

# Hayle Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Over the past two terms we have introduced a number of changes to the way we work at Hayle Academy, none more so than the recent conversion to Hayle Academy as well as changes to the way in which we communicate with you as parents and carers at home.

I thought I would take this opportunity first of all to thank you for your continued patience through our changes and secondly to inform you of some of the changes to our communication systems here at Hayle Academy.

Before the summer we converted to cashless catering in school and this is proving a major success. This system, called School Gateway, gives us many other facilities that we can use to share information with parents and carers.

Previously we have used a system called eSchools to share information about attendance and homework. We recently switched off this facility, as we felt that it was not adequately meeting all our needs.

School Gateway has the following facilities that you can access right now.

## Attendance Information.

School Gateway can give you up to date information on your child's attendance percentage and percentages for explained and unexplained absence from school. You also have a facility to advise us of future absences such as appointments etc.

## Timetable.

This facility shares the next 10 days of a child's timetable so that you can see, well in advance, which subjects are on which days.

## Payments and lunch money balance.

Information is available on money paid into school for school meals etc. with a separate facility to track purchases from the canteen through our cashless catering system.

## Information on Achievement and Behaviour points.

Our new merit system logs the achievement points (merits) and the behaviour points (de-merits) onto School Gateway. An up-to-date figure for both can be accessed easily so that you can gauge your child's attitude to learning.

## Other links.

We have also incorporated other useful links onto School Gateway: The academy parents evening booking system; the academy website and a facility to check eligibility for pupil premium funding.

We want to make sure that all students and parents/carers have easy access to any homework that is being set in addition to the use of the book of knowledge. With this in mind a new Homework diary facility will be launched at the start of December on School Gateway so please check regularly to see the new facilities that come online.

If you do not know how to access your School Gateway account or have any questions regarding School Gateway then please contact us via the following:

[schoolgateway@hayleacademy.net](mailto:schoolgateway@hayleacademy.net) OR Contact Mrs C. Beare on 01736 753009

Yours sincerely



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