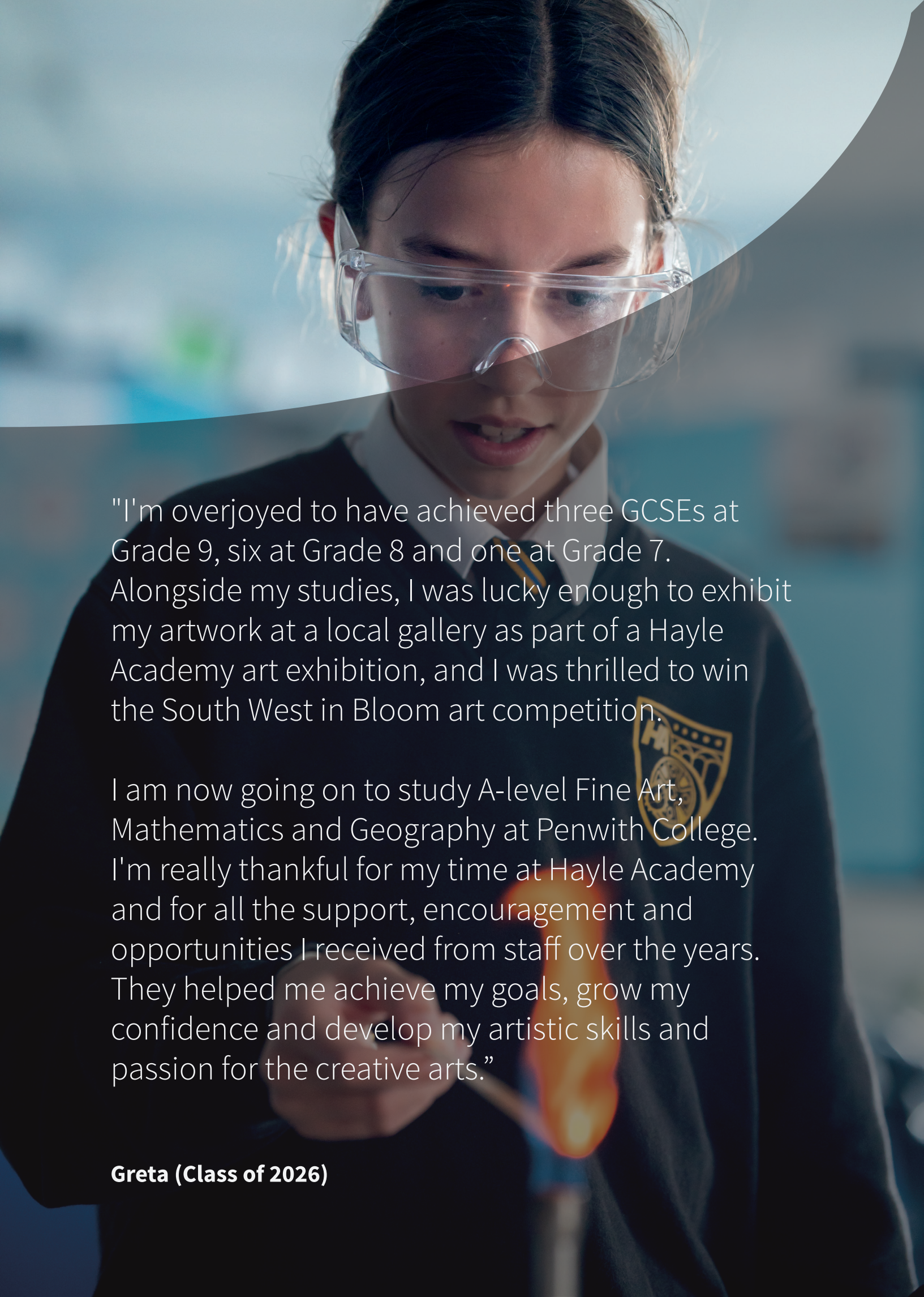




**We inspire students
to dream big,
to achieve more.**

**96% of parents agree that they would
recommend our school to other parents**

A young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark school uniform with a crest on the left chest and clear safety goggles. She is looking down at a Bunsen burner she is holding, which has a bright orange flame. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

"I'm overjoyed to have achieved three GCSEs at Grade 9, six at Grade 8 and one at Grade 7. Alongside my studies, I was lucky enough to exhibit my artwork at a local gallery as part of a Hayle Academy art exhibition, and I was thrilled to win the South West in Bloom art competition.

I am now going on to study A-level Fine Art, Mathematics and Geography at Penwith College. I'm really thankful for my time at Hayle Academy and for all the support, encouragement and opportunities I received from staff over the years. They helped me achieve my goals, grow my confidence and develop my artistic skills and passion for the creative arts."

Greta (Class of 2026)



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Head's welcome



Hayle Academy 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, their strengths, their aspirations, and the areas where they need support. We create an environment where students feel safe, happy and confident to give their best. Our families tell us this personal approach is what makes Hayle Academy so special.

Everything we do is about supporting your child's growth, academically, socially and emotionally. This commitment was recognised in our recent Ofsted inspection, which identified significant strengths in both inclusion and personal development, placing Hayle Academy among the strongest-performing secondary schools inspected in Cornwall under the new framework.

Inspectors recognised the strong sense of belonging that defines our school, describing a community where pupils are proud to attend, feel safe and are warmly welcomed.

Our trailblazing approach to wellbeing has also been recognised nationally through the Youth Sport Trust's prestigious 5 Star Well School Award.

Hayle Academy is one of only a very small number of schools across the country to achieve this accolade, reflecting our belief that wellbeing and achievement go hand in hand. We are proud to provide a school where students develop confidence, resilience and the character to flourish both in and beyond the classroom.

At the heart of our success is an ambitious curriculum that inspires students to dream big and achieve more. Ofsted recognised that pupils benefit from a well-planned, ambitious curriculum that prepares them for successful next steps, alongside a rich programme of opportunities that broadens horizons and helps every child discover their strengths, interests and aspirations.

This reflects the care we give to every student and our determination to build a community where staff and students alike can flourish. We also know that opportunity and encouragement help children achieve more than they thought possible.

Our Hayle 365 programme gives every student experiences beyond the classroom – from learning to ride a bike to mastering first aid, discovering British Sign Language or attending elite sporting events. Every young person builds a rich and memorable set of experiences during their time with us.

Success comes in many forms at Hayle Academy. A group of our Year 7 students recently won the local and district Youth Speaks public speaking competitions, earning their place in the regional finals and showcasing the confidence and aspiration we develop in every child.

Learning here is exciting and engaging. Since 2024, every student has had their own iPad, and this has transformed how we teach and learn. Lessons are more interactive and personalised, whether it's visual maths, digital art or instant teacher feedback. Students tell us they wouldn't want to learn without it.

And when it comes to the future, we keep doors open. Alongside a broad and balanced curriculum, our students have three GCSE option choices, allowing them to focus on what they enjoy most in greater depth and prepare for the pathways ahead.

If you choose Hayle Academy, your child will join a caring, ambitious and vibrant community where every student is supported to succeed. I would love to show you around so you can see for yourself what makes our school so special.

Melissa Lock
Headteacher





"Pupils are proud to attend this school. They experience a kind, respectful community where pupils feel safe."

"Pupils are warmly welcomed... this helps to create a strong sense of belonging."

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A FOCUS ON: THE INDIVIDUAL



Become who you want to be...

School isn't just about what you learn. It's about who you learn to be.

That's why at Hayle Academy, students are encouraged to try new things, develop confidence, and build resilience. And they do it within our friendly and encouraging community.

Every child comes to us full of promise. Our aim is that when they leave, they will be independent thinkers with the skills and self-belief to fulfil that promise.

"Before I joined Hayle Academy, I didn't feel I was learning very much, but now I'm gaining new knowledge every day. My English has improved, I've started catering, and I have so many sporting opportunities."

Year 9 Student



A FOCUS ON: AN AMBITIOUS & BALANCED CURRICULUM

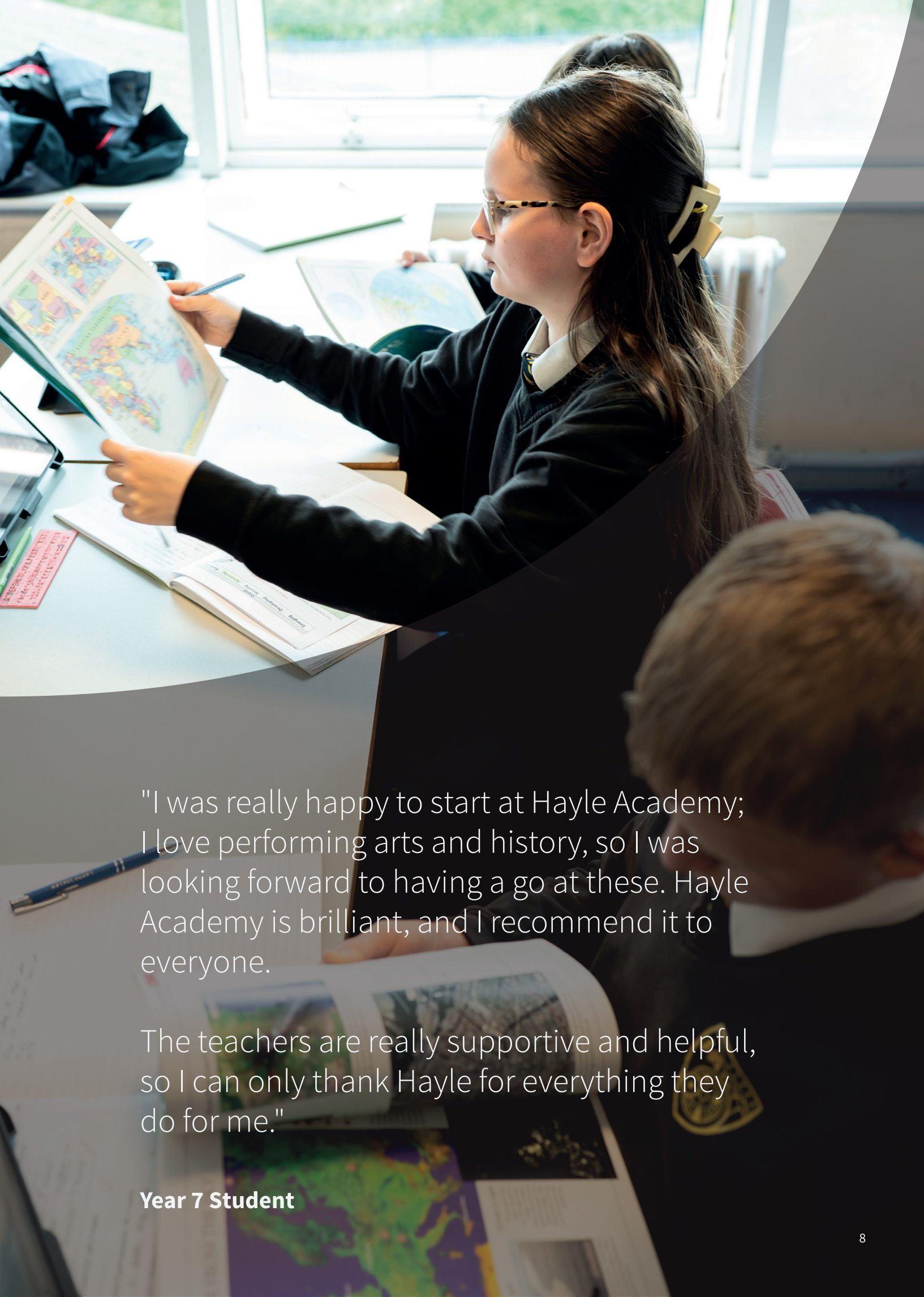


Hayle students enjoy a broad, balanced and progressive curriculum that instils a lifelong love of learning. At the heart of Hayle Academy's high-quality curriculum is the firm belief that every student deserves an ambitious education rooted in creativity, discovery, wonder and high expectations for all.

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7-9)

All students enjoy lessons in:

- English
- Maths
- Computer Science
- Science
- Foreign language: French
- Geography
- History
- Global Values (Relationships and Sexual Education, Personal Social Health Education and Religious Education, and British Values)
- Design and Technology
- Catering
- Music
- Performing Arts (including Drama, and Musical Theatre)
- Art
- PE



"I was really happy to start at Hayle Academy; I love performing arts and history, so I was looking forward to having a go at these. Hayle Academy is brilliant, and I recommend it to everyone.

The teachers are really supportive and helpful, so I can only thank Hayle for everything they do for me."

Year 7 Student

KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 – 11)

We encourage students to study a broad range of subjects, with most studying between 8 and 9 subjects in addition to Core PE and Global Values. These must include GCSE English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, and Science.

For maximum flexibility, students can choose to study Combined Science or take the individual sciences separately, giving those who prefer greater breadth and depth the opportunity to explore each subject in more detail. A small number of students may also have the opportunity to study and gain a qualification in Further Mathematics.

Examination courses available to study:

- Art & Design
- Design Technology
- Computer Science
- Performing Arts
- Sport
- Drama
- Music
- Hospitality and Catering
- Travel and Tourism
- Health and Social Care
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Geography
- History
- French

Non-examined subjects include:

- Core Physical Education
- Global Values (Relationships and Sexual Education, Personal Social Health Education and Religious Education, and British Values)

We get incredible results.

In August 2026, our students achieved outstanding results across several subjects:

- Exceptional Separate Science results, with 100% of students achieving Grade 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and over 85% achieving Grade 5 or above.
- Art & Design achieved impressive outcomes, with 84% of students securing Grade 4+, 53% achieving Grade 5+, and 16% attaining the highest grades.
- BTEC Music saw 90% of students achieve a Level 2 pass or above, with almost 40% achieving Level 2 Distinction or Distinction*.
- BTEC Sport achieved a 76% Level 2 pass rate, with a quarter of students achieving Level 2 Distinction or Distinction*.
- Strong outcomes in English and Geography, with nearly 70% of students achieving Grade 4 (standard pass) or above in both subjects.
- The proportion of students achieving the highest grades increased compared with the previous year, with students securing 14 Grade 9s, 26 Grade 8s, 45 Grade 7s, 25 Level 2 Distinctions and 4 Level 2 Distinction* grades. This reflects the growing number of learners excelling across both GCSE and vocational qualifications.



A FOCUS ON: TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

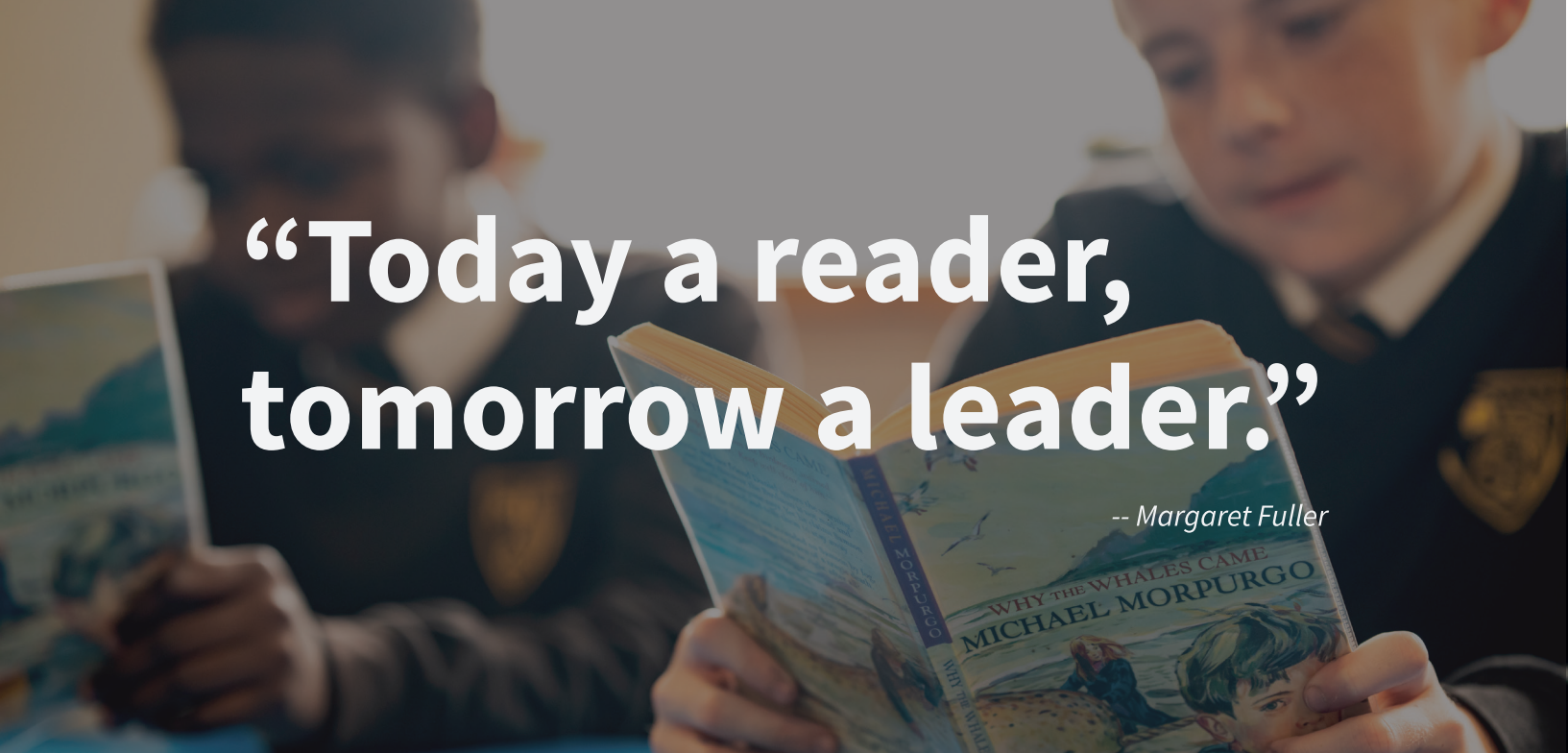
Since 2024, every every student and teacher at Hayle Academy has been provided with an iPad to enhance our curriculum, teaching and learning.

We use a blended model where devices complement, rather than replace, exercise books. Students move seamlessly between digital and written work, using the best of both approaches.

With this digital approach we have transformed the way our students learn, equipping them with the skills and qualifications they need for post-16 study and future employment.

Our approach removes barriers to access and creates an inclusive environment where every student can succeed. Students tell us they wouldn't want to learn without their iPad. It makes lessons more engaging, interactive and personal, while improving feedback, assessment and modelling answers.

We are continuing to refine and enhance how these devices are used in every subject.



“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

-- Margaret Fuller

A FOCUS ON: READING



Literacy is the foundation of lifelong learning, personal development, and the ability to fully participate in society. That's why we are a "reading school" where all students are confident and fluent readers by the end of Year 7 and by the time they leave Hayle Academy, they will be able to confidently articulate the authors and genres that they enjoy reading, with embedded life long reading habits and love for reading. Our focus on reading is supported during tutor time when tutors model good reading behaviour and students enjoy listening to their tutors reading to them at least daily.

We run a home reading programme across Key Stage Three to support daily reading. This sector-leading practice is proven to foster a love of reading, improve vocabulary, and ensures that literacy isn't just about passing exams - but is also about learning about the world and developing life skills. And not only this but those who most need it also enjoy a tiered teacher-led and peer-to-peer reading support programme.

These programmes are combined with a creative library system with themed activities and student access to the whole of Cornwall's library service for e-books and audiobooks.

“It was really helpful being in the reading masterclass because the smaller group meant that the teacher could help us all individually. I felt really proud when I found out that I had improved my reading age by 3 years in just 8 weeks.”

Year 9 Student

"Hayle Academy: the ARB staff are amazing and deserve the recognition for all the hard work they do. They have made such a massive positive impact on my son's life."

A parent of a student based in the ARB

**Every child deserves the right support.
At Hayle, we aim to make sure they get it.**

That's why we opened our brand new Area Resource Base facility at the beginning of September 2022. Here, up to 20 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan enjoy a calm, caring environment where their educational, social, emotional and sensory needs are met.

Our ARB offers a personalised and blended approach to learning. So, where appropriate, students can access mainstream lessons and enjoy the opportunities of the Broad Horizon programme. They can also enjoy the expertise of subject specialist teaching delivered within the ARB setting.

Contact us for more information about our ARB.

A FOCUS ON: WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH



At Hayle Academy, your child's wellbeing comes first.

We know life can be challenging, and nationally 1 in 6 young people experience social or mental health difficulties. That's why we create an environment where every student feels safe, supported and able to thrive. And our commitment to wellbeing has been recognised nationally.

Hayle Academy has been awarded the prestigious 5-Star Well School Award by The Youth Sport Trust, an exceptionally rare national recognition of our commitment to wellbeing. Building on our previous status as a Beacon Well School and ambassador for the national Well School movement, we place physical activity, mental health and overall wellbeing at the heart of school life. This award recognises Hayle Academy as a leading example of wellbeing practice across Cornwall, the South West and even at a national level.

A key part of this practice is empowering students to contribute to our safe and supportive environment. Our student-led Harm Prevention Team raises awareness of challenges faced by young people and promotes positive choices throughout the school.

With a nurturing culture, expert staff and proactive student involvement, every child at Hayle Academy has someone to turn to, space to grow, and the confidence to succeed.



**YOUTH
SPORT
TRUST**

**WELL
SCHOOL**

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An aerial photograph of a coastal town with a large green field in the foreground. The field is filled with children playing, and the town is visible in the background with a blue body of water and hills in the distance.

A FOCUS ON: SUPPORTING THOSE WITH COMPLEX ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

"Thank you and your amazing staff for making my child so happy. It's every parent's wish to feel their child is settled and safe when in the care of others.

Our son has grown in all areas, from cooking to reading and writing. His anxiety levels have dropped and he is socialising with new friends.

We're so excited for his future years within your school as the last few months have amazed us."

Parent of a student with SEN

A FOCUS ON: BROADENING HORIZONS



No matter their interests or who they aspire to be, we help our students develop the self-confidence to achieve their dreams.

To support this, we introduced our Broad Horizons curriculum, which is for Key Stage 3 students. With over 30 activities to choose from, Broad Horizons offers a rich programme of activities not available at most other schools nationally.

With the aim of broadening their perspectives, this programme is designed to allow students to enhance their skills, foster personal growth, and engage in community involvement... and we dedicate time within the school timetable to do it.

Activities vary on a termly basis, however here are some things our students enjoy trying their hands at:

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY:

- Community Gardening - Hayle In Bloom
- Sports Leadership
- Field to Fork
- Community Art – Leach Pottery Collaboration
- School Musical

DEVELOPING SKILLS:

- Archery – Archers of the West
- Forensics
- An introduction to Marine Science
- Makaton
- Bushcraft Skills

DEVELOPING SELF:

- Yoga
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Post-16 Taster Sessions
- Golf
- Trail Running

“This is the best school I have ever been to. It has changed my life. I've been learning so many new subjects.”

JD, Year 7



A FOCUS ON: MUSIC & THE ARTS



Hayle Academy is a place where creativity thrives. Our students have opportunities to perform, create and showcase their talents locally and nationally, building confidence and discovering what inspires them.

MUSIC: Young musicians enjoy unforgettable experiences that take their learning far beyond the classroom. Last year, our Music Technology Ensemble performed at Music for Youth at Birmingham Symphony Hall and twice at the Hall for Cornwall – memories that inspire students to aim high and share their talent with wider audiences.

ART: Aspiring young artists enjoy opportunities that go far beyond their GCSE studies. Through our partnership with Tate St Ives, students have the opportunity to engage with professional artists and take part in exciting creative projects. Students recently created cyanotypes that were reproduced and displayed in the Tate St Ives Loggia, where they were viewed by thousands of summer visitors, showcasing their creativity in a prestigious public setting.

PERFORMING ARTS: Our students take centre stage in Performing Arts. Over the past three years, they have brought productions including Shrek, Matilda and Frozen to life, showcasing their talents both on stage and behind the scenes. These performances give students the chance to develop confidence, work as a team and shine in front of an audience.

A FOCUS ON: SPORT



Sport and physical activity are a thriving part of life at Hayle Academy. More than a third of our students proudly represent the school in competitive sport, while many more take part in our wide range of activities that support their physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Our approach is inclusive and ambitious, helping students to stay active, enjoy sport and achieve their personal best. And we've had some great success too with our U13 cricket team crowned county champions last year.

We are proud to have been awarded the AfPE Quality Mark with Distinction – the highest national recognition for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity.

We are delighted that the assessment panel praised our:

- Exemplary leadership and management of PE
- Outstanding teaching and learning in lessons
- Inclusive approach that engages every student
- Rich extra-curricular offer, with Broad Horizons providing experiences that build physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Alongside traditional school sports, students can also try golf, yoga and surfing, developing new skills and discovering activities they love. Whatever the activity, our students are encouraged to move well, compete well and live well – building skills, confidence and healthy habits for life.



A FOCUS ON:

Xtra Opportunities



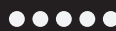
3 out of 4 students participate in Hayle Xtra. Our range of options offers something for everyone. School life at Hayle Academy is rich and creative, offering a wide range of possibilities for pupils to stimulate and develop their unique talents.

Here the school day doesn't have to end at 3.05 pm. Hayle Xtra offers a varied programme of clubs and activities to help students develop their interests and skills. There's something for everyone, from sports to school productions to music, chess, cooking and art.

And if you're staying after school, you don't need to worry about getting home either. A free study bus runs four evenings a week for pupils who live within the catchment area.

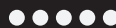


Duke of Edinburgh



"I would recommend D of E Silver as being pushed to your physical, emotional and mental limits is something you'll never regret. Even the blisters on expedition were worth it. I felt physically sick having to meet new people for my skills section but it was all fine and the knowledge I gained is priceless."

A Silver Award participant – Year 11



The Duke of Edinburgh programme's success at Hayle is growing every year. And that's not surprising as it's a fantastic opportunity for students in years 9, 10 and 11 to develop their leadership skills, make new friends and build resilience.

Whether pupils are into hiking, cooking, or community service, there's something for everyone!

With the potential to complete Bronze and Silver Awards at Hayle, students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone and try new things. It's all about pushing yourself to new limits so you can see what you're capable of.

And the best part? On completion, students earn a recognised award valued by colleges and future employers. It's a win-win!

"Before joining Hayle Academy, I was nervous about joining due to meeting new people and studying new subjects. But it was so easy! Everyone was so supportive from the very first day. "

Year 9 Student

A FOCUS ON:

Making the move easy...

The move to secondary school can feel intimidating for any child. That's why we've developed strong partnerships with local primary schools and encourage multiple visits by Year 5 and 6 students.

This way, students become familiar with their future teachers, surroundings, and peers before starting in Year 7. Close collaboration ensures a smooth transition and reduces those first-day nerves.



Experiencing Hayle Academy.

The best way to understand the warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes Hayle different is to see it for yourself.

That's why we invite you to come to our Year 5 and Year 6 transition days, join us for our open evenings, or book a talk and tour with our Headteacher.

We'd love to show you around.



**Dream big.
Achieve more.**



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