



Hayle Academy

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I wish to take this opportunity to share a range of information with you, including arrangements for the end of term, plans for the next academic year and updates on staffing.

Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to parents, carers, students and all staff for your kind wishes during my period of recovery from unexpected illness. In particular, I am extremely grateful to Mr Woodward for stepping into the interim Headteacher role at the time when I was unwell in hospital. I am glad to say that I have returned to my role over the last few weeks, which I have very much missed!

Reflecting back over this term, I would like to congratulate our students for their hard work, participation, and achievements, which are celebrated regularly on our school's Facebook page. We couldn't be prouder of them!

Particular highlights over this half term include:

- Our exciting preparations towards our **Shrek the Musical Junior performances**. Students have worked extremely hard and can't wait to take to our stage **on the 10th, 11th and 12th July!** If you have not yet booked your tickets, there are still some available via: <https://www.minack.com/whats-on/shrek-musical-jr>
- Our inaugural **Academic Excellence and Endeavour Celebration Evening**, which recognises and rewards our students for their hard work, resilience and achievements across our curriculum.
- Most recently, our **Sports Award Evening** was a wonderful opportunity to welcome so many students to the stage to recognise their sporting efforts and achievements inside and outside of school.
- A very well-deserved 'congratulations' to our **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award** participants who successfully completed their practice expedition on the Lizard.
- **Hayle Carnival 2024**: Hayle Academy students and staff led out the Hayle Carnival with our very own Samba Band!
- **TPAT Music Showcase at Hall for Cornwall**: our talented musicians had the honour of starting the show!
- We wished our **Year 11 students** all the very best for the future at our leavers' assembly, Guard of Honour and prom; it was fantastic to be able to mark this educational milestone with their families and our community.
- It was a pleasure to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for their jam-packed **transition day and evening**.
- All of our **Hayle 365 opportunities**, from our Hayle in Bloom garden on Penpol Terrace to our Harbourwise programme, from our archery sessions with Archers of the West to our partnership work with Leach Pottery and Tate Create St Ives.
- The way that Year 7 and 10 students have embraced the **digital technology** in their lessons to enhance their learning.

Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for all of your support, enabling all of these opportunities, learning experiences and so much more to be offered to our students.

Key Dates

- **Sports Day – Thursday 18th 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 brings sun cream, a drinks bottle with plenty of water and a rain jacket (just in case!).
- **Broader Horizons** – A carefully planned programme of enrichment days will take place from **Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July inclusive**. There is no additional cost to families and students are expected to wear their uniform as normal. The planned activities will vary depending on the year group, but may include beach scientific investigations, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, problem solving and entrepreneurial projects, and so much more. For more information, please contact rwilson@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

Last day of term

As a reminder to all parents and carers, our term ends for students on **Monday 22nd July**. 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 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 12:30. 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 15:05.

Please can you complete the following survey link if your child accesses the county transport service:

<https://forms.gle/3FkppsBWWe2ggSfm6> to indicate whether your child will remain on site until 15:05 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 17th 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 12:30.

September Return

There will be a staggered return to the start of the next academic year.

- Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September are training days and students are not expected in school on these days.
- Year 11 and our incoming Year 7 students will start back on **Wednesday 4th September**. This will be a full day for all students.
- All students are expected in school on **Thursday 5th September**.
- Students will return to school on Week B.
- **Hayle Xtra**: our after school clubs provision will start from Monday 16th September and students will have the opportunity to sign up at the start of the new term.
- **Broad Horizons** will take place **each Thursday afternoon on a Week A**, and the first session will take place on Thursday 26th September.
- As a reminder, please also note that there is an INSET day scheduled for **Thursday 19th September**, so students will not be in school that day.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

Our school jumper and PE kit are available to purchase from our uniform provider, Trophy Textiles. For our full uniform list, please refer to [Hayle-Academy-Uniform-List.pdf \(hayleacademy.net\)](#). Please do contact the school if you wish to donate any uniform that is no longer needed or to enquire about any of our pre-loved school uniform items that may be available: enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

A reminder of equipment expectations for September:

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A school bag - appropriate and sufficient in size to carry A4 items	<input type="checkbox"/>
iPad in its case with at least 80% charge each day (this is provided by the school)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A pencil case	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pen (blue or black)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green pen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Years 7, 8 & 9: Reading book (available from our library) and reading log (log supplied by school)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pencil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific Calculator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protractor (360°)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full PE kit on PE days	<input type="checkbox"/>

Staffing Updates

It is the time of year when we say a fond farewell to members of staff:

- Miss Evans is moving on from the Science team as she begins a new venture outside of the classroom.
- Mr Joyce, Lead Practitioner for Literacy, has an exciting promotion into senior leadership at another school in North Cornwall.
- Mrs Hart, an ARB SEN Support Assistant, is leaving the school after an incredible 17 years to start her retirement.
- Miss Doran, an ARB SEN Support Assistant, is also moving on from the school.

We are grateful for all of their contributions to our school community and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to our school in September:

- Mrs Sotomayor: Subject Leader for DT
- Miss Harrison: Teacher of Maths
- Mr Hannon: Teacher of Science
- Miss Sage: Teacher of PE and Science
- Miss Hardy: Teacher of English
- Mrs Hayes: Teacher of Art
- Miss Cattran: SEN Support Assistant (ARB)
- Mrs Harris: SEN Support Assistant (mainstream)

Later this month, we welcome back and congratulate Mrs Mellow who returns from maternity leave to the Languages Faculty.

Congratulations to Mrs Harris whose role will change in September from PE Teacher to SEN Teacher in our ARB.

Attendance Update

Firstly, please can I take this opportunity to thank our parents, carers and families for your support as we work together to ensure that your child has attended school regularly and on time over the last academic year. Your close contact and partnership working has been very much appreciated to ensure that your child is able to fully access our curriculum and range of opportunities, in order to support their academic progress and personal development.

You may already be aware that a new National Framework for Penalty Notices is being introduced for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

For further information, please refer to the FAQs sheet which is available on our website: [School policies - Hayle Academy](#), or please do contact Mr Croker, Senior Assistant Headteacher, via ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org, or Mrs Wootton (Attendance Officer) or Miss Champion (Academy Inclusion Lead).

Pupil Premium Funding

Hayle Academy, in line with all schools nationally, receives additional funding for some students whose families have low incomes, or who are potentially disadvantaged by other factors. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' funding and is for use by the school to improve student progress and educational provision. More details about how Hayle Academy uses this funding are available on our website.

If you think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding or are unsure if they could be, please do make an application via <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals> and click on the blue button two thirds down the page: 'Apply for free school meals'. There is no cost for this service.

If you would like any support with an application or if you have any queries, please contact Mr Nick Croker via ncroker@hayle.tpacademytrust.org.

In closing, on behalf of all staff, I would like to wish all students, parents and carers a very happy and safe summer. We are very grateful for all of your continued support and partnership over the last year as we work together to ensure the highest quality education and welfare provision for your child. Whether you are having a staycation, are travelling further afield, or are continuing to work through the summer, I hope you are all able to enjoy some quality time over the school break and fingers crossed that the sun will shine. Looking further ahead, we look forward to welcoming students back in September.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher