

PADDINGTON PRESS

FROM SEPTEMBER TO SUNSHINE



SPORTS DAY

An exciting day of sports in Paddington Rec. Students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 12 came together to compete for their houses across a full day of track and field events, and the energy was absolutely unmatched.

The track events were intense. The tug of war was messy, loud, and honestly the funniest thing to watch.



At the end of a brilliant day, **Equiano** emerged as the overall champions. But on days like this, the real winner was Paddington Academy as a whole.

-Sarina, Amel and Alexandre



A DAY OF CULTURE

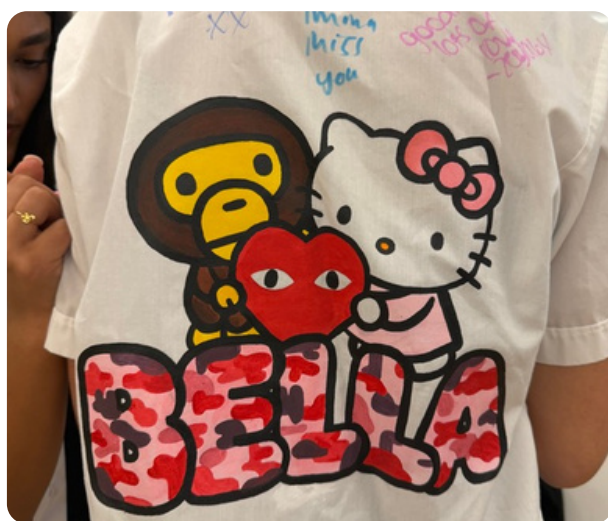
There are over 70 nationalities in Paddington academy, which have all come together for an evening to celebrate each other's cultures as a symbol of unity within Paddington.

Culture Day just hits different every single time. The second you walk through the doors and see everyone in their traditional clothing instead of uniform, the school comes alive in a way that is hard to put into words.

-Sarina, Amel and Alexandre





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The tradition of signing each other's shirts brought everyone together one last time, filling the corridors with laughter and a few happy tears. It was a brilliant send-off and they truly deserved it. We wish every single one of them the very best for whatever comes next.

- Sarina

GOLDEN TICKETS

GOLDEN MEMORIES

A huge well done to all the Year 7 to 10 students who earned themselves a trip to London Zoo. These students collected the highest number of Golden Tickets, which is no small achievement as it means consistently showing up with a great attitude, working hard in lessons, and being a positive presence in school.

From colourful street art to giraffes and everything in between, it was a well-deserved day out.

- Sarina



LIGHTS, CAMERA, FRANÇAIS!

YEAR 9 TAKE ON THE BIG SCREEN

Before the May half-term, Year 9 French students swapped the classroom for something a little more exciting, spending the day at the British Film Institute for a French study day. Students got to watch short films, build on their vocabulary, and put their language skills to the test in a completely different environment.

It was an inspiring day that showed that there is more to a language beyond grammar worksheets and textbooks. Exploring French culture and film in one of London's most iconic venues made for a memorable experience that no classroom lesson could quite replicate.

- Sarina



BUILDING THE FUTURE: URBAN PLANNING WORKSHOP

Year 9 students took on a competition at an Urban Planning Workshop run by the Urban Land Institute and the British Land. Students were given the task of designing a suburban area that tackled real issues like affordable housing, biodiversity, and creating better spaces for local communities.

Working in teams, they developed their ideas and then pitched them to a judging panel. Every team brought something creative and well thought out to the table, but there could only be one winner.

Congratulations to Team the Six Brick for taking home the trophy!

- Sarina



TASTE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE



On 12th June, all Year 12 students visited Queen Mary University for an enjoyable day out. Everyone got to choose two lectures based on their own interests and future plans, which made the experience feel personal.

Some of the lectures were eye-opening, covering topics and career paths that a lot of students had never considered before. The campus was lovely, with loads going on across the university that gave a real feel for what student life could look like. It was a trip that allowed Year 12s to think about their future in a different way.

- Sarina

YEAR 13 SIGNING OFF

Having braved arguably one of the most stressful years of their life, the year 13s have finally graduated. Thanks to the sixth form team, they were able to get a bouncy castle in the football pitch along with many other exciting activities. We hope that they will continue to keep excelling on whatever path they choose.

- Amel



ANNUAL ART AND DT EXHIBITION

Thank you to those that took the time to attend the Annual Art and DT exhibitions. It is rare that we get to see such creativity throughout the school and we encourage as many people as possible to submit their pieces for next year. We were able to showcase fantastic art and design projects from various year groups and see the unique projects they have been working on.

- Amel



PADDINGTON PRESS SIGNING OFF

It's that time of year when we say goodbye to our current Year 12 Paddington Press editors as they head into their final year at Paddington Academy. Before they pass the baton to the next team, they wanted to share a few words reflecting on their time as editors.

It has been an absolute pleasure being editors of the 2025 - 2026 Paddington Press!

Being part of the newspaper has been one of the best decisions we've made at school. From covering our very first edition to our final summer edition, we've loved reporting on everything from Golden Ticket trips and Easter events to ending the year with our Culture Day feature. We hope you've enjoyed reading our articles as much as we've enjoyed writing them, and we encourage everyone to continue making the most of the amazing opportunities our school has to offer.

A huge thank you to all the teachers, staff and parents who have gone the extra mile to make this year so memorable. Your support and dedication have made a real difference.

We wish everyone a fantastic, well-deserved summer, and thank you for being part of another brilliant year of Paddington Press!

-Amel, Sarina, Alex and Alya

