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PRIMARY LIAISON PROGRAMME

2024 - 2025



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Welcome to our Primary Liaison programme for 2024 - 2025

The aims of our programme are;

1. To offer primary students the opportunity to have an experience of learning within a secondary school setting to prepare them for the future.
2. To supplement the primary curriculum by offering high quality educational sessions delivered by subject experts using specialist resources and classrooms.
3. To share knowledge across the KS2-3 curriculum to mutually benefit planning and quality of curriculum students are receiving.
4. To supplement the pastoral care of students who will attend Padgate Academy in the future by starting relationships in KS2.

We strive to offer a wide range of opportunities and can be flexible in creating more bespoke subject activities to match elements of your curriculum throughout the year. Some fantastic subject lead links have been created over the years between various members of staff and we are keen to continue with this. If you are a subject lead and would like to share good practice with our leads, please see the 'Subject Lead Links' on the final page of this programme for contact information.

We sincerely hope that your students will be able to continue to attend events and access the opportunities we have on offer, and we look forward to working with you over the academic year.

If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Natalie Parkinson

Pastoral Leader Year 7 and Transition Lead

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ENGLISH

WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP

YEAR 4,5 AND 6

Students from Year 4, 5 and 6 are invited into the Academy for an English workshop. The course will develop writing and inference through the topic of superheroes. The tasks will incorporate word class, developing and understanding and inference of the topic, through the creative design of an original superhero.

Objective

To develop creative writing and English skills to a given stimulus.

Available Dates

Tuesday 14th January 2025
Tuesday 11th February 2025
Tuesday 20th May 2025
All sessions run from 11:20 – 12:20

Additional Information

Transport may be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Lyndon Spence, 2nd in Department,
English lspence@padgateacademy.co.uk



MATHEMATICS

MATHS MURDER MYSTERY

YEAR 4,5 and 6

Students will spend the session looking at cryptology and codes. Your job is deciphering various clues to solve the murder mystery within the maths department.

Objective

To give students the opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills within a secondary school setting.

Available Dates

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 23rd April 2025

Monday 9th June 2025

All sessions run from 11:20 – 12:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Robert Jarrett, KS3 Co – Ordinator

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FORENSIC SCIENCE

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YEAR 4 and 5

Our popular and long established 'Forensic Science' event is back again. Year 4 and 5 students transform into forensic scientists to help discover who has stolen our precious 'Kingswood Challenge Trophy'. Through careful evidence gathering and analysis using our specialist science laboratories and equipment, students' piece together what has happened and help to return the trophy to its rightful owner and work out who is responsible for such a terrible crime.

Objective

To learn forensic science investigative techniques.

Available Dates

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Tuesday 13th May 2025

All sessions run from 11:15am – 13:15pm

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

We can also visit you at your primary schools and adapt the session.

Contact

Mrs Catherine Williams, 2nd in department
Science

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HUMANITIES - GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

YEAR 4, 5 OR 6

You may wish to book onto a geography workshop of your choice. Sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of the KS2 curriculum. A series of sessions previously delivered include: Local area (Map skills), Mountains (Glaciers), River landforms (Waterfalls), Earthquakes and an introduction to Egypt (Geography and History). We also offer opportunities for teachers to formulate a dialogue between the teaching of geography from Primary into Secondary school as part of planning for subject progression.

FIELDWORK: MICROCLIMATES

YEAR 4, 5 OR 6

Students are invited into the Academy to investigate the fascinating world of microclimates. This is a half day event which will be split between classroom-based learning and a fieldwork activity where students will create their own anemometer and collect data to produce a report. This activity can be tailored to suit Year 4, 5 or 6 students.

Objective

To investigate the microclimate of Padgate Academy.
To develop a range of key geography concepts through a workshop format.

Available Dates

Friday 22nd November 2024
Friday 7th March 2024
Friday 4th April 2024
All sessions are available between 11:15 –15:05

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Mr Norris is also happy to come out and visit you at your primary school.

Contact

Mr Tom Norris – Teacher of Geography
TNorris@padgateacademy.co.uk



HUMANITIES - HISTORY

POOS FROM THE PAST

YEAR 4, 5 OR 6

Students are invited into the Academy to become archaeologists and discover the fascinating world of poo! They will experience an archaeological dig to discover, examine and record their findings.

Poos from the past will be examined to assess their content to discover which time period they are from. This activity can be tailored to suit Year 4, 5 or 6 students.

Objective

To develop skills in archaeology.

Available Dates

Friday 28th February 2025

Friday 14th March 2025

Friday 28th March 2025

All sessions are available between 11:15 – 15:05

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Sessions must be booked at least 8 weeks in advance in order to prepare the poo!

Mr Kirkup is also happy to come out and visit you at your primary school.

Contact

Mr Richard Kirkup, Head of Department - History

rkirkup@padgateacademy.co.uk



HUMANITIES – RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BUDDHIST MANDALAS

YEAR 4, 5 OR 6

Students are invited into the Academy to discover the amazing world of Buddhist mandalas! They will find out about how these complex patterns have been used by Buddhist monks since ancient times.

Mandala sand painting was introduced by the Buddha himself and the students will be able to create their very own masterpieces inspired by his teachings. This activity can be tailored to suit Year 4, 5 or 6 students.

Objective

To learn about a key practice within one of the main six world religions.

Available Dates

Monday 20th January 2025
Monday 19th May 2025
Monday 7th July 2025
All sessions will run from 2pm – 3pm

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mrs Sarah McVeigh, Head of Department - Religious Studies
smcveigh@padgateacademy.co.uk



COMPUTER SCIENCE & ICT

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING & WRITING ALGORITHMS

YEAR 4,5 and 6

Students are invited into our computer rooms to learn all about algorithms.

They will look at what an algorithm is, how they relate to everyday life and work together in a team to create an algorithm for an everyday task.

Objective

Introduction to algorithms.

Available Dates

Thursday 12th December 2024
Thursday 6th February 2025
Thursday 12th June 2025
All sessions will run from 12:20 – 13:20.

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Capacity of 32 per group due to number of computers available.

Contact

Miss Kirsty Johnson, Teacher of Computer Science

kjohnson@padgateacademy.co.uk



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES SESSIONS

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6

Students are invited to the Academy to develop their languages skills.

The event will introduce the life and culture of various Spanish festivals as outlined below, alongside building students' confidence in another language.

Objective

Introduction to life and culture of Spain.

Available Dates

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - La Navidad- Christmas.

Tuesday 1st April 2025 - La Semana Santa- Easter

Tuesday 15th July 2025 -El Encierro/Los Sanfermines Running of the bulls

All sessions will run from 12:20pm – 13:20pm

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Dates and times can be amended with notice.

Contact

Mrs Suzi Allnatt, Head of Department - MFL
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Cooking and Nutrition

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

YEAR 3, 4, 5 AND 6

Students are invited to use our specialist technology classrooms to access the Key Stage 2 food and design technology curriculum. Sessions will involve preparing ingredients for carrot muffins, including grating carrots, measuring and mixing wet and dry ingredients, and using a range of kitchen tools. Students will also learn essential cooking skills, such as safe oven use, following a recipe, and understanding baking times.

Objective

To learn basic cutting and cooking techniques.

Available Dates

Thursday 19th June 2025
Tuesday 24th June 2025
Tuesday 8th July 2025
All session will run from 11:30am – 13:30pm

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Due to health and safety protocols, we are limited to a maximum of 30 students per session for this activity

Contact

Mr Kieran Morris, Head of Creative Arts and Technology
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CREATIVE ARTS- TECHNOLOGY

SYSTEM AND CONTROL WORKSHOPS

YEAR 3, 4 & 5 and 6

Students can make a 3D product using our workshop and CAD/CAM laser cutting machines.
Providing different themes across the academic year.

Objective

To create a 3D product.

Available Dates

Wednesday 13th November 2024
Wednesday 27th November 2024
Wednesday 18th December 2024
All sessions are 2 hours long and will run from 11:20 – 13:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Mike Dean, Teacher of Design
mdean@padgateacademy.co.uk



CREATIVE ARTS

COLOURS, TEXTURES AND COMPOSITION WORKSHOPS

YEAR 3, 4 & 5

Students are invited to use our specialist art classrooms to access a creative and engaging Key Stage 2 art curriculum. Sessions will involve exploring various art techniques, such as painting and drawing, using a range of materials. Students will also have the opportunity to experiment with colour theory, textures, and composition, learning how to bring their creative ideas to life.

In addition, they will explore the world of visual storytelling and design, where they can learn to present their art in unique and expressive ways. Students will be able to take home their finished masterpieces, sharing their creativity with their family.

Objective

Develop students' ability to experiment with and apply a variety of artistic techniques, helping them express their ideas visually.

Encourage creative thinking and problem-solving by guiding students through the process of creating, refining, and presenting their artwork.

Available Dates

Wednesday 6th November 2024

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

All sessions are available between 11:15 and 15:05

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mrs Amy Mitchell, Head of Creative Arts and Technology
amitchell@padgateacademy.co.uk



MUSIC

CHOREOGRAPHY SKILLS IN MUSIC

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

We will be inviting local primary schools to learn new styles of music and choreography performance pieces of work.

Objective

To learn choreography skills in music and create a performance using either keyboard, ukuleles and drums.

Available Dates

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Wednesday 14th May 2025

All sessions will run from 11:20 – 12:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Adam Ainsworth Teacher of Music

aainsworth@padgateacademy.co.uk



DRAMA

DRAMA WORKSHOPS

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

Students are invited to the Academy to be treated to a masterclass in drama.

An introduction to basic drama and movement skills will be followed by collaborative work by students to create a piece of visual theatre incorporating the new skills they have learnt.

Objective

To develop basic drama skills, social skills, and confidence.

Available Dates

Friday 17th January 2025

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 20th June 2025

All sessions will run from 2pm – 3pm.

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Ms Fairhurst is also happy to travel and deliver this session at your primary school.

Contact

Ms Fairhurst, Head of Drama

hfairhurst@padgateacademy.co.uk



PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT

POP UP COACHING DAYS

YEAR 4, 5 or 6

Students are invited to three pop-up events throughout the year, where students come to the Academy and come and experience some coaching and games in a range of sports delivered by our expert PE Department.

Objective

To give students a taste of what high quality PE at Padgate Academy looks like and develop students' basic skills in sports such as Basketball, Trampolining, and Invasion Games

Available Dates

Monday 13th January 2025
Monday 24th February 2025
Monday 14th July 2025

All sessions will run from 11:20am – 12:20

Additional Information

PE kit is essential, and refreshments can be provided.

Contact

Mr Liam Ashton, Head of PE
lashton@padgateacademy.co.uk



WHAT IS HIGH SCHOOL ALL ABOUT?

Y5 'What is high school all about?' event

YEAR 5

Our annual 'What is high school all about?' event continues. The morning is designed to give inquisitive students an insight into what life will be like once they start secondary school.

Students will learn 'what high school is all about' by looking at our key areas such as CAS an introduction to our expectations and routines and our key values. Students will also get to meet various other members of staff, ex primary school students who are now in Year 7 and explore the Academy grounds.

Objective

To learn what academic life in high school is all about.

Available Dates

Wednesday 21st May 2025
Wednesday 11th June 2025
Wednesday 9th July 2025
All sessions run from 11:20 – 13:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Please contact Miss Parkinson if you would like any further transition opportunities.

Contact

Miss Natalie Parkinson, Pastoral Leader of Year 7 and Transition Lead
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CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Across all subjects

We are also proud of the Continued Professional Development work we have done in collaboration with many different schools over the past few years. This has involved Padgate Academy subject leads going into primaries at the request of staff and working alongside them to develop resources, curriculum planning and delivering bespoke lessons.

We are also more than happy to share our specialist teaching spaces with our local primaries including use of our sports facilities, ICT classrooms and Technology spaces. If you would like to use any of these for your own lessons and events please contact the relevant member of staff.

If you have any subject areas where you would like some extra support please contact the relevant Head of Department and we will be happy to assist in any way we can.

English: Ms Emma Fogg - EFogg@padgateacademy.co.uk

Mathematics: Mr Paul Ashcroft- PAshcroft@padgateacademy.co.uk

Science: Mr Samuel Crompton- scrompton@padgateacademy.co.uk

Geography: Mr Tom Norris – tnorris@padgateacademy.co.uk

History: Mr Richard Kirkup- rkirkup@padgateacademy.co.uk

Religious Studies: Mrs Sarah McVeigh- smcveigh@padgateacademy.co.uk

ICT/Computer Science: Miss Kirsty Johnson – kjohnson@padgateacademy.co.uk

MFL: Mrs Suzi Allnatt- sallnatt@padgateacademy.co.uk

Design Technology & Art: Mr Kieran Morris kmorris@padgateacademy.co.uk

Performing Arts: Ms Helen Fairhurst – hfairhurst@padgateacademy.co.uk

Physical Education: Mr Liam Ashton- lashton@padgateacademy.co.uk