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An invitation from our Headteacher

Hayle Academy is an exceptional place, and it stems from our ambitious and caring approach.

One of the many benefits of being a small school is that we're able to get to know each student individually, giving each and every child the attention and support they deserve. And we do this because we believe that our students should be appropriately challenged, not just academically, but in broader life skills too.

That's why our students are given the structure and support to think deeply and learn at their own pace in everything they do - in learning and life. Thanks to this holistic approach, we are now ranked as one of the top 8 schools in the county for academic progress.

We help our students thrive in every way by nurturing life-long skills and confidence. And we aim to be a beacon of excellence across the board.

Our students already benefit from the incredible work put into our curriculum over the past few years. And that's evident from the amazing results they have been achieving.

And that's because here, students and teachers work together with momentum, energy and inspiration to push the boundaries, trial new practices and reach new heights.

That's why we're leading the way with trailblazing programmes in areas as diverse as reading, music, extra-curricular opportunities and supporting student well-being and mental health.

Ultimately, however, to really understand what makes Hayle Academy so different, you have to experience it for yourself. That's why I invite you to pay us a visit.

I'd love to show you around.

Melissa Lock Headteacher





to school. Leaders have high expectations of pupils."

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A FOCUS ON: THE INDIVIDUAL

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Become who you want to be...

School isn't just about what you learn. It's about who you learn to be.

That's why at Hayle Academy, students are encouraged to try new things, develop confidence, and build resilience. And they do it within our friendly and encouraging community.

Every child comes to us full of promise. Our aim is that when they leave, they will be independent thinkers with the skills and self-belief to fulfil that promise.

"Before I joined Hayle Academy, I didn't feel I was learning very much, but now I'm gaining new knowledge every day. My English has improved, I've started catering, and I have so many sporting opportunities."

Year 9 Student



A FOCUS ON: AN AMBITIOUS & BALANCED CURRICULUM

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Hayle students enjoy a broad, balanced and progressive curriculum that instils a lifelong love of learning. At the heart of Hayle Academy's high-quality curriculum is the firm belief that every student deserves an ambitious education rooted in creativity, discovery, wonder and high expectations for all.

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7-9)

All students enjoy lessons in:

- English
- Maths
- Computer Science
- Science
- Foreign language: French
- Geography
- History
- Global Values (Relationships and Sexual Education, Personal Social Health Education and Religious Education, and British Values)
- Design and Technology
- Catering
- Music
- Performing Arts (including drama, dance and musical theatre)
- Art
- PE



KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 - 11)

We encourage students to study a broad range of subjects, with most studying between 9 and 10 subjects in addition to Core PE and Global Values. These must include GCSE English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, and Science.

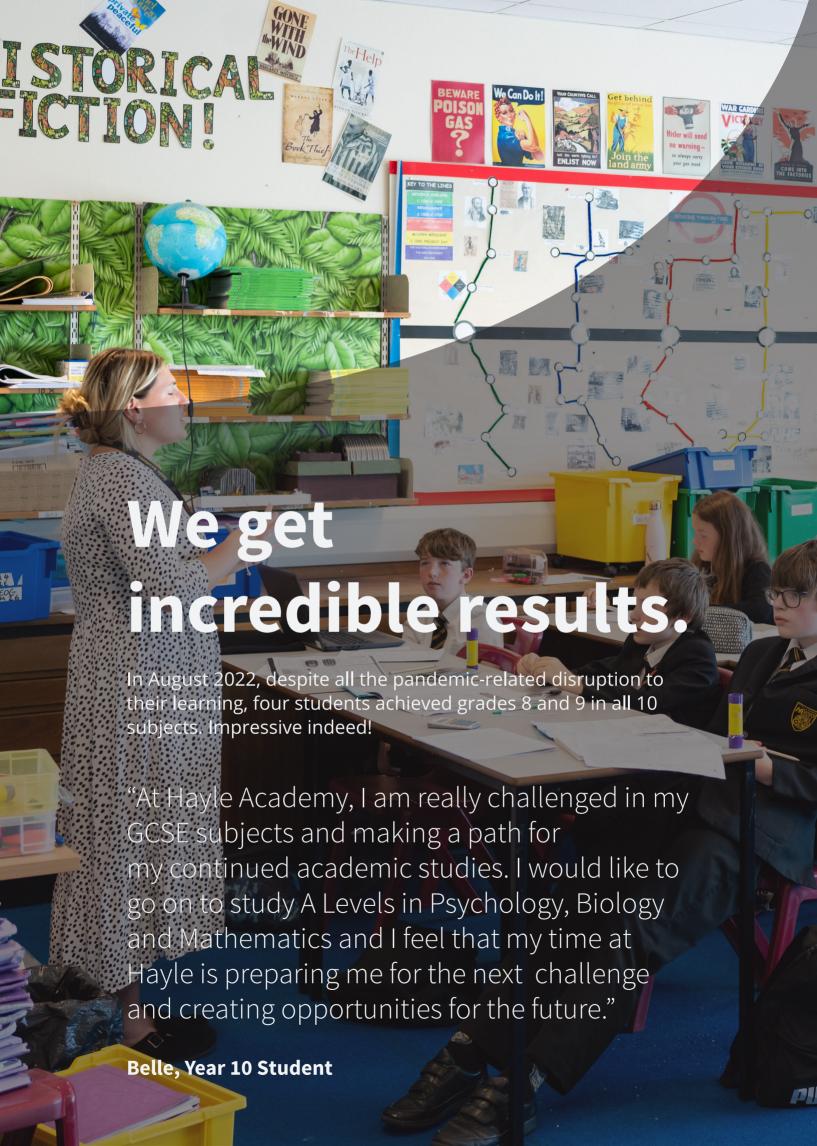
NB: Most students will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as discrete subjects at either higher or foundation level. This provides a challenging curriculum and allows students to maximise their choice when considering post-16 study.

Examination courses available to study:

- Art & Design
- Design Technology
- Computer Science
- Performing Arts (Dance)
- Sport
- Drama
- Music
- Hospitality and Catering
- Travel and Tourism
- Health and Social Care
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Geography
- History
- French

Non-examined subjects include:

- Core Physical Education
- Global Values (Relationships and Sexual Education, Personal Social Health Education and Religious Education, and British values)





A FOCUS ON: SCIENCE

What can you expect from your science lessons? Discovery, wonder and fun.

That's why our science department is recognised as being one of the best. We're leading the secondary science hub for schools across Cornwall (and beyond) to inspire young people within STEM.



A FOCUS ON: READING

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Literacy is the foundation of lifelong learning, personal development, and the ability to fully participate in society. That's why we aim to become a "reading school" where all students are confident and fluent readers by the end of year 7 and by the time they leave Hayle Academy, they will be able to confidently articulate the authors and genres that they enjoy reading, with embedded life long reading habits and love for reading. Our focus on reading is supported during tutor time when tutors model good reading behaviour and students enjoy listening to their tutors reading to them at least daily.

We are now piloting a home reading programme across Key Stage Three to support daily reading. This sector-leading practice is proven to foster a love of reading, improve vocabulary, and ensures that literacy isn't just about passing exams - but is also about learning about the world and developing life skills. And not only this but those who most need it also enjoy a tiered teacher-led and peer-to-peer reading support programme.

These programmes are combined with a creative library system with themed activities and and student access to the whole of Cornwall's library service for e-books and audiobooks.

"It was really helpful being in the reading masterclass because the smaller group meant that the teacher could help us all individually. I felt really proud when I found out that I had improved my reading age by 3 years in just 8 weeks."

Year 9 Student

"Hayle Academy: the ARB staff are amazing and deserve the recognition for all the hard work they do they have made such a massive positive impact on my son's life."

Lauren Knight

Every child deserves the right support. At Hayle, we aim to make sure they get it.

That's why we opened our brand new Area Resource Base facility at the beginning of September 2022. Here, up to 20 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan enjoy a calm, caring environment where their educational, social, emotional and sensory needs are met.

Our ARB offers a personalised and blended approach to learning. So, where appropriate, students can access mainstream lessons and enjoy the opportunities of the Broad Horizon programme. They can also enjoy the expertise of subject specialist teaching delivered within the ARB setting.

Contact us for more information about our ARB.

A FOCUS ON: **WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH**

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Life is tough for us all sometimes. 1 in 6 children in the UK struggles with their social, emotional or mental health. So we're always finding new ways to help.

As evidence of our sector leading practice, our student-led harm prevention team is a shining example of the work our school and our pupils are doing to promote health and well-being across every age group.

Student ambassadors are empowered to promote anti-bullying, mental health and sexual harm prevention and share their message widely across the school.

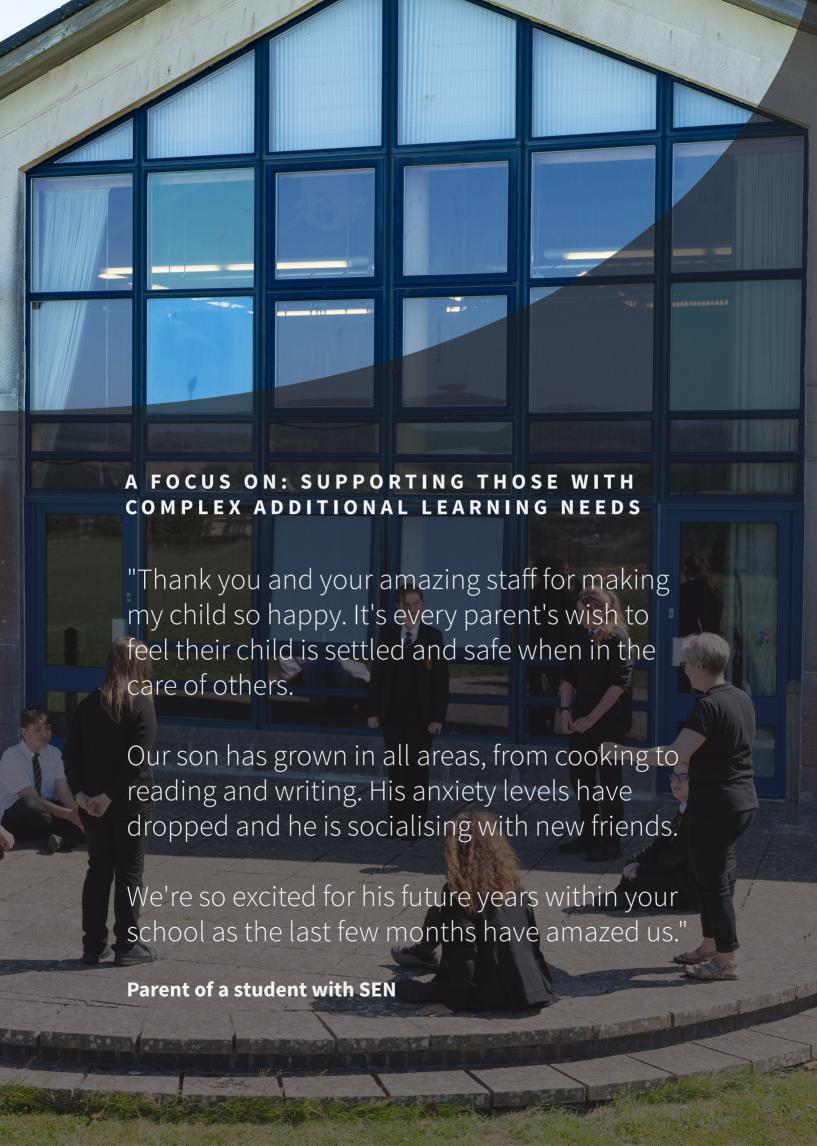
In a testament to its success, OFSTED recognises the impact of this work in ensuring that bullying is rare (and where it does occur, it is dealt with quickly).

Not only this, but because of our caring approach, we've been chosen to partner with the University of Oxford in the £24m Attune project dedicated to helping improve the mental health of students who have suffered adverse childhood experiences.

As a nationally recognised Wellbeing Pioneer School, Hayle Academy is making a significant impact. As a result, it is one of only two Cornish schools chosen to participate in a nationwide accredited pilot scheme designed to enhance the well-being of both staff and students within the school.







A FOCUS ON: BROADENING HORIZONS

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No matter their interests or who they aspire to be, we help our students develop the self-confidence to achieve their dreams.

