



Hayle Academy

2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

Last week, I wrote to you about the incredible journey our Year 11 students have taken and the important weeks that lie ahead. Yesterday, I met with the whole year group again in assembly to revisit expectations and remind them of the opportunity in front of them.

Just as I said previously: this is their moment.

Their chance to take all they have learned, all they have overcome, and all they aspire to achieve - and turn it into something extraordinary.

Over the course of this week, I have also been visiting Year 11 in their Maths tutor time and in lessons across the curriculum. I have been genuinely impressed by the way so many students are focusing on their revision, using every minute wisely, taking on board feedback from their teacher and taking every opportunity offered to them. Their determination is clear, and we are very proud of the way they are stepping up at this crucial stage.

At the same time, there are still a small number of students who have not fully stepped up yet in terms of making the most of their time in school and at home. We continue to encourage them that effective preparation is not about last-minute cramming, but about little and often, building knowledge steadily over time. The good news is that there is still time for these students to make positive changes. With consistent habits, focused use of lesson time, and structured revision at home, the next few weeks can make a real difference.

GCSE Exam Timetables

Students received their Spring mock exam progress reports earlier this week, and they have also received their individual GCSE exam timetables today, which will help them to plan their revision timetable carefully. Please do take a moment to look through these together so that they can organise their time well and keep their confidence high.

Expectations and Focus for the Coming Weeks

During our assembly yesterday, we reviewed key routines that will help students succeed. Lessons remain purposeful and calm across the school, and staff continue to be impressed by the commitment shown by the vast majority of students. Thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing high expectations at home.

Easter Revision and Home Learning

Thank you to families who have already signed up for our Easter revision sessions. These sessions in Computer Science (please note the change of date), Science, and Art are valuable opportunities for tailored support.

Date	Session	Subject	Staff delivering	Room	Focus of the session
Tue 7 th April	AM session 09.30-11.30	Science	Miss Van-Baalen / Miss Ferris	27/29	Chemistry
	PM session 12.00-2.00	Science	Miss Van-Baalen / Miss Ferris	27/29	Physics
Wed 8 th April	AM session 09.30-11.30	Comp Science	Mrs Parker	IT1	Paper 1
	PM session 12.00-2.00	Comp Science	Mrs Parker	IT1	Paper 2
Wed 8 th April	AM session 09.30-11.30	Art	Mrs Tranter / Mrs Hayes	45 or 46	Exam prep & coursework refinements
	PM session 12.00-2.00	Art	Mrs Tranter / Mrs Hayes	45 or 46	Exam prep & coursework refinements

I spoke to Year 11 yesterday about how they can maintain this momentum over the Easter break, and reminded them that all Easter homework has been set on ClassCharts. This has been designed by our Subject Leaders and Teachers to provide structured, manageable revision, and I encourage students to complete this first before doing any additional independent study.

All Easter homework has been set on ClassCharts, and students should now be:

- following their revision timetables
- revising little and often
- completing home learning
- using the printed exam papers we have provided to complete past paper practice

We appreciate that many students have part-time jobs, but during the exam season, keeping working hours to a minimum will make a significant positive difference.

Focus Lessons

As you are aware, as we move into the GCSE exam season, students' timetables will be adapted so they receive subject-specific focus lessons directly before each exam. These lessons are carefully planned to support confidence, recall and readiness.

It is essential that students remain in school until their final exam so they benefit fully from these sessions.

Leavers' Assembly and Guard of Honour – Monday 15th June

We are delighted to share arrangements for celebrating our Year 11 students as they complete their journey with us.

After the GCSE Physics exam on **Monday 15th June**, students will:

- Hand in their school iPad, case and charger
- Join us for their Leavers' Assembly at **11.45am**, celebrating their time at Hayle Academy
- Take part in our traditional Guard of Honour at **12.15pm**

Families are warmly invited to join us for the Guard of Honour. You will be able to stand just inside the main gates, while the rest of our school community lines the route further down. It is always a joyful and emotional moment, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Students who are sitting the **GCSE Further Maths** paper on the afternoon of Monday 15th June will remain on site after the Guard of Honour so they can prepare calmly and be fully supported ahead of the exam.

Year 11 Prom – Friday 26th June, Tregenna Castle

Our Prom at Tregenna Castle is a highlight of the year, and we look forward to celebrating with our students in this beautiful setting.

As always, attendance at Prom is for students who finish their time with us positively, including meeting our behaviour expectations in the weeks ahead. We hope that all our students will be there to enjoy this very special evening together.

Special Consideration

If there are any circumstances that you believe may affect your child's performance in their exams - such as illness, injury, bereavement or other significant events - please do let us know as soon as possible. We can guide you through the process of applying for special consideration, but it is important that we are aware promptly and that any relevant medical or supporting evidence is provided so we can submit this to the exam board within the required timeframes.

Please contact Miss Fulton, Exams and Data Officer, at ffulton@hayle.tpacademytrust.org if you feel that your child may need special consideration or if you would like more information about the process.

Wellbeing Support

We recognise that this stage of the year can feel stressful, and some students may be feeling some anxiety as exams draw closer. Please be reassured that we are here to support them. Our Pastoral Team, Tutors and Year 11 teachers are always available to talk through any worries, and we encourage students to reach out early if they are feeling overwhelmed.

If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, exam anxiety, or anything that may be affecting their readiness for the exam season, please contact our Pastoral Team at pastoral@hayle.tpacademytrust.org so that we can put appropriate support in place.

In Partnership for the Final Push

Last week, I wrote at length about the final phase of Year 11, the importance of attendance, the analysis of the second mocks, the need to attend revision sessions, and the crucial role that routines, homework and steady revision now play. I won't repeat the whole message here, but the key point remains the same: what students do between now and their final exam genuinely matters. Every lesson, every task and every minute counts, and your support at home makes a significant difference.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do. Your encouragement, calm reassurance and partnership with us are invaluable. I wish all our Year 11s a productive and balanced Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming them back for the final steps of their journey towards the GCSEs.

Very best wishes,



Melissa Lock
Head of School