



Hayle Academy

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of the new Spring term, I wish to extend a very warm welcome back to our students and a happy new year to all of our families.

Our students' positive return over the last few days must be commended: I have been particularly impressed by their active engagement in their learning as well as by their purposeful learning focus as they work hard to build on their successes and progress from last term. In addition, our first Broad Horizons session of 2025 was very successful; students really valued the extensive range of opportunities available to them and there were plenty of smiling faces at the end of the day.

Furthermore, I would like to welcome Ms Heywood, an experienced Maths specialist who has joined our Maths team. She has already met many of her classes and students over the last few days, as well as Year 11 parents who attended the parents' evening yesterday. She looks forward to working closely with us and to supporting our students in her permanent role.

What is my child studying this half term?

To find out more about what your child is studying this half term, please visit our curriculum calendar, which is available via [this link](#). It provides a breakdown of what your child is studying within each subject.

Moments Matter

Thank you for your support with your child's attendance at school over the last term. As we all know, regular attendance at school is vitally important to support each child's academic progress and personal development. We do appreciate your support in ensuring that, wherever possible, any medical appointments are made outside of the school day.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like to seek further support from the school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor; our Attendance Officer, Miss Wootton ewootton@hayle.tpacademytrust.org or Miss Champion mchampion@hayle.tpacademytrust.org, our Inclusion Lead.

Behaviour and Standards

It was fantastic at the end of last term to celebrate and reward our students' achievements in our House assemblies. Students were able to 'bid' on prizes using their House Points.

House points and behaviour points have now been reverted back to 'zero' for the Spring term. This provides a fresh start to the new term. Please ensure that you have refreshed your Class Charts account so that it is updated to January 2025. If you have not yet created your Class Charts parent account and require any support, such as information about your PIN code, please do contact Mr Croker, Senior Assistant Headteacher, via ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

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 would 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 school PE kit. A reminder that our uniform expectations are available here: [Hayle-Academy-Uniform-List.pdf \(hayleacademy.net\)](#). If you require any further support with sourcing uniform, we do have some pre-loved uniform items available at school – please do contact Mrs Hosking, Associate Assistant Headteacher, via thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org for any support. We would always welcome any pre-loved donations to the school reception to support our approach to sustainability.

Following the letter sent last September, please can I once again draw your attention to our Behaviour Policy, which is [available here](#), and in particular our Banned Substances, which can be found on Page 11. I would encourage all parents and carers to revisit and discuss this list of items with their child. 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 being permanently excluded from the school.

Progress Review

Following the Autumn term progress reviews at the end of last term for students in Years 8, 9 and 11, targeted parent review calls and meetings are now taking place for students in **Years 8 and 9** over the next two weeks. Where students have been identified for targeted support based on their attitude to learning and progress, staff will contact parents to discuss how we can work in partnership to support your child and their specific areas for development for this term. This will include the pastoral team, subject teachers and SEND team.

Thank you to **Year 11** parents and carers who attended our Year 11 parents' evening yesterday. If you were unable to attend, or wish to further discuss any ways that the school can support your child, please do contact your child's tutor or our Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Leech bleech@hayle.tpacademytrust.org or Mr Radford rradford@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Following the Spring assessment window and Year 11 Spring mock exams, progress reviews will be sent home for students in Years 7, 10 and 11 and targeted phone calls will take place for students in these years groups. The Spring assessment window begins from **Monday 10th March until Friday 21st March for Years 7 and 10**; the Spring Year 11 mock exams will take place between **Monday 3rd March – Friday 14th March**.

The open classroom event is taking place on **Tuesday 4th February** for **all Year 9 and Year 10 parents and carers**. This will enable parents and carers to attend with your child, to visit their classrooms, look at their books and work, and to speak to their teachers. In particular, the opportunity on the 4th February will enable Year 9 parents to discuss possible **option choices** with option teachers and ask any questions about our offer; Year 10 parents will have the opportunity to review their child's **start to Key Stage Four**. Please note that no appointments are needed.

Advance notice: the open classroom event for all **Year 7 and Year 8** parents and carers is taking place on **Tuesday 29th April**.

