



Hayle Academy

1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I wish to share a number of updates with you, including our end of term arrangements.

Firstly, looking back at this term, I would like to congratulate our students for their commitment to their learning, for all of their positive contributions to school life and to our wider community. A few highlights are recognised below but please do follow our school Facebook page to see our regular updates and celebrations: <https://www.facebook.com/hayleacademy/>

- We are delighted to have achieved the National Wellbeing Gold Award that recognises all of our wellbeing support and opportunities for students and staff in partnership with our community, focusing particularly on leadership, teaching and learning.
- Another fantastic term for our Broad Horizons programme: well done to all students from Hayle in Bloom to Lego League, from dance and beauty to golf and Duke of Edinburgh preparations.
- It has been great to see so many students involved in trips and visits, such as Porthpean residential for Year 7 and 8 students, as well as the trip to Bristol last October and our Tate St Ives project.
- Thank you to all students and staff who represented our school at the Hayle Town Remembrance Service and parade.
- Again, a huge thank you to all our students, families and staff for all of the Hayle Foodbank donations as part of our House Harvest Festival Collection.
- Well done to students who have represented our school this term, including at sports fixtures and in our newly established Online Safety Team as part of our Harm Prevention Team.
- It has been a pleasure to see Year 11 and Year 10 students who are reading with Year 7 and Year 8 students each day along with the fantastic progress and commitment shown by Key Stage Three students through our daily home reading programme.
- Well done to students involved in a range of different projects, from successful applications to the Exeter Maths Programme, Regional Finalist for the South West Chef of the Year, Art students working with Leach Pottery and University of Falmouth students, our well-deserved winner of the South West in Bloom competition... and so much more!
- Our Year 11 students have really impressed with their conduct through their first mock exam series. They have also been busy with their post-16 applications and work experience interviews. We wish to thank all Year 11 students and families for your support at our recent post-16 information evening.

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

Last day of term

As a reminder to all parents and carers, our term ends for students on **Tuesday 19th December**. Students 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 13:00. At the start of the day, students will have the chance to take part in celebratory House assemblies, including the House Point auction and '12 days of Christmas' attendance prize draws, centred around positive engagement in school and learning.

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 15:05pm. Please can you complete the following survey link if your child accesses the county transport service: <https://forms.gle/7xLZwCQpDNLUtTiG9>, to indicate whether your child will remain on site until 15:05pm 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 13th December; 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 mini bus service, the mini bus will transport students home at the earlier time of 13:00.

January 2024 return to school

Just a reminder that we look forward to welcoming students back to school after the Christmas break on **Monday 8th January 2024** at the normal time. Students will return on Week 1 of their timetable.

Please note that the 4th and 5th January are training days for staff with a particular focus on our continued preparations for our digital transformation strategy as we get ready for the staggered introduction of ipads for each child to enhance students' learning, starting with Year 7 in February and Year 10 at Easter. This is an exciting development for our school; further information will be available early in the Spring term.

Students have now signed up for their Spring Broad Horizons offer. The **first Broad Horizons Spring session will start on the afternoon of Thursday 18th January** and fortnightly from that point.

For more information about what your child is studying next term, please do take a look at our whole-school curriculum calendar available on our website: [Whole School Curriculum Calendar 2023-24 \(hayleacademy.net\)](https://www.hayleacademy.net/whole-school-curriculum-calendar-2023-24)

Other key information

- Next week is our **House kindness week**, rewarding students for their demonstration of kindness to others – students will find out more in tutor time and please also see our Facebook page.
- Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with your child's attendance this term. From Monday 4th December, we are running our '**12 Days of Christmas**' reward programme. Those students who attend every day for the 12 days of Christmas from the 1st December, will have their name placed in a prize draw and could win Amazon gift vouchers! These will be drawn on our final day of term in our House assemblies – there will be prizes available for each House.
- Our **Performing Arts residential trip** to London is fast approaching this coming Tuesday! We hope that the students involved enjoy this experience, especially the performances of The Lion King and Wicked. If you have any questions, please contact the Trip Leader, Miss Rule, via crule@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.
- We are running workshops during the school day on Tuesday 5th December for Year 9 and 10 students – please refer to the separate communication from Miss Wilson, rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.
- Each morning, from Wednesday 13th December, the top 30 students for each year group on attendance and house points, will be invited to a **celebration breakfast** with school leaders.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** is taking place on Friday 8th December in support of Save the Children as part of the national Christmas Jumper Day. Students will continue to wear their school uniform but may wish to replace their school jumper or blazer with an appropriate Christmas jumper for a small donation of £1 for the Save the Children charity.
- **Christmas lunch** is available in the canteen on the 6th December and 13th December – students are asked to pre-book directly with the canteen staff.

- All Year 7 students and all students based in our ARB are looking forward to their trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch the pantomime, '**Peter Pan**', on Thursday 15th December. Further details are available from the Trip Leader, Miss Rule.
- We are very much looking forward to sharing our virtual 'Very Merry Christmas' Christmas Concert in partnership with our primary partners. Please watch this space!
- Progress reports following the Autumn assessment window will be shared with parents and carers for Years 8, 9 and 11. Spring reports will include Year 7 and Year 10. Targeted phone calls and meetings will take place in the Spring term for those selected students who would benefit from further support to make progress.
- Save the date: we are holding our **Year 11 parents' evening on Tuesday 9th January 2024**. Further details will be shared with Year 11 parents and carers on how to book prior to the end of term.
- Save the date: we are holding our **open classroom event for Year 9 and Year 10 students on Tuesday 23rd January 2024**. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher in their classroom, review their child's work and discuss their progress without the need for an appointment. This will also enable Year 9 parents and carers with their child to explore possible **option choices** with their teachers as part of this decision-making process. Please note that our open classroom events coupled with targeted phone calls and meetings, replace the traditional parents' evening for Years 7-10. The open classroom event for Years 7 and 8 will take place early in the Summer term.

As we move into December, students will be continuing their learning in each subject and I would like to thank all our students in advance for continuing to work hard and focus right until the very end.

As ever, we are very grateful for the ongoing support of parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any further support for your child or any aspect of their education, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Wishing you all a very merry, restful and safe Christmas when it arrives.

With best wishes



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher