



Hayle Academy

22nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last week, I have been impressed by the positive attitudes demonstrated by our students as they begin the summer term. It has been a busy first week back, including the start of the summer term curriculum, our summer Broad Horizons programme, new Hayle Xtra after school clubs, the launch of our Harbour Wise programme, and our Year 11 Art GCSE exams.

In particular, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 11 staff who led the Easter revision sessions and to the Year 11 students and their parents for supporting and engaging with the range of sessions on offer.

In addition, I wish to congratulate our Year 10 students on the completion of their work experience placements prior to the break. We have received fantastic feedback from the businesses and organisations who have complimented our students on their responsible and mature approach. We, in turn, extend our many thanks to them for supporting their placements. Please note that the application window for the 'gold tie' senior leaders for 2024-25 will open in the coming weeks to Y10.

Over the last term, our students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of trips and visits, including the overseas residential trips to Paris and, most recently, Iceland. Thank you to all students involved – they were a real credit to our school, as well as many thanks to our team of dedicated staff who provided these memorable, educational opportunities to our children.

I would like to share the following important information and key dates with you at the start of the new term:

Buildings update

Fantastic news! After ongoing detailed investigations into the building structure, our hall, Room 4 and the 3 office spaces that were temporarily closed are now able to fully re-open with immediate effect. As you know, the school took a precautionary approach and ensured that the safety of students and staff was prioritised. As a result, we are delighted that our production of Shrek Junior The Musical that takes place in July will be performed in our school hall – and we can't wait to see our talented students performing on stage!

Staffing Update

At Easter we said goodbye to Miss Woudberg, Operational SENDCO, who has secured a senior leadership promotion in another school. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

I am delighted to share that Miss Thomson, our highly experienced ARB Lead, has been appointed to the role of Operational SENDCO alongside her current role as ARB Lead, supported by Mr Woodward, Deputy Headteacher (Strategic SENDCO & Safeguarding). Miss Thomson can be contacted via: nthomson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Mrs Savage, Miss Stewart and Mr Woodward will be teaching English to provide continuity for Miss Woudberg's KS3 English groups.

Later this week, we are also saying goodbye to Mr Addy, who has been teaching Music part time since last September; his Music classes will be taught by the Subject Leader for Music, Mrs Barry.

Mrs Norman, our Science teacher, has commenced her maternity leave. Her classes will mostly be taught by the Deputy Head of Science, Miss Van-Baalen, for the remainder of the academic year.

Advantage project – iPads

Exciting update: You will be aware that we are in the process of implementing our Advantage strategy. As part of this, Year 10 students received their one to one devices to enhance teaching and learning last week. The Year 10 students' conduct was exemplary – as was the case for Year 7. The focus is now on embedding the routines and expectations in classrooms, so that the technology can be used innovatively, especially within our core pillars: feedback, assessment, accessibility, direct instruction and modelling. Year 7 students have engaged very positively in lessons with their device since February – really well done to them.

Looking ahead, we continue to plan towards the implementation of this strategy across all year groups from the start of September 2024 and more details will be shared with parents and carers of Year 8 and 9 students in readiness for this launch by Mrs Bex Leech, Assistant Headteacher: bleech@hayle.tpacademytrust.org. We would also like to make you aware that we will be collecting the Y7 and Y10 iPads from students at the end of the summer term in July for routine maintenance on the devices over the summer holiday.

Parent Survey

We are very grateful to all parents and carers who responded to the recent parent survey. Overall, there were 181 responses from across all year groups. Overwhelmingly, we have continued to receive year on year very positive responses about how our children feel happy and safe in school; how we have high expectations of students; that that is a very good range of subjects on offer; that the school supports their child's personal development; that students are well behaved in school and that their child is doing well. Where any issues have occurred, most parents agree that the school has dealt with these effectively. There has been a continued positive increase in the number of parents who would recommend our school to others (93% at least agree). I wish to express my thanks to all parents and carers who responded, and for your continued support.

However, whilst there have been continued positive improvements made in the following areas, we recognise that they remain areas to continue to develop, specifically linked to:

- How we inform parents and carers about **what your child is learning in school**.

Therefore, I would like to signpost the curriculum section of our website, specifically the new whole **school curriculum calendar** that provides an overview per term for each subject and each year group of the key topic areas studied: [Curriculum Calendars - Hayle Academy](#).

You will also find attached an overview of the **Global Values curriculum** for this term for Years 7 – 10. This curriculum does cover a range of sensitive topics. Please read this carefully and if you would like to discuss this further, please contact Miss Rebs Wilson, Assistant Headteacher, via rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

As we continue to implement our Advantage Project, parents will be able to discuss their child's work with them at home due to the use of Showbie and our use of digital technology to enhance feedback and assessment strategies.

Our school Facebook page provides regular updates on the curriculum and other educational opportunities. This can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/hayleacademy/> We also use this platform to celebrate our student successes, so please do share with us any achievements for your child outside of school via enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org

- How we can continue to improve how we communicate **how your child is doing at school**.

Our **open classroom event takes place on Tuesday 30th April from 3.30pm for Year 7 and 8 students** with their parents and carers and no appointment is needed. This is in addition to the first impressions parents evening for Year 7 students in the autumn term.

Targeted phone calls home will continue this term, alongside SEN review phone calls for Years 7 – 10 students.

We are introducing a celebration evening for the first time to celebrate academic achievement, endeavour and progress in the summer term.

