



# Hayle Academy

March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. As we move into the final three weeks of the Spring Term, I am delighted to share two pieces of very positive news for our school community.

Firstly, Hayle Academy has been successful in securing a **Clore Duffield Foundation Trip Grant for all students in Years 7–11 for the next academic year**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people. The funding for 3 trips or visits for each year group next year enables us to further broaden access to high-quality cultural, artistic and educational experiences beyond the classroom - fully aligned with the Foundation's aims of enriching young people's cultural capital. We are now planning next year's trips in line with the Foundation's expectations, ensuring every visit is purposeful, inclusive, and designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning.

Furthermore, I am extremely proud to share that Hayle Academy has been awarded the **5★ Well School Award from the Youth Sport Trust** - one of only a small number of schools nationally to achieve this recognition. The award celebrates schools that place wellbeing at the heart of their culture, embedding physical activity, positive relationships and emotional health into daily school life. It reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every student feels supported, valued and able to thrive. More information about the award and what it means for Hayle Academy can be found on our website: [Well School - Hayle Academy](#).

## **Learning and Progress**

Students continue to show impressive focus this term, and it has been wonderful to see their dedication across lessons. Our staff remain committed to providing high-quality teaching and personalised support, ensuring that every child is challenged, encouraged, and able to make strong progress. As ever, thank you for the support you give at home with routines, reading, home learning and attendance - it makes a real difference.

## **What is my child studying?**

Our curriculum calendars for all year groups are available on our school website: [Curriculum Calendars - Hayle Academy](#). These outline what your child is studying across each subject for the remainder of this term and throughout the summer term. We hope you find these useful in supporting conversations at home about learning.

## **Well Done to Year 11**

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students for their hard work and resilience throughout the recent two weeks of mock exams. They have demonstrated real commitment to their studies - in lessons and during Period 5 - and we are incredibly proud of them.

A special mention must also go to those students who have completed - or will shortly be completing - their Catering practical examinations. They have risen to the challenge brilliantly.

## **Scholars Programme and Youth Speaks Debate Competition**

A huge well done to our Year 9 students involved in the Scholars Programme. They have all passed with flying colours and will shortly be graduating from Bristol University as part of the programme celebrations.

Congratulations are also very well-deserved for our group of Year 7 students who have won the local and district Youth Speaks Debate Competition at Nexus and in Devon. We wish them every success as they now look forward to the next round in Bristol!

We are extremely proud of them all.

## **Parent Survey 2025–26**

At Hayle Academy, we are committed to continuous improvement. As part of this, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our annual Parent Survey:

<https://forms.gle/nnm3EtqgXwmJSrsU7>. Please base your responses on your experiences **since September 2025**, as this helps us evaluate the impact of our work this year. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us, and if you choose to include your name and contact details, we will be able to follow up directly on any points you raise.

## **Key Dates**

- Year 11 progress reviews will be sent home on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Year 7 and Year 10: Spring assessment progress reviews will be sent home on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- Italy Trip (led by Mr Leech): Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you to all staff who are supporting this incredible opportunity for our students
- End of Spring Term: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, normal finish time.
- Start of Summer Term: Students return from the Easter break on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- Advance notice: our Year 7 and Year 8 open classroom event takes place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Parents and carers will visit their child's classroom, see their work and discuss their child's progress with the teacher. For this parents' evening, no appointment is needed.

## **Staff Update**

We would like to offer our warmest wishes to Mrs Hall, English Teacher and Literacy Coordinator for Oracy and Writing, as she prepares to begin her maternity leave at Easter. We are very grateful for her hard work and commitment, and we look forward to welcoming her back in the future.

Furthermore, Miss Owen has stepped into the role of Interim Subject Leader for English, as Mrs Harvey is currently not in school for personal reasons. We are confident that Miss Owen will continue to provide strong leadership and stability for the English team.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Miss Fulton, Learning Support Assistant, who has moved on from Hayle Academy for exciting new adventures abroad. We wish her safe travels and offer our sincere thanks for the dedication, care and support she has provided to our young people over the past three years.

## **World Book Day – Thank You**

A huge thank you to our whole school community for your support during World Book Day. We were delighted to see so many students taking part - including some amazing, creative costumes that brought real joy and energy to the day.

As a school, we place great importance on promoting a love of reading. Reading strengthens vocabulary, improves writing, expands cultural knowledge and supports wellbeing. Events like World Book Day help us celebrate stories, imagination, and creativity, and they continue to build a strong reading culture across Hayle Academy.

If you have any questions about how to support your child's reading at home, or about Sparx Reader for KS3 students, please contact Mrs Mellow, Literacy Coordinator (Reading), who will be very happy to help: [hmellow@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:hmellow@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

### **Attendance - Moments Matter**

Good attendance remains a priority for us because it directly impacts each child's learning, achievement and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support, ensuring that your child arrives to school on time and attends every day wherever possible. If you need any support, our attendance team is always here to help: [attendance@hayle.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:attendance@hayle.tpacademytrust.org).

### **Communication**

Please remember you can contact the school at any time if you have questions or concerns. We value working in partnership with you to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive. In light of the recent parent engagement survey, we have updated our staff list on our website with contact details and we hope that this supports our close communication: [Teaching staff list - Hayle Academy](#).

Last, but certainly not least, I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our students. Whether you represent Hayle Academy through sport, creative arts, academic events, leadership or competitions both inside and outside school hours - or whether you show up each day, work hard, support your peers and contribute positively to our school community - your dedication and pride make a real difference. We are incredibly proud of every single one of you.

Thank you once again for your continued trust and support. I am proud of our students and grateful to our staff, families and community for their ongoing dedication to Hayle Academy.

Very best wishes



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