



Hayle Academy

8th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff for all they have contributed to life at Hayle Academy over the past year. It has been a year filled with achievement, growth, resilience and memorable experiences, and I am incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished.

Whether through academic success, personal development, sporting achievements, creative performances, leadership opportunities or acts of kindness within our community, our students have continued to demonstrate the values that make Hayle Academy such a special place. Their determination, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace opportunities have shone through, and they should be immensely proud of all they have achieved.

Earlier in June, we said a fond farewell to our **Year 11 students** at our Leavers' Assembly, followed by our Guard of Honour. Since then, we have also had the pleasure of celebrating this important milestone at their Prom at Tregenna Castle. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying such a special evening together and marking the end of their time at Hayle Academy in style. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Year 11 parents, carers and families for the support, encouragement and partnership you have provided throughout your child's journey with us. We wish all of our leavers every success and happiness for the future as they embark on their post-16 pathways.

Over the last few weeks, there have been so many highlights, including:

- **Our Academic Excellence and Endeavour Celebration Evening**, where we recognised the hard work, resilience and achievements of students across all year groups and subjects.
- **Our Sports Awards Evening**, which provided a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the dedication, commitment and success of students who have contributed to and represented our school throughout the year.
- **Our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions**, including the successful completion of the Silver Qualifying Expedition last week on Dartmoor and we have also enjoyed seeing our ARB students taking part in their own expeditions.
- **The graduation of several Year 9 students from the Scholars Programme at Plymouth University.**
- **The graduation of our Year 8 CAST students at the University of Exeter.**
- **The Hall for Cornwall performance this week as part of the TPAT Music Showcase**, which included our TPAT Super Orchestra musicians as well as our talented Year 10 boys choir accompanied by our Year 9 band.
- **Our Year 6 Transition Day and Evening**, where we were delighted to welcome the newest members of the Hayle Academy community, with a second transition day taking place later this week.

These highlights represent only a small snapshot of the many successes, opportunities and memorable experiences that have taken place this term so far. Please do continue to follow our Facebook page, where we regularly share news, celebrations and achievements from across our school community:

<https://www.facebook.com/hayleacademy/>

As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we have much to celebrate, and we look forward to building on these successes in the year ahead.

Ofsted Inspection Report

As families will be aware, I was delighted to share details of our recent Ofsted inspection outcomes. The final report has now been published and is available to view online through the Ofsted website. The report recognises the many strengths of Hayle Academy, especially the significant strengths around inclusion, personal development and student wellbeing, as well as the caring and supportive culture that enables our students to thrive. It reflects the dedication of our students, staff, Local Monitoring Committee and wider school community, and we are grateful for the continued support of our families and community. The report can be viewed here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/145211>.

Student Leadership Team

We were delighted to receive more than 50 applications for our new student leadership positions, with over 30 students progressing to interview. It was inspiring to see so many students eager to give back to our school community, represent their peers and help make a positive difference within our school.

I am delighted to announce our senior student leadership team for the coming year:

- Head Students: Erin R and Dylan C
- Deputy Head Students: Erin S and Connor O
- Senior Prefects: Flora S and Fergal S

Congratulations to all of our successful applicants and to the entire prefect team. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make across the school in the year ahead.

Looking ahead, I hope that the information that follows is useful for the remainder of this academic year and in preparation for September 2026:

Key Dates

- **Frozen The Musical Jr: Wednesday 15th July** at 6pm and **Thursday 16th July**, 1.15pm and 6pm. There are still some tickets available. It's going to be unmissable – although hopefully Olaf won't melt in the warm weather!
- **ARB1 Silver D of E expedition: 15th July – 17th July.**
- **Year 10 GCSE English Language Speaking Exams** – taking place on the **17th July**.
- **Bronze D of E expedition: 20th July – 21st July.**
- **Sports Day – Thursday 23rd July.** All students will be participating in the range of activities, some of which will be led by external sporting providers. Most activities are taking place outside. Therefore, please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit and sun cream to school, a drinks bottle with plenty of water and a rain jacket (just in case!). Please note that aerosol-based sun cream is not permitted in school.
- **Broader Horizons** – A carefully planned programme of enrichment days will take place from **Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July inclusive**. Students are expected to wear their **full PE kit**. The planned activities will vary depending on the year group, and you will have received these details in the letter sent by Mrs Hosking at the end of last week. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hosking, Assistant Headteacher, thosking@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Last day of term

As a reminder, our term ends for students on **Friday 24th July**. Students can wear **non-school uniform** on this day, although all clothing must be appropriate for school. For example, crop- style tops are not permitted.