We continue to explore how we can further improve these strategies. Please do contact the school directly via phone or email if you wish to explore any specific queries or to find out more about your child's progress in specific subjects.

Currently, the Senior Leadership team is contacting parents and carers who were not anonymised, in order to respond to any questions, feedback or to explore further how we can continue to strengthen the provision at our school. I wish to thank you for your feedback, which we very much welcome, and to ask that if you have any further concerns or issues, to contact us directly at the school by telephone or email.

Uniform and Behaviour Standards

House points have now been reverted back to 'zero' for the new term. If you have not yet created your Class Charts account to have oversight of your child's House Points, Behaviour Points, detentions (if applicable) and homework, please do contact us via enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org to request your PIN number.

Most students have returned at the start of the new term looking very smart in their school uniform; thank you for supporting these high standards. We ask that all students continue to reflect these high standards when they have their Broad Horizons sessions on alternate Thursdays: they can wear either their normal school uniform or their full school PE kit.

If you require any further support with sourcing uniform, we have some uniform items available at school – please do contact us via enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org. Likewise, if you have any pre-loved uniform items (including football boots) or revision textbooks that are no longer required and can be recycled, please do feel free to drop these into our main reception.

Please find attached once again a copy of the school's Behaviour Policy, which includes an appendix of our banned items. Can I once again draw your attention in particular to our Banned Substances; I would encourage all parents and carers to revisit this list of items with their child alongside the school's

behaviour expectations. Ultimately, the school has in place Banned Substances to keep our children safe when they are in school and to ensure that learning is not disrupted. The possession of banned substances which are illegal is considered a very serious breach of our school's behaviour policy and is likely to lead to students losing their educational place at the school.

As the GCSE exam period begins, we ask that students are mindful of their volume as they move around the site and ask that they remain silent when passing the gym and the Towans in particular.

Student Mobile Phones

You may be aware that in February 2024 the Government published guidance that says that schools should prohibit the use of mobile phones. More details can be found here: [Mobile phones in schools - February 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118421/mobile-phones-in-schools-february-2024.pdf). Some schools are collecting in phones at the start of the school day and store them in secure locations or locked pouches. However, our approach is one that we feel is the most reasonable: that mobile phones should not be brought into school, but we appreciate that most students use a mobile phone in their lives. Therefore, if a student brings their phone to school, it **must never be used, seen or heard on the school site**. This includes whilst walking into school, during break time and lunchtime, during lessons and whilst leaving the school site. The phone must be turned off and placed into the bottom of the student's bag; phones must not be visible, such as in students' pockets. Thank you in advance for your support and for discussing this expectation with your child. This message was shared through assemblies and tutor time last week.

Study bus

Following a successful trial last half term, the school is delighted to continue its study bus service this term. The mini bus runs on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 4.15pm and provides transport to those students who are involved in the after school Year 11 study sessions or the Hayle Xtra clubs. There is no cost to students. Students must book their place at student reception by 10.30am on the day.

Fixtures

The dates and times of the summer term fixtures programme has been added to our website. The link is: [Sporting fixtures - Hayle Academy](#). Please note that due to the timings of the fixtures, alternative transport home will need to be arranged as it is unlikely that the fixture will be completed in time for the 4.15pm study bus.

Key Dates

- **Hayle Xtra** started for the new term on Monday 15th April. If your child has not yet signed up, it is not too late! The activities can be found here: [HayleXtra - Hayle Academy](#); please email rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org with your child's options.
- Our **Year 7 and Year 8 open classroom evening takes place on Tuesday 30th April between 3.30pm and 6pm**. Parents and carers with their child are encouraged to visit their child's subject based classrooms, to look at their work and to discuss their child's progress with their teachers. We look forward to welcoming you – no appointment is necessary.
- **May Bank Holiday** – the school will be closed on Monday 6th May.
- **Year 11** updates and key dates will be sent separately to Year 11 parents and carers.
- The Army will be working with Year 9 students between 21st – 23rd May.
- In partnership with Penpol School and Bodriggy, selected Key Stage 3 students will be visiting the joint careers fayre at Penpol School on 22nd May.

- **Half term:** Monday 27th May until Friday 31st May inclusive. Students return to school on Monday 3rd June.
- Please save these dates with more information to follow:
 - **Year 7 – 9 summer assessment window:** from Monday 3rd June until Friday 14th June.
 - **End of Year 10 summer exams:** from Monday 17th June until Friday 21st June.
 - Please join us as we participate in the Hayle Carnival on **Saturday 29th June.**
 - Our **incoming Year 7 (2024-25)** transition day and evening: Tuesday 25th June.
 - Year 10 Penwith College Day: Thursday 27th June.
 - Our Sports Award Evening takes place at 6pm on **Thursday 27th June.**
 - Our first Key Stage 3 Musical: Shrek Jr. The Musical: Wednesday 10th July – Friday 12th July inclusive.
 - Our first celebration awards evening for academic achievement and endeavour for Years 7-10 – Thursday 20th June at 6pm.
 - Our very first end of Key Stage 3 graduation for Year 9 to mark their transition to Key Stage 4 – afternoon of Thursday 11th July.
 - Our incredible sports day will take place on **Thursday 18th July** as part of our Broad Horizons Week.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, which is very important to us. Please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can continue to work closely together to support your child as their educational provision and wellbeing are at the core of all that we do.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher