



PRIMARY LIAISON PROGRAMME

Padgate Academy

2025 – 2026





Welcome to our Primary Liaison programme for 2025 – 2026

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.

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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 20th January 2026
Friday 27th March 2026
Tuesday 12th May 2026
All sessions run from 14:05 – 15:05

Additional Information

Transport may be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Lyndon Spence, 2nd in Department,
English lspace@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 19th January 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026

Monday 11th May 2026

All sessions run from 12:20 – 13:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Robert Jarrett, KS3 Co – Ordinator

rjarrett@padgateacademy.co.uk



SCIENCE

FORENSIC SCIENCE

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

Students will apply principles of physics, engineering design, and problem-solving to design, build, and launch model rockets, analysing performance to improve future designs.

Objective

Apply the engineering design process (plan, design, build, test)
Identify key forces acting on a rocket (thrust, drag, lift, gravity)

Available Dates

Monday 19th January 2026
Monday 23rd March 2026
Monday 18th May 2026

All sessions run from 11:20 – 12:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Louis Crewe, Head of Science
LCrewe@padgateacademy.co.uk



HUMANITIES - GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

Students will be able to explain how people adapt to living in areas at risk of tsunamis and earthquakes by identifying safety measures, preparation strategies, and community responses, and will evaluate how these adaptations help reduce risk and build resilience.

Objective

To learn about natural disasters.

Available Dates

Friday 28th November 2025
Friday 6th February 2026
Friday 24th April 2026
All sessions run from 14:00 – 15:00

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 – Head of Department - Geography
TNorris@padgateacademy.co.uk



HUMANITIES - HISTORY

POOS FROM THE PAST

YEAR 4, 5 and 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

Thursday 27th November 2025

Thursday 5th February 2026

Thursday 23rd April 2026

All sessions run from 11:30 – 13:00

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

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 and 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

Thursday 22nd January 2026
Thursday 21st May 2026
Thursday 9th July 2026
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

Tuesday 16th December 2025
Tuesday 31st March 2026
Tuesday 30th June 2026
All sessions will run from 14:00 – 15:00

Additional Information

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

Contact

Mrs Emma Antrobus, Head of Department
EAntrobus@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 9th December 2025 - La Navidad- Christmas.

Wednesday 4th February 2026- La Semana Santa- Easter

Tuesday 7th July 2026 -El Encierro/Los Sanfermines Running of the bulls

All sessions will run from 14:00 – 15:00

Additional Information

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

Contact

Miss Leah West , Head of Department - MFL

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Cooking and Nutrition

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

YEAR 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

Friday 19th June 2026
Friday 26th June 2026
Friday 10th July 2026

All session will run from 11:30am 13:30

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 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

Monday 1st December 2025 Christmas project
Thursday 2nd April 2026 Easter project
Thursday 2nd July 2026 Summer project
All sessions are 2 hours long and will run from
13:00 – 15:00

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 4, 5 and 6

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

Thursday 27th November 2025
Thursday 19th March 2026
Thursday 8th July 2026

All sessions run from 12:20 – 13:20

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.

Contact

Mr Kieran Morris – Head of Department
kmorris@padgateacademy.co.uk



MUSIC

Amped Up Christmas Concert

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

Inspire your student's musical talent and broaden their musical horizons whilst they are submerged into a live concert full of Christmas music!

Two shows times available for booking. Bookings sold out last year so be quick.

Available Date

Friday 12th December 2025

10:30am start

13:00pm start

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Bookings sold out last year so be quick.

This show will run for around 1 hour.

Contact

Mrs Helen Fairhurst, Head of Department - Drama

hfairhurst@padgateacademy.co.uk



DRAMA

High School Musical

YEAR 4, 5 and 6

Come along to our spectacular school musical, filled with lively songs, exciting dances, and colourful characters that will capture your imagination.

Available Dates

Tuesday 10th February 2026
Wednesday 11th February 2026
Thursday 12th February 2026
Friday 13th February 2026
All shows start at 13:00

Additional Information

Transport can be provided by the Academy if required.
Sold out all matinee shows last year so be quick.
This show will run for around 70 minutes.

Contact

Ms Fairhurst, Head of Drama
hfairhurst@padgateacademy.co.uk



PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT

POP UP COACHING DAYS

YEAR 4, 5 and 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 19th January 2026
Monday 9th March 2026
Monday 1st June 2026
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 25th February 2026
Wednesday 25th March 2026
Wednesday 29th April 2026
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, science laboratories, 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 Louis Crew – Lcrewe@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: Mrs Emma Antrobus EAntrobus@padgateacademy.co.uk

MFL: Miss Leah West – LWest@padgateacademy.co.uk

Cooking, 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