

# Hayle Academy

16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having reflected over the weekend on our first week back in school with our students, I wanted to write to you to share my thanks and congratulations to our students on making the long-awaited return to school such a positive experience. As a school, we are delighted to be able to welcome our students back into the building and to start working with them to quickly get back on track with their educational journey. It has been a real pleasure to see the buzz and sense of excitement amongst students at being able to come together as a group, reconnect with friends and with teachers, and to begin to regain a sense of normality. I have been so very impressed by the mature and respectful approach demonstrated by the overwhelming majority of students.

You will be aware from our communications that we have implemented a range of measures in order to support a safe, healthy and happy return to school life. These measures include year group bubbles, segregated social times, enhanced hand washing and site cleaning. Staff in school and across the trust are monitoring national guidance vigilantly; I do hope that parents, carers and students will feel reassured by these measures. We will continue to monitor local and national expectations and will continue to place the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff alike at the forefront of our decision making processes.

Seeing students delight at returning to school, I have reflected this week on how precious a thing our time together in school is. I have been talking to students and to staff about this throughout the week and am absolutely determined that we make the most of our time together. Time in school should be positive and happy, time to develop and grow both academically and as a person, time to broaden our horizons and to try new things. That is why I have been sharing important messages about our high standards and expectations. I am unashamedly very traditional in my approach to expectations: all students should be polite and respectful to staff, visitors to the school and to each other. They should have good manners and talk kindly to one another, engage in their lessons to the best of their abilities and to fully embrace the challenges given to them by their teachers. They should wear their uniform in full and with pride, and at all times act as great ambassadors for Hayle Academy. Teachers will be thinking carefully about their lesson plans and will be working to support students in making the transition back to in school learning. They will be considering the pace and challenge of lessons and initially will be structuring lessons into small learning 'chunks' to help students build their focus and resilience. Now more than ever, our students deserve to be able to give their learning their one hundred percent focus; no student should have their learning disrupted by others. We have introduced a zero tolerance policy to disruption: where a student does not meet expectations, one formal warning will be given. Any further disruption will result in the student being removed from the lesson.

Along with this letter we have included a range of information about our school systems and requirements. Please do take time to read this information and ask us if anything is not clear, either by phone on the main school line or via [enquiries@hayleacademy.net](mailto:enquiries@hayleacademy.net). Please do not think of school as just a fair weather friend. We are here to support students and families in good times and bad. Our aim as a school is to place ourselves at the heart of the community: although under current measures face-to-face interaction is limited, please do get in touch if you need our support. I know staff here will always look to go the extra mile.

Yours faithfully,

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