Our School

Paignton Academy is a large 11-16 split site (Borough Road and Waterleat Road) which is on a significant improvement journey which was recognised in its most recent Ofsted report (December 2024):



The school has redesigned its curriculum to be broad and ambitious. The knowledge pupils will learn is organised in a logical order. The impact of these improvements is evident in key stage 3, where pupils demonstrate they know and remember more of what they have been taught.

Since the previous inspection, the quality of provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) has improved. Pupils' needs are identified quickly, and appropriate support is put in place. Teachers have a growing understanding of how to adapt their teaching successfully for the benefit of these pupils. The school ensures that pupils with SEND are included in the wider life of the school.

Pupils' behaviour has improved. Lessons are calm and purposeful. The 'speak up, speak out' campaign has led to more pupils feeling confident to report concerns.

The personal development programme is a strength of the school. Pupils learn about important issues such as maintaining healthy relationships, keeping safe online and in the community, and managing emotions such as grief. Careers education is an important part of the school's offer. Pupils are well informed about their potential next steps. They benefit from careers advice and visits from local colleges and employers.

At Paignton Academy, we seek to develop all pupils, both academically, socially, culturally and emotionally. During their time at this academy, we will ensure that pupils receive excellent teaching and learning within a highly disciplined but supportive environment so that your child has the very best opportunity to gain outstanding qualifications.

We are exceptionally ambitious and want our pupils to be able to experience the full range of opportunities open to them- both within their local environment but also nationally and internationally.

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