keen to welcome visitors. In addition to our open evenings and open afternoons, we would be delighted to arrange a personal visit or a taster day for your son or daughter.