So in September 2022, we introduced the Broad Horizons curriculum. With over 30 activities to choose from, Broad Horizons offers a rich programme of activities not available at most other schools nationally.

With the aim of broadening their perspectives, this programme is designed to allow students to enhance their skills, foster personal growth, and engage in community involvement... and we dedicate time within the school timetable to do it.

Activities vary on a termly basis, however here are some things our students enjoy trying their hands at:

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY:

- Community gardening
- Football refereeing (leading to a qualification)
- Community theatre
- Games cafe
- Learn Mandarin for beginners

DEVELOPING SKILLS:

- Escape rooms
- Lego legends
- Creative media
- Golf
- Asian cookery

DEVELOPING SELF:

- Yoga
- KS3 and KS4 STEM challenges
- Online climate change course
- Sketchbook stories
- Sports Leadership



"This is the best school I have ever been to. It has changed my life. I've been learning so many new subjects."

JD, Year 7



A FOCUS ON: MUSIC & THE ARTS

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We encourage students to express and explore their creativity and sense of self in all its forms.

MUSIC: Music is encouraged for all, with over 20% of students choosing to nurture their musical talent through singing and learning instruments. And because we go the extra mile in music, we're the only school in Cornwall to have been awarded the prestigious Music Mark. And did we mention that last year, our students performed at BoardMasters?

ART: Through our Broad Horizons programmes, aspiring young artists enjoy the opportunity to not only study for their GCSE Art qualification, but also to work with some of the very many professional artists resident in the county. This includes, visits to Leach Pottery and working with The Tate St Ives.

Hayle Academy pupils have even been selected to work on graffiti murals at Hayle Train Station in partnership with The Tate Gallery St Ives, Great Western Railway and the Town Council as well as two of our primaries: Penpol and Bodriggy Academy, with a renowned graffiti artist with the aim of promoting the local area to visitors to the county.

PERFORMING ARTS: Hayle Academy offers a vibrant performing arts provision (including dance and musical theatre). Not only do students who take part in performing arts have lots of opportunities to support primary transitions, but they take part in activities as diverse as school productions and playing in the Samba band at the Hayle Summer Carnival.





A FOCUS ON:

Xtra Opportunities

School life at Hayle Academy is rich and creative, offering a wide range of possibilities for pupils to stimulate and develop their unique talents.

Here the school day doesn't have to end at 3.05 pm. Hayle Xtra offers a varied programme of clubs and activities to help students develop their interests and skills. There's something for everyone, from sports to school productions to music, coding, cooking and art.

What will you decide?



Duke of Edinburgh

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"I would recommend D of E Silver as being pushed to your physical, emotional and mental limits is something you'll never regret. Even the blisters on expedition were worth it. I felt physically sick having to meet new people for my skills section but it was all fine and the knowledge I gained is priceless."

A Silver Award participant - Year 11

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The Duke of Edinburgh programme's success at Hayle is growing every year. And that's not surprising as it's a fantastic opportunity for students in years 9, 10 and 11 to develop their leadership skills, make new friends and build resilience.

Whether pupils are into hiking, cooking, or community service, there's something for everyone!

With the potential to complete Bronze and Silver Awards at Hayle, students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone and try new things. It's all about pushing yourself to new limits so you can see what you're capable of.

And the best part? On completion, students earn a recognised award valued by colleges and future employers. It's a win-win!

"Before joining Hayle Academy, I was nervous about joining due to meeting new people and studying new subjects. But it was so easy! Everyone was so supportive from the very first day."

Year 9 Student

A FOCUS ON:

Making the move easy...

The move to secondary school can feel intimidating for any child. That's why we've developed strong partnerships with local primary schools and encourage multiple visits by Year 5 and 6 students.

This way, students become familiar with their future teachers, surroundings, and peers before starting in Year 7.

Close collaboration ensures a smooth transition and reduces those first-day nerves.

Experiencing Hayle Academy.

The best way to understand the warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes Hayle different is to see it for yourself.

That's why we invite you to come to our year 5 and year 6 transition days, join us for our open evenings, or book a talk and tour with our Headteacher.

We'd love to show you around.

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