



**PAIGNTON
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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Academy's current Pupil Admission Number (PAN) is 300 students – last year we were oversubscribed by seven students and initial figures are suggesting that we will be oversubscribed by 25-30 students this year. The Local Authority approached the Trust and asked if Paignton Academy could increase the admission number to 330.

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I have spent a lot of time working with the Trust Board, Torbay Council and the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office looking at the proposal and, for the Academy to be able to increase its admission number, the best possible solution would be to move to two 11-16 sites.

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We currently have 900 students at Waterleat Road and 430 at Borough Road; moving to two 11-16 sites will enable the Academy to have, with the increased numbers, 680-730 students on each site.

As a community Academy, I think it is important to take these extra students as they live in the catchment area and previously large numbers of students have travelled out of the area to other schools.

I believe the advantages will clearly outweigh the negatives as long as the process is managed effectively and with foresight. The Leadership Team, with its innovative approach, are committed to ensuring that this can be achieved within the timescale suggested. This, coupled with the support and vision of the Board, will champion our students in obtaining more positive outcomes and allow us to continue to serve the community with an Academy that we can all be proud to be a part of.

Advantages:

- New investment (£1.84 million) into a new teaching block and new teaching classrooms;
- An understanding for staff of the whole curriculum, which will support an increase in student progress;
- Improving relationships and continuity, allowing some staff to retain their teaching groups throughout Years 7 – 11;
- A smoother transition between KS3 and KS4, which will be easier to plan for as the same staff will be responsible for both;
- Tutors may be able to follow their tutor group all the way through the school and build up a stronger relationship;
- The opportunity for siblings to be on the same site throughout their school time;

- The chance to move students across sites for a fresh start if required;
- An opportunity for mentoring and leadership roles to develop the older students and support the younger students.

How do we intend to allocate the students?

Waterleat Road September 2019	Borough Road September 2019
Year 7 150+ students - Current Year 6	Year 7 150 students - Current Year 6
Year 8 150 students - Current Year 7G	Year 8 150 students - Current Year 7P
Year 9 300 students - No change	-
Year 10 130 students - Based on options	Year 10 130 students - Based on options
-	Year 11 250 students - No change
Total: 730+ students	Total: 680 students on site

This model allows for no disruption to the current Year 10 and keeps Year 9 on one site to counteract Year 11 being at Borough Road. For September 2020, all year groups would be split equally.

Importantly, the different sites will be identified as 'sites' and not 'schools', because we understand that for this to be a success we must ensure we have a consistent approach. Please rest assured there will be the same high expectations, quality teaching and infrastructure supporting the needs of all our students and we will be fully aligned in our approach with regard to communication, collaboration and consistency.

Parents of Years 7 and 9 will have the opportunity to meet with the Leadership Team to discuss these changes, as detailed below.

<p>Year 7 at Borough Road on 6th March 2019 (3pm-6pm)</p> <p>Year 9 at the Options Evening on 7th March 2019</p>
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For parents of other year groups, or if you have any further questions, a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section will be available on the Academy website. Please e-mail the address below and all replies will be posted on the website.

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Yours faithfully

Mark Smith
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