



Hayle Academy

26th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through the second half of the Autumn term, I would like to share some updates with you, such as our end of term arrangements.

Reflecting on this term, I am incredibly proud of our students for their commitment to learning, their excellent engagement and focus in lessons, and the way they have embraced opportunities to think hard and tackle challenging concepts, all while maintaining the high standards we expect across school life and the wider community. Below are just a few highlights, but please do follow our school Facebook page for regular updates and celebrations: <https://www.facebook.com/hayleacademy/>

- **Year 11 Success:** Our Year 11 students have impressed us with their maturity and focus during their first mock exam series. Thank you to students and families for your support at our recent Post-16 Information Evening.
- **Hayle Xtra:** It has been fantastic to see so many students involved in our Hayle Xtra programme, taking part in a wide range of enrichment activities and representing our school with pride.
- **Hayle 365:** It has been wonderful to see so many students taking part in memorable experiences, including the trip to see the Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Theatre Royal today. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students are also working hard towards their Hayle Edge Awards.
- **Community Engagement and Giving:** Thank you to all students who represented Hayle Academy at the Hayle Town Remembrance Service and parade. We also appreciate the generous Foodbank donations through our House Harvest Festival and advent collections. Finally, we are proud to have won the Gold South West in Bloom Award for our Penpol Terrace garden – a fantastic achievement for our school community.

Thank you to our dedicated staff team and to our parents and carers for your continued support, which makes these opportunities – and so many more – possible for our students.

Staffing Update

On behalf of everyone at Hayle Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Bailey, Behaviour Support Worker, all the very best as she moves on to a promotion at another school. As you are aware from my previous letter, we also extend our sincere thanks to Miss Salaou, who will be leaving us at the end of this term, after her valued contribution as Teacher of MFL – we wish her every success for the future. Looking ahead, we are delighted to welcome Dr Nason, who will be joining our team as a Science Technician after Christmas.

Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

Every day in school truly matters. Each lesson is a vital step in your child's learning journey, and regular attendance ensures they benefit from being in class with their teachers, supporting both learning and progress. High attendance is closely linked to strong attainment, and it also helps students build confidence, independence, and positive relationships, fostering a real sense of community – and so much more. It enables them to access the full range of fantastic opportunities available at Hayle

Academy and to prepare effectively for their next steps post-16. If you would like to discuss any additional support for your child's attendance, please contact our Attendance Team at attendance@hayle.tpacademytrust.org – we are here to help. Together, we can make every moment count.

Last day of term

As a reminder to all parents and carers, our term ends for students on **Friday 19th December**. Students can wear non-school uniform on this day, although please ensure that all clothing is appropriate for school. For example, crop-style tops are not permitted.

We will follow our traditional end-of-term schedule with a slightly shorter day for students. All students will enjoy lunch and a final farewell with their tutor group before leaving school at 13:05. The day will begin with celebratory House assemblies, recognising positive engagement in school and learning throughout the term.

However, if your child accesses the county bus or taxi transport service, these buses/ taxis are unable to collect at an earlier time and will remain available at 15:15. Please can you complete the following survey link if your child accesses the county transport service: <https://forms.gle/wSFagRxmNhu8nfKM9>, to indicate whether your child will remain on site until 15:15 or whether other alternative arrangements will be made by yourself. If your child remains on site, they will remain supervised in an IT room until the end of the day.

The survey link will close at midday on Tuesday 16th December; thank you in advance for completing this link if your child accesses county transport. Please note, if your child accesses the school's own transport, the mini bus will transport students home at the earlier time of 13:05.

January 2026 return to school

Just a reminder that we look forward to welcoming students back to school after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 6th January 2026** at the normal time. Students will return on Week B of their timetable.

The after school Hayle Xtra clubs for the Spring term will commence from Monday 12th January 2026.

The first Broad Horizons Spring session will start on the afternoon of Thursday 15th January and fortnightly from that point.

For more information about what your child is studying in the next half term, please do take a look at our whole-school curriculum calendar available on our website:

Spring 1: Whole School Curriculum Calendar 2025-26

A reminder about what your child is studying now: [Whole School Curriculum Calendar 2025-26](https://www.hayle.academy/Whole-School-Curriculum-Calendar-2025-26)

Equipment and Uniform

Please ensure your child brings the correct equipment to school each day, including their school iPad charged to at least 80% and a stylus. Students who receive Free School Meals have been provided with a stylus, and it is their responsibility to bring this daily to support their learning. We highly recommend that all students use a stylus as part of their equipment list, as it improves precision when completing tasks and enhances the quality of digital work.

