



# Hayle Academy

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school today at the start of an exciting Summer Term. Students have already made an impressive start with a strong focus and desire to learn.

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

Over the last term, our students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of trips and visits, including Berlin and Krakow, University of Oxford, and the Scholars Programme graduation at University of Bristol – really well done to all students involved. In addition, I wish to congratulate students who took part in the recent Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition.

I am also delighted to share with you that our school's commitment to physical activity, sport and PE has been recognised through the Association of PE (AfPE) Award at Distinction level as well as the Youth Sport Trust's Silver Award for 2025-26.

## Senior Leadership Team

As you will know, we said farewell to Mr Woodward, Deputy Headteacher, at the end of the Spring Term. Mr Woodward started at Hayle in September 2019 as SENDCo. He became Assistant Headteacher before being appointed to Deputy Headteacher 2 years ago. We wish him every success as he works across all TPAT secondary and primary schools in his Trust role as Director of Inclusion.

Given this context, there have been some developments to the Senior Leadership Team. I hope the overview below is helpful with **changes highlighted in bold**.

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Congratulations to both Mrs Hosking and Miss Thomson who have recently been appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher.

### **Staffing Update**

Last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Barry, whose infectious passion for Music has inspired many students; we are very grateful for all of her contributions to our school community – both inside and outside of the classroom. We wish her all the very best for the future.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Brown to our school; Mrs Brown is a highly experienced and enthusiastic Music Teacher who started with us today. She has strong, established partnerships with Astone, CMST, Music Futures and the Prince's Teaching Institute. If you wish to get in contact with Mrs Brown, please contact via [cbrown@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:cbrown@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

At the start of the Summer Term, we wish to extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Norman, Science Teacher, who has returned from maternity leave. If you wish to contact Mrs Norman, her email address is: [jnorman@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:jnorman@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

### **Roadworks**

Cormac has informed the school this morning that the road re-surfacing works along St George's Road will continue into next week. They will be starting work at 09.30. However, there is no guarantee that the works will be finished prior to the end of the school day. They have assured the school that the county transport buses will be unaffected and students will be able to walk to and from home. However, it is likely that there will be impact on vehicle accessibility to the school through St George's Road. Therefore, the school would advise parents and carers to collect their child through using roads on the Guildford Road/ Humphry Davy end of the town rather than Foundry Square during this period.

### **Year 11 Information**

Year 11 students will shortly receive their new revision timetable and personalised exam timetable from the Exams Officer; copies will also be emailed home. We encourage all students to add their exam dates to their revision timetable that they have created in school.

The JCQ, as part of their summer contingency arrangements, have asked that all candidates remain available until **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 inclusive** should examinations need to be re-scheduled due to a national or significant local disruption to exams.

If you have any questions or queries about the exams for your child, or if you think that your child may be eligible for special consideration, please do liaise directly with our Exams and Data Manager, Miss Farrah Fulton, via [ffulton@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:ffulton@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

The timetable for Year 11 students will be adjusted from the 12<sup>th</sup> May to ensure that students have dedicated revision time with their teachers prior to sitting their exam. More details will be shared by Mrs Leech very shortly along with details about procedures and support for students available on the day of their exams.

Our Year 11 after school revision sessions continue to be offered by teaching staff; Year 11 students should be making every effort to attend and to make the most of these additional sessions with their subject experts. Due to a staff meeting and training session, **Year 11 study support sessions after school will re-commence from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

In addition, revision sessions led by teaching staff have been timetabled in school for the May half term in a similar structure to the Easter revision sessions. Please ensure that your child has signed up to secure their place. If you have any questions, please liaise with Mrs Bex Leech: [bleech@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:bleech@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

We understand that public exams have the potential to exacerbate feelings of anxiety and stress amongst young people. If your child is feeling this way about sitting their exams, please do contact your child's tutor or our pastoral team who will be able to explore ways that the school can provide personalised support:

[cwyatt@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:cwyatt@hayle.tpacademytrust.org) or [zwilliams@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:zwilliams@hayle.tpacademytrust.org). There is a range of advice and guidance for students and parents to help alleviate or lessen any anxiety they may have about sitting exams, including:

- [NHS Help your child beat exam stress](#)
- [Student Minds – resources, tips and blogs about exam stress](#)
- [Ofqual: Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#)

The Leavers Assembly and Guard of Honour will take place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** after the GCSE DT exam. Further details will follow but please save this date if your child is in Year 11 as you will be invited to join us for the Guard of Honour.

The Year 11 'Prom' will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at Tregenna Castle. If you are a Year 11 parent and have any questions, please liaise with Mr Williams ([zwilliams@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:zwilliams@hayle.tpacademytrust.org)) regarding the event.

### **Parent Survey**

Recently, parents and carers were invited to provide views and feedback through our survey. Thank you to all parents and carers who provided feedback. Overall, 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 response in terms of parents and carers who would recommend our school to others: 93% would recommend our school to other parents and carers.

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

Our open classroom event takes place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 3.30pm until 6.30pm 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 take place over the next 2 weeks following the latest assessments for Years 7 and 10 students. This is alongside SEN review phone calls for Years 7 – 10 students by the end of term.

During June, we will be celebrating student endeavour and academic excellence at our celebration event on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. This is in addition to our Sports Awards Evening on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June** (6pm – 7pm) and our Year 9 end of Key Stage 3 graduation assembly on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

To support communication with home, we have developed a whole-school calendar for parents with key dates for the year that is available on our website: [Parental Calendar Overview 2024-25](#).

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

In response to the survey feedback, the Senior Leadership team is contacting parents and carers who were not anonymised, in order to respond to any questions or specific feedback that has been raised.

## What is my child studying this term?

Please do visit the curriculum section of our website, specifically the **whole school curriculum calendar** that provides an overview per term for each subject and each year group of the key topic areas studied. It is set up so that updates are automatic. The Summer Term 1 curriculum calendar can be found here: [Whole School Curriculum Calendar 2023-24](#).

Please 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 Mrs Tamsin Hosking, Assistant Headteacher, via [thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

Through our Advantage Project, parents are also able to discuss their child's work and feedback with them at home as they can see their work on their Showbie classrooms. This includes exercise book work as students scan and save their work onto Showbie via their iPad for each lesson as part of their daily routine.

As you will know, 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](mailto:enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org)

## Essential Equipment

It is important that students are well-prepared and ready to learn every day by ensuring that they bring the following equipment to school each day. This ensures that their learning time is maximised and that there are no barriers to learning. For support with equipment, please do contact Mr Croker: [ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org), or your child's tutor.



Thank you in advance for checking that your child brings their equipment to school everyday and for encouraging them to organise their bag for the next day the evening beforehand as part of their routine. In addition, a water bottle is recommended, which they can refill at our water fountains.

## Uniform and PE Kit

Most students have returned at the start of the new term looking very smart; 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. A reminder about jewellery: students can wear one ring, one pair of stud earrings, and a watch.

### PE Kit:

- Due to the warmer weather in the summer term, we will permit a change of plain black socks for PE instead of football socks so that students' feet are not too hot during PE lessons. It is important however that this is **a change** of socks.
- Spare PE kit: if a child forgets their kit, they will need to collect a spare, clean kit from the reset room **before** the start of the PE lesson. Students will need to ensure that they arrive to PE with the kit they require and are responsible for collecting this if they forget their kit.

### Pre-loved uniform:

If you have any pre-loved uniform items (including football boots) or revision textbooks that are no longer required, we would very much welcome these in school to support our students; please do drop these into our main reception.

If you require any further support with sourcing uniform, we have some uniform items available at school – please do contact Mrs Hosking via [thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

## Behaviour Policy

Please find attached 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 being permanently excluded from the school.

## Study bus

The school is delighted to continue its extended study bus service this term. The mini bus runs on a **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** afternoon at 16.15 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 10.30 on the day.

## Fixtures

The Summer Term fixtures programme has been added to our website. The link is: [Summer-Fixtures-for-Website.pdf](#). 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

- **The Summer Term Broad Horizons programme** commences on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Year 11 study support** re-commences on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Hayle Xtra** starts for the new term on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If your child has not yet signed up, it is not too late! The activities can be found here: [HX Summer 2025](#), and sign up here: [Hayle Xtra Summer 2025: Student Sign-Up](#).
- Our **Year 7 and Year 8 open classroom evening** takes place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Half term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Students return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Please save these dates with more information to follow:

- **Year 7 – 9 summer assessment window:** from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Year 10 mock exams:** from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze** Qualifier expedition: 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June; **Silver** Qualifier: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Please join us as we participate in the **Hayle Carnival** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- Our **incoming Year 7** (2025-26) transition day and evening: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Year 9** trip to Falmouth University: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- **ARB open afternoon** for ARB parents/carers: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 10** Penwith College Day: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our **Sports Award Evening** take place at 6pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- **TPAT Musical Showcase** at Hall for Cornwall: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Matilda School Production**, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Celebration evening for academic achievement and endeavour** (Y7-10): Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- **End of Key Stage 3 graduation** (Year 9): Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.
- Our **sports day** will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July as part of our **Broader Horizons Week**.
- Year 10 student leader application process for 2025-26 will shortly be launched.

I am very grateful for your continued support and close contact as we continue to work together in partnership to ensure the highest quality education and welfare provision for each and every child.

Yours sincerely



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