For **Year 11** parents and carers, there is one important upcoming date for the **Year 11 revision support evening** on **Wednesday 22nd January**, 6pm – 7pm, for each student with their parent/carer. Year 11 parents and carers will have received a separate letter about the revision support evening this week;

please can you confirm your attendance using this Google Form if you have not done so already:
<https://forms.gle/2qKAf6YL7MUmE7Jj6>

The revision support evening will provide an invaluable opportunity for Year 11 parents and carers to learn more about the school's plans to help to support each child in the final preparations for their summer examinations. Furthermore, a key focus will be on exploring effective revision strategies and providing the opportunity for your child to co-create a structured revision programme using the materials available. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to seek any further support, including available post-16 support.

Global Values

As you will be aware, our 'Global Values' lessons are used to deliver: PSHE, RE, RSE, Careers, SMSC Development; British Values and Citizenship. Within these lessons this term, students will be studying a range of topics – please refer to the separate, attached document for the breakdown of what each year group is studying this term.

We understand that some of the content of these topics can be of a sensitive nature for your child. Please do let us know if there is anything that you wish the school to be made aware of prior to the lesson by contacting our Assistant Headteacher, Miss Wilson, via rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Key dates and information

- Hayle Xtra: our new Spring offer commences from **Monday 13th January**. There is a fantastic range of after school opportunities available. A reminder of what is on offer this term can be found here: [HX Spring 2025](#). If your child would like to attend, but has not yet signed up, please encourage them to do so as there is still time. Our free study bus service is also available for those requiring transport home within our designated area on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students need to sign up on the day by morning break at the main reception.
- **Year 11:** the after school **study support** programme re-starts **from Monday 13th January**. Year 11 students are expected to attend, so that they can make the most of their precious revision time with the subject teachers.
- **Year 9 options:** your child will shortly receive our options booklet, providing detailed information to enable them to make informed choices and decisions as they start to plan their pathway at Key Stage Four from September 2025. Please join us on the **4th February** to discuss the possible option choices with your child's teachers. Year 9 students continue to work towards their final End of Key Stage 3 Graduation and to submit their evidence for their final awards.
- Best of luck to our U15 boys' football team: they have made it into the last 16 of the ESFA National Cup from schools across the UK. The team will be travelling to Oxford on **17th January** to play their last 16 match and we couldn't be more proud.
- On **29th January**, a group of selected students will be taking part in a Secondary School Showcase and will perform live on stage at the Hall for Cornwall.
- On the same day, leaders from the EEF will be visiting our school as one of only two schools in Cornwall who have been selected for our expert practice. They are keen to see our embedded, effective approach to reading within Geography in practice, as well as across other subject areas.

- On **Tuesday 21st January, Year 9** students will have a fantastic opportunity – as part of their History curriculum - to be part of a Holocaust survivor visit through our partnership with the Holocaust Educational Trust. More information can be found here: [Holocaust Educational Trust - Outreach Programme \(het.org.uk\)](https://www.holocausteducationaltrust.org.uk/outreach-programme)
- A group of Year 8 students will take part in a STEM day on **22nd January** linked to Science.
- On **5th February**, BTEC Performing Arts students in Year 10 will be watching the production of Blood Brothers at Hall for Cornwall.
- The Year 11 whole year group photo will be taken on **Monday 10th February**. Year 9 portraits will also be taken this day.
- The residential trip to Berlin and Krakow - as part of the History curriculum - takes place from **Wednesday 12th February**. *Please do also look out for more details about another exciting European residential trip for 2026 as part of the Geography curriculum that will be shared shortly.*
- A free Bike Dr clinic available to all students and staff will be held during **Thursday 13th February**, led by our partner, Sustrans.
- The last day of this half term is **Friday 14th February** and students return on **Monday 24th February**.
- If you would like to share your child's out-of-school achievements with our school community, please do email us: enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org, as we would be very pleased to celebrate their contributions and rewards. On this note, please do keep up-to-date with our school Facebook page: [Hayle Academy | Hayle | Facebook](#)

We very much wish for students to get involved in and to enjoy school life, and to maximise every opportunity to learn and to develop as young people. As ever, I am grateful for the support, close contact and partnership of parents and carers, and I look forward - with pride - to seeing each child's continued development and progress this year.

Yours sincerely



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