



Hayle Academy

September 2023

Hayle Academy Open Evening: Thursday 21st September 2023, 17:00 – 20:00

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we move into the autumn term, Year 6 students along with their parents and carers will be making final decisions on secondary school applications. At the same time, students in Year 5 and younger years may well be looking to the future and that primary to secondary transition that is on the not-to-distant horizon. On behalf of all the staff at Hayle Academy, I am writing to extend a warm invitation to our Open Evening, taking place on **Thursday 21st September between 17:00 and 20:00**.

We are very much looking forward to opening our school to the community and to sharing a range of exciting information and experiences with you on all that we have to offer. Whether you are reading this as a prospective student, parent, carer, grandparent or any other member of the wider school community, I very much hope you will be able to join us at our Open Evening and experience our fantastic school.

Hayle Academy truly is an exceptional place and it all stems from our ambitious and caring approach. One of the many benefits of being a small school is that we are able to get to know each student individually, giving each and every child the attention and support they deserve. We do this because we believe that our students should be appropriately challenged, both academically and in broader life skills too. I am incredibly proud to be a part of Hayle Academy, and having worked with our amazing staff and students over a number of years, can recommend our school to you unreservedly.

By way of introduction, I am delighted to have been appointed permanently to the role of Headteacher at Hayle Academy last February following a period as interim Head of School from September 2022. Prior to this, I was Deputy Headteacher for two years, responsible for curriculum, teaching and learning. Throughout this time, and particularly over the last year, I am extremely grateful for the partnership and support from our students, parents, carers, staff and our wider community as we build on and sustain our positive momentum, forward-facing, so that our students can continue to thrive and succeed in every way and reach new heights.

Due to our high expectations and high standards, lessons at Hayle Academy are calm, focused and academically challenging. Students actively engage in their lessons to the best of their abilities and fully embrace the academic challenges, so that they can deepen their thinking and learning with increasing confidence and degree of complexity. As the inspectors noted in our recent Ofsted report, disruption at Hayle Academy is incredibly rare. All staff uphold our expectations and support our students in meeting them, and our students respond in kind. We very much expect all of our school community to contribute to a calm, positive and productive school culture. Students tell us they enjoy being a part of our school, and are proud to be a part of our school community, demonstrating kindness to others and mutual respect for each other.

Our staff know the students well and demonstrate genuine care and kindness in all of their work. We believe that 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. We strongly believe that students

who love their time at school and who feel valued will be most likely to thrive. During their time at school, students should make lifelong friendships and positive memories that they will recall for the rest of their lives. As well as their tutor group, all of our students belong to one of our four Houses, creating an extended in-school family as well as a healthy sense of competition.

Some of the greatest and most memorable of times at school occur outside of the classroom: through our extensive range of afterschool Hayle Xtra clubs and activities; representation in our elite sports teams; music performances, drama productions and celebration evenings. This year we continue to embed our **Broad Horizons** programme as part of our **Hayle 365** curriculum, where all students are able to take part in activities, as part of their normal school timetable, developing themselves, their wellbeing and their community. From community gardening to first aid training, a football referee leadership programme to Lego robotics, there really is something for everyone. As part of our Hayle 365 personal development curriculum, we are also delighted to introduce our five-year planned **trips and visits** offer this year, because we firmly believe that our students should have the opportunity to embrace and learn from these experiences across their time with us. With our focus on positivity, celebration and excellence, all students will find opportunities to succeed.

This is an exciting time to join us and to be a part of Hayle Academy. We are a forward-thinking Academy and place our students' needs at the heart of everything we do. Over the past week, we have watched students return from the summer break with a real sense of pride. Our students truly are our best ambassadors and I do hope you will be able to join us on **Thursday 21st September** to see this first hand. This will also be a great opportunity to hear about our school's exciting plans for **Digital Transformation**, which will ensure that every student who joins us from September 2024 will receive their own Apple Ipad to enhance their learning. In addition to the Open Evening, Year 6 students from our feeder primaries will also be invited to spend the same day with us to experience our school first hand.

I very much hope you will have found this letter be of interest. There is no better way of gauging the true feel of a school than to visit and talk in person to the students and staff. If for any reason you are unable to join us on Open Evening, but would like to know more, or you would like to experience a tour of the school during the school day, you are warmly invited to **book a school tour** using this [booking link](#). Alternatively, please use the contact form on our website, or contact our reception on 01736 753009.

Please do visit our new website to find out more about our school via www.hayleacademy.net, where you will also be able to download a copy of our new prospectus: [hayleacademy prospectus final](#). You may wish to also visit our school Facebook page to see the great opportunities and fantastic achievements of our students that we are proud to celebrate with our community.

I would be delighted to welcome you to our school and to show you around.

Best wishes



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher