



Hayle Academy

11th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of term, I wish to take this opportunity to share a range of information with you, including arrangements for the end of term, plans for the next academic year and updates on staffing and uniform.

Firstly, looking back at this term and across the year, I would like to congratulate our students for their endeavour, participation, and achievements. Particular highlights over this half term include:

- Most recently, our **Sports Award Evening** was a wonderful opportunity to welcome so many students to the stage to recognise their sporting achievements and contributions.
- Furthermore, a very well-deserved ‘congratulations’ to our **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award** participants who showed leadership, determination and resilience to successfully complete their final expedition in very humid conditions on Dartmoor.
- The installation of the **Street Art Mural Project at Hayle Train Station** created by 4 of our Year 8 students in partnership with students from Bodriggy Academy and Penpol School as well as Tate St. Ives, GWR, Hayle Town Council and the Police.
- Observing our Year 10 leaders reading with a group of Year 7 students every morning as part of our **whole-school reading strategy**. The calm maturity, kindness, organisation and leadership shown by these students was fantastic and they have been such a credit to our school and their families.
- **Hayle Carnival 2023**: Hayle Academy students and staff along with students from our primary partners, led the Hayle Carnival with lots of noise and rhythm from our Hayle Academy Primary Partnership Samba Band!
- This half term, we also wished our **Year 11 students** all the very best for the future at our leavers’ assembly and Guard of Honour; it was fantastic to be able to mark this educational milestone with their families and our community.

Many thanks to all staff, parents and carers for all of your support, enabling all of these opportunities and so much more to be offered to our students.

Key Dates

- **Sports Day – Thursday 13th July**. All students are participating in the activities and will be representing their Houses. Students have already selected their preferences from a fantastic range of activities on offer, including some led by external providers such as dance, tennis, fencing and skateboarding. Most activities are taking place outside. Therefore, please ensure that your child wears and brings suncream, plenty of water and a rain jacket (just in case!).
- **Broader Horizons – Enrichment Days on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July**. There is no cost to families but students are asked to wear their **full school PE kit on both days**. The planned activities will vary depending on the year group, but will include basic first aid training for students in Years 7-9, a Year 7 Enterprise project, a Year 8 DT-style project, an author workshop for Year 9 students, post-16 preparation for Year 10 students. For more information, please contact: rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award** – the expedition takes place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July. For more information, contact mleech@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.
- **Year 6 Transition Day and Parent Information Evening** – Wednesday 19th July.
- **Broad Horizons** – final session of the year on the afternoon of Thursday 20th July.

Last day of term

As a reminder to all parents and carers, our term ends for students on **Friday 21st July**. Student can wear non-school uniform on this day, although please ensure that all clothing is appropriate for school. For example, crop- style tops are not permitted.

We propose our traditional end of year arrangement, with a shorter day for students. All students will be able to have lunch and will have a final farewell with their tutor group before departing school at **12:30**. However, if your child accesses the county bus or taxi transport service, these buses/ taxis are unable to collect at an earlier time and will remain available at **15:05**.

Please can you complete the following survey link if your child accesses the county transport service: <https://forms.gle/DMByffZxptApm7xd7> to indicate whether your child will remain on site until 15:05 or whether other alternative arrangements will be made by yourself. If your child remains on site, they will remain supervised in an IT room until the end of the day.

The **survey link will close at midday on Wednesday 19th July**; thank you in advance for completing this link if your child access county transport. Please note, if your child accesses the school's own Camborne minibus service, the minibus will transport students home at the earlier time of 12:30.

September Return

There will be a staggered return to the start of the next academic year.

- Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September are training days and students are not expected in school on these days.
- Year 11 and our incoming Year 7 students will start back on **Wednesday 6th September**. This will be a full day for all students, except for those Year 7 students who will be joining our Area Resource Base (ARB). Further information for these children will be provided by Miss Thomson, our ARB Lead.
- All students are expected in school on **Thursday 7th September**.
- Students will return to school on Week 2.
- **Hayle Xtra**: our after school clubs provision will start from Monday 18th September and students will have the opportunity to sign up at the start of the new term.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

As you will be aware, our school blazer has been phased out this year and replaced with a black V-neck jumper that must contain the school logo. All Year 7 students currently wear the new jumper. However, from 6th September 2023, **all** students are expected to wear the school jumper; the school blazer is no longer permissible, nor are any other styles of black jumper.

Our school jumper is available to purchase from our uniform provider, Trophy Textiles. For our full uniform list, please refer to the table at the end of this letter.

Please do contact the school if you wish to enquire about any of our pre-loved school uniform items that may be available: enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

A reminder of equipment expectations for September:

A school bag - appropriate and sufficient in size to carry A4 items	Pencil
A pencil case	Ruler
Pen (blue or black)	Scientific Calculator
Green pen	Protractor (360°)
<u>Years 7, 8 & 9</u> : Reading book (available from our library) and Reading Log (log supplied by school)	Full PE kit on PE days

Staffing Updates

Following appointments that have been made to the senior and extended leadership teams, as well as a review of the Faculty structure, please find key information below from 1st September 2023:

Senior Leaders	
Headteacher	Mrs Melissa Lock
Deputy Headteacher – SEND, Safeguarding	Mr James Woodward
Senior Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour, Attendance	Mr Nick Croker
Assistant Headteacher – Quality of Education	Mrs Bex Leech
Assistant Headteacher – Exams, Assessment, CPD (with DT)	Mr Richard Radford
Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development (with GV)	Miss Rebs Wilson
Associate Assistant Headteacher – Vocational learning, Transition (with HoF Sport & Performance)	Mrs Tamsin Hosking

Extended Leadership Team: Curriculum, Teaching & Learning	
Head of Faculty – Languages (English & MFL)	Miss Laura Simons
Head of Faculty – Maths & Computer Science	Dr. Andrea Blair
Head of Faculty - Science	Miss Amelia Ferris
Lead Practitioner - Literacy	Mr Sam Joyce
Lead Practitioner – Maths & Numeracy	Mr Daniel Huntington
Deputy Head of Faculty – Science, & Science Learning Partnership Lead across Cornwall	Ms. Sarah Van Baalen
Subject Leader - Art	Mrs Alison Tranter
Subject Leader – Food & Catering	Mrs Rebecca Treloar
Subject Leader – History (& Head of House)	Miss Laura Weeks
Subject Leader – Geography (House System Lead & DofE Lead)	Mr Matt Leech
Subject Leader – Music (& Head of House)	Mrs Stephanie Barry
Subject Leader – Performing Arts (& Head of House)	Miss Claire Rule
SENDCo (operational)	Mrs Cameo Woudberg
ARB Lead	Mrs Naomi Thomson

It is the time of year when we say a fond farewell to members of staff. Miss Chapple and Mr Riley are both moving on from the Science team: Miss Chapple has a promotion at another local school whilst Mr Riley is re-locating to lead a school in Portugal. Miss McKenzie and Miss Blake are leaving the Maths team to take up posts with additional roles in other Cornish schools. We also give thanks to Mrs Stepp-Rumble whose maternity contract as Teacher of English comes to an end; we welcome back and congratulate Mrs Hall (née Miss Nowell) who returns from maternity leave. Miss Hughes is moving on from the SEND team to pursue teacher training. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to our school in September:

- Miss Short: SEN teacher and PE, in light of the growth of our ARB provision next year.
- Miss Woudberg: SENDCo and Teacher of English
- Dr. Blair: Head of Faculty – Maths and Computer Science
- Mr Huntington: Lead Practitioner – Maths and Numeracy
- Ms. Van Baalen: Deputy Head of Faculty (Science) and SLP Lead
- Miss Roberts – Teacher of Science
- Mr Cooper, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Garner, Mrs Brown and Miss Doran: SEN Assistants (ARB)
- Miss Fulton and Miss Heath: SEN Assistants (mainstream)

Other developments for 2023-24

- We are planning the exciting implementation of our **Digital Transformation Project** to positively advantage our students in an ever increasingly digitalised world and to enhance our curriculum, teaching and learning. Further details will be shared in the next academic year. However, as a snapshot, teaching staff will be piloting the use of ipads to support teaching and learning in their classrooms from September. From February 2024, Year 7 students will be provided with their own ipad as part of a blended model that does not replace the exercise book. Students in Year 10 will receive their own ipad from Easter 2024 and all year groups will have their own individual device from September 2024. Our initial focus will be to use the devices to enhance feedback, assessment and direct instruction (including modelling).
- **Website:** I am delighted to announce that our new website is now available, www.hayleacademy.net. We are continuing to update the site with further information and our new prospectus will be uploaded shortly. For your reference, you will find next year's term dates here: [Calendar-2023-24.pdf \(hayleacademy.net\)](#)
- As part of our **site development**, we are moving our library to position it more prominently in our school to support access for students. In addition, our Learning Zone will be moving to create greater connections with the ARB. Our reception is receiving a re-fresh during the summer holidays and, in light of this, there will be a one-way system around the main school building. New combined football and rugby posts will be installed following a successful funding bid to Active Cornwall.
- We are reviewing the needs of our **site entrance** to continue to ensure the safety of all students and visitors. It is likely that improvement works will take place later in the Autumn term. In the meantime, please can I ask that whenever possible the site entrance is not used as a turning circle and that parents and carers avoid driving on site between 8:30am and 8.50am and 3:05pm to 3:15pm when high student numbers are moving onto or exiting the school. Thank you for your understanding.
- We will be sharing our **planned 5 year personal development** offer at the start of the next academic year. This includes the carefully considered 5 year trips and visits offer. Next year, Year 7, 8 and 9 students will also be invited to get involved with our 'Shrek – The Musical' production that will take place next July.
- **Home learning:** following a period of consultation with parents, carers, staff and students, our home learning policy for 2023-24 has been revised. The policy will be shared next term. However, in summary:
 - We will be extending our **daily home reading programme** from September to include all students in **Years 7, 8 and 9**.
 - Homework will continue to be set through Class Charts.

	Homework Frequency	Home Reading Frequency	Time spent on Home Learning
Year 7	Maths – set weekly (from after Oct half term) MFL – set fortnightly (from after Easter) *	Home reading x 5 per week	Reading: 20-25 mins x5 Subjects: Up to 20 mins
Year 8	Maths – set weekly Science – set fortnightly MFL – set fortnightly *	Home reading x 5 per week	Reading: 20-25 mins x5 Subjects: Up to 20 mins each
Year 9	Maths – set weekly Science, French, History and Geography set fortnightly *	Home reading x 5 per week	Reading: 20-25 mins x5 Subjects: Up to 25 mins each
Years 10 and 11	English, Maths, Science, Option Subjects – set weekly .	<i>Access to our ambitious literary canon & post-16 reading preparation</i>	Up to 35 mins per subject

*No homework will be set in other subjects.

*Ingredients for Food Technology will be listed on 'Class Charts' for practicals.

- **Strike action:** for your information, at this time, no further dates have been announced regarding national strike action. However, there has not yet been an agreed resolution between the unions and the government. The NEU has not ruled out further strike action affecting the Autumn term and, in addition, other teaching unions are also balloting their members on possible strike action. We continue to monitor the situation and will share any further updates as we receive them.
- **Reporting and assessment:** we have reviewed our policy and model in light of feedback through the parental survey, student voice and staff survey. Further details will be shared in a separate letter from Mr Radford.

Pupil Premium Funding

Hayle Academy, in line with all schools nationally, receives additional funding for some students whose families have low incomes, or who are potentially disadvantaged by other factors. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' funding and is for use by the school to improve student progress and educational provision. More details about how Hayle Academy uses this funding are available on our website.

If you think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding or are unsure if they could be, please do make an application via <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals> and click on the blue button two thirds down the page: 'Apply for free school meals'. There is no cost for this service.

If you would like any support with an application or if you have any queries, please contact Mr Nick Croker via 01736 753009 or email: ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

In closing, on behalf of all staff, I would like to wish all students, parents and carers a very happy and safe summer. We are very grateful for all of your continued support and partnership over the last year as we work together to ensure the highest quality education and welfare for your child. Whether you are having a staycation, are travelling further afield, or are continuing to work through the summer, I hope you are all able to enjoy some quality time over the school break and fingers crossed that the good weather can continue. Looking further ahead, we look forward to welcoming students back in September.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher