We inspire students to dream big, to achieve more.

"93% of parents agree that they would recommend our school to other parents"

ACADEMY PROSPECTUS 2026

"I’m thrilled to have achieved two GCSEs at Grade 9, one at Grade 8 and three at Grade 7. I’m now going to study A Levels in Biology, Geography and Environmental Science at Truro College and I’m considering studying Geography at University.

I have really enjoyed my time at Hayle Academy. Thank you for all of the support that I have received and all of the opportunities provided.”

Megan (Class of 2025)

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Headteacher's welcome

Hayle Academy is an exceptional place where every child is known, supported and encouraged to thrive.

As a small school, we get to know each student as an individual, their strengths, their aspirations, and the areas where they need support. We create an environment where students feel safe, happy and confident to give their best. Our families tell us this personal approach is what makes Hayle Academy so special.

Everything we do is about supporting your child's growth, academically, socially and emotionally. And, our trailblazing commitment to wellbeing has been nationally recognised: we are proud to be a Beacon-Well School through the Youth Sport Trust, one of only three secondary schools in the South West to achieve this status.

This reflects the care we give to every student and our determination to build a community where staff and students alike can flourish.

We also know that opportunity and encouragement help children achieve more than they thought possible.

Our Hayle 365 programme gives every student experiences beyond the classroom – from learning to ride a bike to mastering first aid, discovering British Sign Language or attending elite sporting events. This year we also received the AfPE Quality Mark with Distinction, recognising the exceptional opportunities we give all students in PE, sport and physical activity.

Learning here is exciting and engaging. Since 2024, every student has had their own iPad, and this has transformed how we teach and learn. Lessons are more interactive and personalised, whether it's visual maths, digital art or instant teacher feedback. Students tell us they wouldn't want to learn without it.

And when it comes to the future, we keep doors open. Our students have four GCSE option choices, allowing them to focus on what they enjoy most and prepare for the pathways ahead.

If you choose Hayle Academy, your child will join a caring, ambitious and vibrant community where every student is supported to succeed. I would love to show you around so you can see for yourself what makes our school so special.

Melissa Lock
Headteacher

"Hayle is a calm and welcoming place. Pupils say they feel safe. Pupils know staff care about them. They enjoy coming to school. Leaders have high expectations of pupils."

OFSTED 2022

A FOCUS ON: THE INDIVIDUAL

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

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

"I was really happy to start at Hayle Academy; I love performing arts and history, so I was looking forward to having a go at these. Hayle Academy is brilliant, and I recommend it to everyone.

The teachers are really supportive and helpful, so I can only thank Hayle for everything they do for me."

Year 7 Student

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.

For maximum flexibility, students can choose to study Combined Science or take the individual sciences separately, giving those who prefer greater breadth and depth the opportunity to explore each subject in more detail.

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)

We get incredible results.

In August 2025, our students achieved outstanding results across several subjects:

GCSE Maths and Geography: Nearly 70% of students earned at least a Grade 4 (standard pass).

Separate Sciences:

Chemistry: 96% of students earned a Grade 4 or higher.

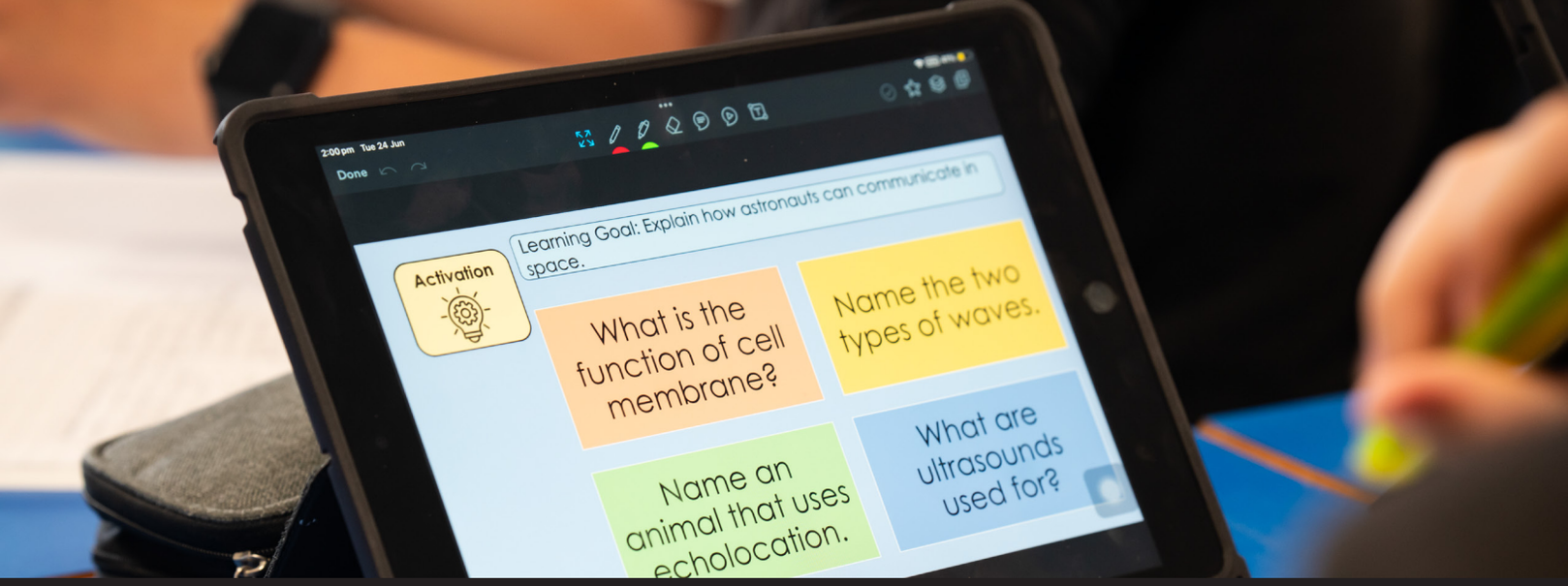
Physics: Over 82% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher.

Biology: More than 93% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher.

“I’m delighted to have passed all of my GCSEs including two Grade 9s, two Grade 8s, three at Grade 7 and a Level 2 Distinction*.

I’m now going to study A Levels in Psychology, Geography and Art. I’m really excited to start at Truro College and I am really grateful to all the staff at Hayle Academy for all of their support.”

Sophie (Class of 2025)



A FOCUS ON: TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Since 2024, every every student and teacher at Hayle Academy has been provided with an iPad to enhance our curriculum, teaching and learning.

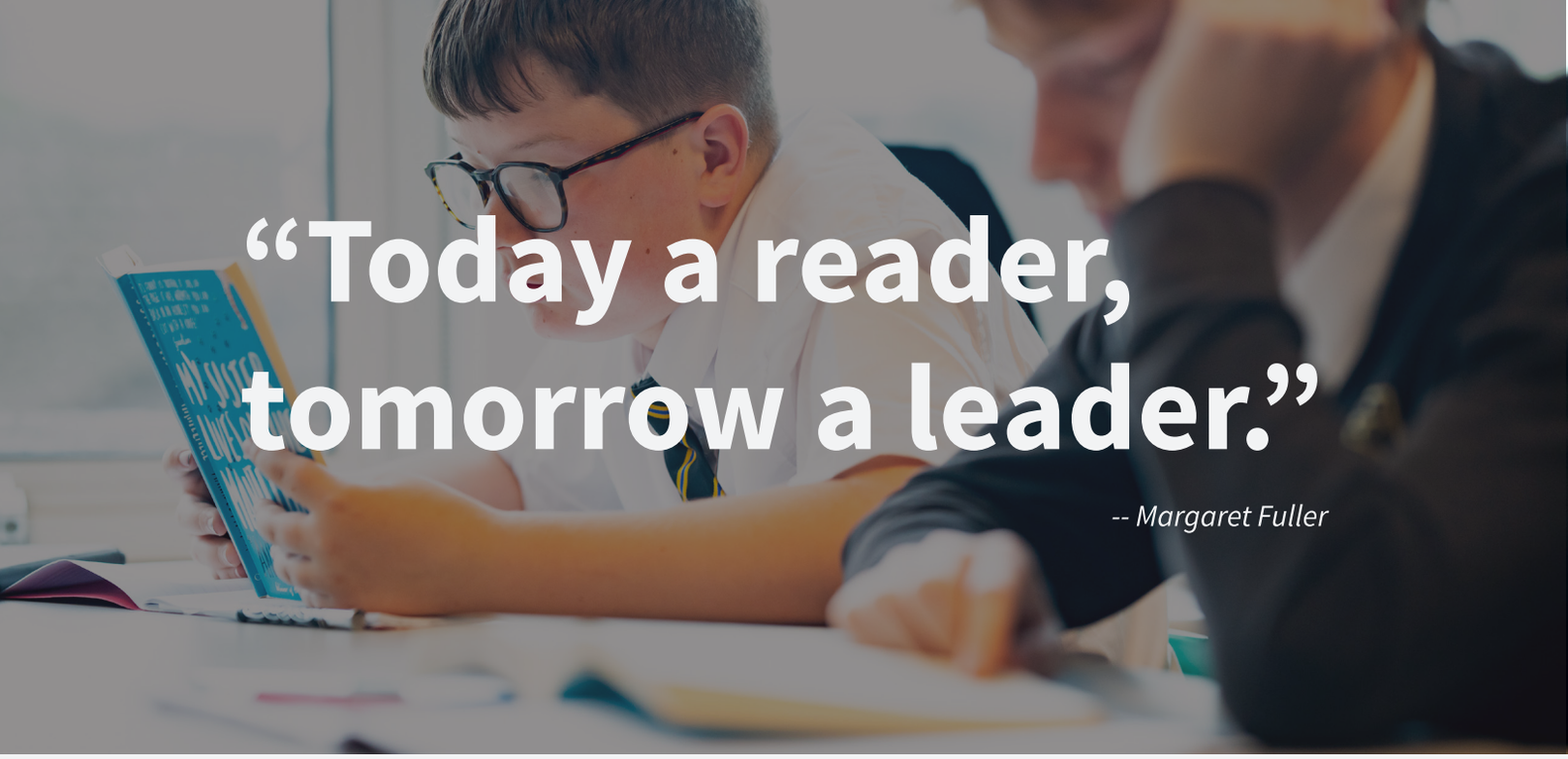
We use a blended model where devices complement, rather than replace, exercise books. Students move seamlessly between digital and written work, using the best of both approaches.

With this digital approach we have transformed the way our students learn, equipping them with the skills and qualifications they need for post-16 study and future employment.

Our approach removes barriers to access and creates an inclusive environment where every student can succeed.

Students tell us they wouldn't want to learn without their iPad. It makes lessons more engaging, interactive and personal, while improving feedback, assessment and modelling answers.

We are continuing to refine and enhance how these devices are used in every subject.



“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

-- Margaret Fuller

A FOCUS ON: READING

Literacy is the foundation of lifelong learning, personal development, and the ability to fully participate in society. That is why we are 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.

That is why we have a well-established 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 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."

A parent of a student based in the ARB

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

At Hayle Academy, your child's wellbeing comes first.

We know life can be challenging, and nationally 1 in 6 young people experience social or mental health difficulties.

That's why we create an environment where every student feels safe, supported and able to thrive.

And our commitment to wellbeing has been recognised nationally.

We are proud to be a Beacon-Well School through the Youth Sport Trust – one of only three in the South West and the only secondary school in Cornwall. This award reflects our sector-leading practice in building a happy, healthy school community for students and staff. Beacon-Well Schools follow the principle of "Lead Well, Move Well, Live Well", and our focus on student voice and co-design is central to achieving this.

A key part of this practice is empowering students to contribute to our safe and supportive environment. Our student-led Harm Prevention Team raises awareness of challenges faced by young people and promotes positive choices throughout the school.

With a nurturing culture, expert staff and proactive student involvement, every child at Hayle Academy has someone to turn to, space to grow, and the confidence to succeed.

A FOCUS ON: SUPPORTING THOSE WITH COMPLEX ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

"Thank you and your amazing staff for making my child so happy. It's every parent's wish to feel their child is settled and safe when in the care of others.

Our son has grown in all areas, from cooking to reading and writing. His anxiety levels have dropped and he is socialising with new friends.

We're so excited for his future years within your school as the last few months have amazed us."

Parent of a student with SEN

A FOCUS ON: BROADENING HORIZONS

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 – Hayle in Bloom
- HarbourWise Hayle Harbour Project
- Field to Fork
- Community Art – Leach Pottery Collaboration
- School Musical

DEVELOPING SKILLS:

- Archery – Archers of the West
- Forensics
- An introduction to Psychology
- Makaton
- Bushcraft Skills

DEVELOPING SELF:

- Yoga
- 10x Challenge
- Post-16 Taster Sessions
- Swimming
- Golf
- Trail Running

“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, ART & PERFORMING

Hayle Academy is a place where creativity thrives. Our students have opportunities to perform, create and showcase their talents locally and nationally, building confidence and discovering what inspires them.

Music: Young musicians enjoy unforgettable experiences that take their learning far beyond the classroom.

Last year, our Music Technology Ensemble performed at Music for Youth at Birmingham Symphony Hall and twice at the Hall for Cornwall – memories that inspire students to aim high and share their talent with wider audiences.

Art: Aspiring young artists enjoy opportunities that go far beyond their GCSE studies.

Through our Broad Horizons programme, students have exhibited work at the Goat Gallery , with two students even selling their artwork – an experience that shows the real-world impact of their creativity and builds pride, ambition and confidence.

Performing Arts: Our students take centre stage in Performing Arts. Over the past two years, they have performed in Shrek and Matilda, sharing songs from Matilda with the community at the Hayle Summer Carnival. These productions give students the chance to develop confidence, work as a team and shine in front of an audience.

A FOCUS ON:

Sport

Sport and physical activity are a thriving part of life at Hayle Academy.

More than a third of our students proudly represent the school in competitive sport, while many more take part in our wide range of activities that support their physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Our approach is inclusive and ambitious, helping students to stay active, enjoy sport and achieve their personal best.

We are proud to have been awarded the AfPE Quality Mark with Distinction – the highest national recognition for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity.

We are delighted that the assessment panel praised our:

- Exemplary leadership and management of PE
- Outstanding teaching and learning in lessons
- Inclusive approach that engages every student
- Rich extra-curricular offer, with Broad Horizons providing experiences that build physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Alongside traditional school sports, students can also try golf, yoga and surfing, developing new skills and discovering activities they love. Whatever the activity, our students are encouraged to move well, compete well and live well – building skills, confidence and healthy habits for life.

A FOCUS ON:

3 out of 4 students participate in Hayle Xtra. Our range of options offers something for everyone.

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.

And if you're staying after school, you don't need to worry about getting home either. A free study bus runs four evenings a week for pupils who live within the catchment area.

Duke of Edinburgh

"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

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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