We propose our traditional end of year arrangement, with a shorter day for students. All students will be able to have lunch and will have a final farewell with their tutor group before departing school at **1pm**. 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 3.15pm. **Please can you complete the following survey link if your child accesses the county transport service:** <https://forms.gle/dDbTvpHvCEGZCQxN7> to indicate whether your child will remain on site until 3.15pm 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 Wednesday 22nd July**; thank you in advance for completing this link if your child accesses county transport. Please note, if your child accesses the school's own Camborne mini bus service, the mini bus will transport students home at the earlier time of 1pm.

September 2026 – Return to School

- Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September are training days and students are not expected in school on these days.
- All students will start back on **Thursday 3rd September**. This will be a full day for all students.
- Students will return to school on Week B.
- **Hayle Xtra**: our after school clubs provision will start from **Monday 14th September** and students will have the opportunity to sign up at the start of the new term.
- **KS3 Broad Horizons** will take place on alternate **Thursday afternoons; they will take place on a Week A**. The first session will take place on **Thursday 24th September**.
- As a reminder, our term dates for 2026-27, including training days, can be found here: [Hayle-Academy-2026-27-Term-Dates.pdf](#)

Curriculum Update

As part of our ongoing curriculum review, we will be making a small adjustment to our Key Stage 4 curriculum from September. This change has been very carefully considered and will support students' success in key GCSE subjects and help prepare them for their post-16 pathways.

Year 10 students will receive additional curriculum time for GCSE English Language and English Literature, while Year 11 students will continue to receive additional curriculum time for GCSE Mathematics. As a result, students in Years 10 and 11 will no longer participate in the weekly Broad Horizons programme.

This builds on arrangements already in place this year, with Year 11 students having benefited from additional core time in the Broad Horizons session, and some Year 10 students receiving extra Maths intervention. Therefore, the changes for September formalise and refine this approach so that targeted support is provided at the most appropriate stage of students' GCSE courses.

There is no change to our Key Stage 3 provision, with students continuing to benefit from our Broad Horizons programme. Throughout their time at Hayle Academy, students in Key Stage 4 have received nine dedicated Broad Horizons sessions across the three years.

Importantly, this does not mean that Key Stage 4 students will miss out on enrichment opportunities. For example, through our partnership with the Clore Duffield Foundation, KS4 students will benefit from fully funded cultural experiences, including a Year 10 trip to Bristol featuring a performance of *Back to the Future: The Musical* and a Year 11 residential visit to London, including a performance of *The Lion King*. These opportunities, alongside our wider careers, Hayle 365 personal development and enrichment programme, will continue to provide memorable experiences beyond the classroom.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations



Our branded school sweatshirt, tie and PE top are available to purchase from Trophy Textiles.

All other uniform can be purchased from any other store: white shirt, black trousers or tailored shorts or skirt (please see our full uniform list for more details [Hayle-Academy-Uniform-List.pdf \(hayleacademy.net\)](#)).

If you wish to donate any uniform or equipment that is no longer needed, please do drop off at our reception. Friends of Hayle Academy do have some pre-loved uniform items; please do contact enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

A reminder of equipment expectations for the start of the new academic year:

School iPad in its case (provided by the school): at least 80% charge each day	iPad stylus
A school bag - appropriate and sufficient in size to carry A4 items	Pencil
A pencil case	Ruler
Pen (blue or black)	Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-83GTCW scientific calculator is recommended)
Green pen	Protractor (360°)
	Full PE kit on PE days

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Hayle Academy, in line with all schools nationally, receives additional funding for some pupils whose families have low incomes or who may be affected by other factors. This funding, known as Pupil Premium, is used to support pupils' progress, wellbeing and access to wider educational opportunities. Further information about how Hayle Academy uses Pupil Premium funding is available on our website.

There is an important change to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility from September 2026. The Department for Education has announced that all families receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals. To help ensure that no eligible child misses out, Cornwall Council is introducing a new Free School Meals Auto Award process from August 2026. The Council will use information it already holds to identify children who may be eligible and will contact families directly. Eligible children will be automatically registered unless families choose to opt out.

Families can still apply for free school meals at any time through Cornwall Council's Parent Portal, particularly if circumstances change during the year or if they believe they may be eligible but have not been contacted. This is the link to the service and there is no cost: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>.

If you would like any advice or support, please contact Mr Nick Croker, Deputy Headteacher, via ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org

Safeguarding

During the summer break, if you have a safeguarding concern about a student, please contact us: safeguarding@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

However, if the context is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm to the child, please contact the police directly. You can contact Cornwall's Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU) directly on 0300 123 1116 or via: multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk. The Early Help Hub can also be contacted for advice and support: 01872 322277 or earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk.

Staffing Updates

As we approach the end of the school year, it is the time that we say thank you and farewell to some members of staff:

- At the beginning of July, we said goodbye to Miss Farrah Fulton, our Exams and Data Manager. We thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her every success in the future.
- We are also delighted to share that Miss Naomi Thomson, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo, has been successfully appointed to a new Trust-wide role as Additionally Resourced Base (ARB) and Complex Needs Lead, supporting all primary and secondary schools across Truro and Penwith Academy Trust that have an ARB. This is a significant achievement and recognition of her expertise in SEND provision. We are pleased that Miss Thomson will continue as the ARB Lead for Hayle Academy and will remain working on site for at least one day each week.
- As a result of this new role, Miss Thomson will no longer be the SENDCo for the mainstream school from September. Mr Nathan Bird will continue in his role as Deputy SENDCo, supported by Mrs Vicky Hicks, SEN Practitioner and Access Facilitator. During this transition period, Miss Rebs Wilson, Assistant Headteacher, will act as the central point of contact for SEND families on an interim basis while we recruit a new SENDCo, which we anticipate will be from January 2027. We are confident that these arrangements will ensure continuity of support for our pupils and families.

As our school continues to grow, we are pleased to welcome the following new colleagues to our school in September:

- Mr Liam Salter joins our Maths team, bringing with him over 20 years of experience.
- Miss Katie Smith joins our English team.
- Mrs Beth Trevithick joins our Modern Foreign Languages department.
- Claire Neate and Phoebe Laffin, who will join our SEND team as Mainstream SEN Support Workers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Johanna Wockenfuß for her support of our MFL department this year. We are delighted that she will remain part of the Hayle Academy team, teaching English from September, from which point she will be known as Mrs Knight.

I am also pleased to congratulate Mrs Laura Harvey on her appointment as Associate Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum, Teaching and Learning) from September for an initial two-year term. Mrs Harvey will undertake this role alongside her existing responsibilities as Head of Faculty for Languages (English and MFL).

On behalf of everyone at Hayle Academy, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout what has been another busy, successful and memorable year. Hayle Academy continues to go from strength to strength, and that is only possible because of the partnership between our students, staff, families and wider community.

This year has been filled with achievements to celebrate, opportunities to embrace and milestones to be proud of. Alongside our positive Ofsted inspection, we were delighted to achieve the 5* Well School Award through the Youth Sport Trust. We have also secured significant funding through the Clore Duffield Foundation, enabling us to provide a range of fully funded cultural and enrichment experiences for our students in the coming year.

As we look ahead to September, we do so with optimism and excitement. Our growing school community, talented staff team and ambitious young people give us every reason to be confident about the future.

I hope that the summer break provides an opportunity for students and families alike to rest, recharge and enjoy time together. Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year at Hayle Academy in September.

Very best wishes,



Melissa Lock