



Hayle Academy

September 2025

Hayle Academy Open Evening: Thursday 18th September 2025, 17:00 – 19:30

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we move into the autumn term, Year 6 students along with their parents and carers will be making final decisions on secondary school applications. At the same time, students in Year 5 and younger years may well be looking to the future and that primary to secondary transition that is on the not-to-distant horizon. On behalf of all the staff at Hayle Academy, I am writing to extend a warm invitation to our Open Evening, taking place on **Thursday 18th September between 17:00 and 19:30**.

We are very much looking forward to opening our school to the community and to sharing a range of exciting information and experiences with you on all that we have to offer. Whether you are reading this as a prospective student, parent, carer, grandparent or any other member of the wider school community, I very much hope you will be able to join us at our Open Evening and experience our fantastic school.

Hayle Academy truly 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, giving each and every child the attention and support they deserve. We do this because we believe that our students should be appropriately challenged, both academically and in broader life skills too. I am incredibly proud to be a part of Hayle Academy and can recommend our school to you unreservedly.

By way of introduction, I am extremely privileged to be Headteacher at Hayle Academy, entering my fourth year in its Headship. Previously, I was Deputy Headteacher for two years, leading on curriculum, teaching and learning.

I am extremely grateful for the partnership and support from our students, parents, carers, staff and our wider community as we continue to build on our positive momentum as a popular local community school that values an ambitious, personalised and student-focused approach. This means that our students can thrive and succeed in every way as they 'dream big' and reach new heights.

We believe that time in school should be positive and happy: time to develop and grow both academically and as a person; time to broaden our horizons and to try new things. We create an environment where students feel **safe, happy and confident** to give their best. Everything we do is about supporting each child's growth, **academically, socially and emotionally**.

Students tell us they enjoy being a part of our school and are proud to be a part of our **inclusive** school community. Our families tell us that our personalised approach is what makes Hayle Academy so special - with 93% of parents and carers who say they would recommend our school to others.

Learning here is exciting and engaging. Since 2024, every student has had their own iPad provided by the school alongside their exercise book, and this has transformed how we teach and learn. Due to our high expectations and high standards, lessons are focused and academically challenging; students embrace their learning with confidence, thinking deeply and actively in greater depth, breadth and complexity. As the inspectors noted in our Ofsted report, disruption at Hayle Academy is incredibly rare. All staff uphold our expectations and support our students in meeting them, and our students respond in kind.

Our trailblazing commitment to wellbeing has been nationally recognised: we are proud to have been selected as a **Beacon-Well School** through the Youth Sport Trust, one of only three secondary schools in the South West

and the only secondary school in Cornwall. This year we have also received the AfPE Quality Mark with Distinction, recognising the exceptional opportunities we give all students in PE, sport and physical activity.

Some of the greatest and most memorable of times at school occur outside of the classroom: through our extensive range of afterschool Hayle Xtra clubs and activities; representation in our sports teams; music performances, drama productions, celebration evenings... and so much more. Our **Broad Horizons** programme, as part of our **Hayle 365** curriculum, enables all students to take part in activities, as part of their school timetable, developing themselves, their wellbeing and their community. From community gardening to first aid training and pottery, forensic science to trail running and golf, there really is something for everyone.

As part of our Hayle 365 curriculum, we are also delighted to provide a comprehensive and planned five-year **trips and visits**. This is because we firmly believe that our students should have the opportunity to embrace and learn from these experiences across their time with us. Whether they wish to visit Iceland, Italy, Berlin and Krakow, or would prefer to experience the West End theatre, art gallery or an elite sporting event, our aim is to provide a breadth of choice and opportunity. With our focus on positivity, celebration and excellence, all students will find opportunities to succeed.

This is an exciting time to join us and to be a part of Hayle Academy. We are a forward-thinking Academy and place our students' needs at the heart of everything we do. Over this week, we look forward to watching our students as they return from the summer break with a real sense of pride. Our students truly are our best ambassadors and I do hope you will be able to join us on **Thursday 18th September** to see this first hand. This will also be a great opportunity to hear about how our school uses digital technology to enhance teaching and learning through one-to-one devices, which ensures that every student is prepared for the digitalised world.

I very much hope you will have found this letter be of interest. There is no better way of gauging the true feel of a school than to visit and talk in person to the students and staff. If for any reason you are unable to join us on Open Evening, but would like to know more, or you would like to experience a tour of the school during the school day, you are warmly invited to **book a school tour** using this [booking link](#). Alternatively, please use the contact form on our website, email head@hayle.tpacademytrust.org or contact our reception on 01736 753009.

Please do visit our new website to find out more about our school via www.hayleacademy.net, where you will also be able to download a copy of our prospectus. You may wish to also visit our school Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hayleacademy/) to see the great opportunities and fantastic achievements of our students that we are proud to celebrate with our community.

I would love to welcome you to our school and to show you around, so that you can see what makes our school so special.

Best wishes



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