In terms of **uniform**, if your child has outgrown any items, please consider donating them to school to support the sustainable efforts of our *Friends of Hayle Academy*. If you would like to swap an item or make a small donation for a replacement, please contact Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hosking, via thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Home Learning

We are really impressed with the excellent weekly uptake of Sparx Maths home learning – well done to all our students for their commitment and consistency.

Excitingly, we are looking forward to sharing some upcoming developments in our home learning approach, focused on prioritising student knowledge and recall alongside high-quality regular reading. With this in mind, we will soon be introducing Sparx Science and Sparx Reader, which will replace the current daily KS3 home reading programme following student feedback. Further details will be shared with parents and students at the earliest opportunity.

Year 11: Period 5

From early January, we will be introducing **Period 5** for all Year 11 students as part of our Spring term support in preparation for public examinations. These additional sessions will provide focused time with subject specialists to strengthen knowledge and skills. The timetable will prioritise **English, Maths, Science**, and subjects with coursework or controlled assessment elements. Each student is expected to attend on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 15:15 to 16:00**. **Friday** will be reserved for subjects with coursework or controlled assessments nearing deadlines, so attendance will depend on individual option choices.

This approach is in line with most schools regionally and nationally and reflects our strong commitment to supporting your child as they prepare for their Spring mock exams and final GCSE examinations. Further details will be shared by Mr Radford in the coming weeks and please do contact your child's Year 11 tutor if you would like to discuss any further support.

Communication Update

We want to make you aware that there are currently Trust-wide issues with the Arbor email system. Our Trust IT team is working hard to resolve these problems as quickly as possible. In the meantime, please regularly check your junk or spam email folders for any missed messages.

To stay up to date, we also encourage you to check the Communication Home page on our school website ([Communication home - Hayle Academy](#)), look out for school text messages, and follow our school Facebook page for important updates.

Thank you for your understanding and support while this issue is being addressed.

Other key information

- Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with your child's attendance this term. From Monday 1st December, we are running our '**15 Days of Christmas**' reward programme. Those students who attend every day for the 15 school days from the 1st December, will have their name placed in a prize draw and could win rewards! These will be drawn on our final day of term in our House assemblies – there will be prizes available for each House.

- Our **Performing Arts residential trip** to London is fast approaching on the 4th and 5th December! If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rule (Trip Leader) via crule@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.
- Each morning, from Tuesday 16th December, the top 30 students for each year group on attendance and house points, will be invited to a **celebration breakfast** with school leaders.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** is taking place on **Thursday 11th December** in support of Save the Children as part of the national Christmas Jumper Day. Students will continue to wear their school uniform but may wish to replace their school jumper or blazer with an appropriate Christmas jumper for a small donation of £1 for the Save the Children charity.
- **Christmas lunch:** This is available in the canteen on: **Wednesday 10th December for Years 7, 9 and 11; Wednesday 17th December for Years 8 and 10.** A link to pre-book your child's Christmas dinner has already been shared this week.
- All Year 7 students and all students based in our ARB are looking forward to their trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch the pantomime on Wednesday 17th December. Further details are available from the Trip Leader, Miss Rule.
- Our **Winter Concert** is taking place in our hall at 6.30pm on **Thursday 11th December**. Further information about how to book tickets if your child is performing on the night, will be shared shortly.
- Progress reports following the Autumn assessment window will be shared with parents and carers for Years 8 and 9 on Thursday 19th December. Year 11 will receive their mock exam results on Thursday 19th December as part of a 'mock results day'. Spring reports will include Year 7 and Year 10.
- Save the date: we are holding our **Year 11 parents' evening on Wednesday 7th January 2026**. Further details will be shared with Year 11 parents and carers on how to book prior to the end of term.
- A reminder for your diaries that Monday 26th January 2026 is a **Trust joint training day**, so our school will not be open for students on that day, but students will be expected in school as normal on Tuesday 27th January.

As we move into December, students will continue their learning across all subjects, and I would like to thank them in advance for maintaining their effort, focus, and high standards right through to the end of term.

We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or explore additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the school.

Wishing you and your families a joyful, restful, and safe Christmas when it arrives.

Very best wishes,



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher