



**The small school that empowers  
students to achieve big things.**



**Cape  
Cornwall  
School**



One of the country's  
smallest secondaries  
has the biggest heart.

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# Introducing **Cape Cornwall School**

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We believe that secondary school is a place for so much more than just classes and learning. It's a place to help shape young people into the incredible adults they aspire to be. And we are superbly placed to do it. With small class sizes, inspiring teachers, and a beautiful location, we develop and empower each student to fulfil their unique potential as confident, well-rounded adults.

... So they can change the world. Their way.



*“Cape Cornwall School is wonderfully grounded in its beautiful environment and unique small community, which is reflected in the way the staff know and support every child in a culture that cares about them as individuals.”*

- Sophia, Parent



## A welcome from our **Head of School**

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The thing that blew me away when I walked through the doors at Cape Cornwall School for the first time was its spirit. A spirit of togetherness.

It's one of the big benefits of being a small school. We work as a community. We all know and support each other, not just academically but in everything we do.

This includes everyone. The teaching staff who go above and beyond to commit to out-of-school activities. The students who support one another and show up - whether that's turning up for the school performances, playing in sports fixtures, or extending friendships beyond year group boundaries. And, the support staff who are always ready with a warm smile and a helping hand.

And that's important... because we recognise that students achieve more when they're supported. And, of course, small classes are vital in this too. They mean that every student, of every ability, can enjoy the attention they need to achieve their very best.



## We're helping our students in other ways too...

The first is through our Digital Transformation programme, in which every single student will be given an iPad to use at home and school. This means that for the first time all students will have access to all the educational resources they need - both in the classroom and at home - so everyone can learn in their own way.

Our "Be inspired" program is another of our flagship initiatives...

We recognise that young people need a broad spectrum of skills and interests beyond those typically incorporated into the curriculum. In fact, we think it's so important that we devote one lesson a fortnight to precisely that - giving students the opportunity to gain new skills that may not otherwise be open to them.

So whether you fancy trying your hand at games design, surfing, or supporting the local pond life, Cape Cornwall School allows you to try.

Cape Cornwall School is an exceptional place where students come to learn and fulfil their potential as confident, well-rounded adults.

Come and join us. We're ready to welcome you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Hall". The signature is stylized and includes a diagonal slash at the end.

**Jon Hall**  
*Head of School*



# A place to achieve.

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*“Cape encourages children to work together, whilst recognising individual achievements.”*

- Rhiannon, Parent

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Students of all abilities thrive at Cape Cornwall. In 2019, the last year of externally marked exams, our student achieved above average English and maths results, with a good proportion of our students achieving the highest grades (7-9).

**The proportion of our students reaching the benchmark Grade 5 in both English and maths was the highest of all the state schools in Cornwall.**

Overall, our students were awarded 44 Grades at A\* or above and achieved 23 grade 9's (A\*\*). This was 5% of our total grades and higher than the National Average.

So no matter your ability, we'll help you achieve the results you deserve.





*"There's a big variety of activities which everyone can get involved in"*

- Tean Y7

# A place to be inspired...

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What do you expect as part of your school day? English, French, Maths...

Yes, of course. But education is about more than core learning. It's about new experiences and stepping outside of your comfort zone. It's about trying something different - whatever that skill may be. That's why we dedicate one lesson a fortnight to extra-curricular activities ranging from trampolining to games design and creative arts. It's a time to learn, mix with different students, year groups and teachers, and have fun too!

Our 'Be Inspired' programme is organised into 'Active', 'Creative' and 'Community' activities. We believe some activities are important for all students, for example, in Year 9, all students work with the local community farm as part of 'Be Inspired'; other choices are freely chosen from a wide range of options. It is within the structure of 'Be Inspired' that some of our students choose to study for the 'Arts Award'.

Past / present / future activities include:

- Trampolining
- Surfing
- Games Design
- Masterchef
- Pond Life
- Creative Arts Academy... *and more*



# A place to belong...

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*"You get to get involved with the community with lots of activities throughout the year which is great" - Ry Y8*

We believe that happy students work best. That's why we're committed to maintaining our supportive community spirit. From students to teachers, receptionists and lunchtime staff, we all go the extra mile to support each other's wellbeing.

If you're interested in giving your child an excellent education in a small and caring environment, you're in the right place.



# A place to develop and grow...

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*"It's great doing new things and having new opportunities"*

- Brodie Y8

Because we're a small school, we're able to offer our pupils amazing opportunities and experiences that just can't be achieved in a larger setting.

**Our commitment is for every child who leaves Cape to:**

- Develop cultural awareness by communicating with a child elsewhere in the world.
- Grow a spirit of community by raising money for charity.
- Understand the importance of agriculture by spending time on a local organic farm.

*And...*

- Develop business skills through the Young Enterprise Scheme.

**But we don't stop there. We aspire for:**

- Every Year 7 to build confidence and leadership skills during a team building day.
- Every Year 8 to visit the Isles of Scilly.
- Every Year 9 to take part in a city visit, including to a place of worship.
- Every Year 10 to take part in a French trip.

**Note:** Some funding will be available for those who need financial support.



# ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME

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Reading helps children to expand their vocabulary, express their thoughts and ideas, and learn more about the world around them.

That's why we encourage a love of reading.

Years 7 to 9 enjoy 20 minutes of dedicated reading time each day. With careful assessment of students' reading level, we signpost them to literature which will challenge and extend their vocabulary. This 'Accelerated Reader' programme has been proven to improve reading age, which in turn helps children to achieve in almost every area of life.

# A place to learn...

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## TUTOR GROUPS

We believe that building relationships, sharing experiences and supporting each other is key to success in study and in life. So when students join Cape they are assigned a tutor group with other students from their year.

They will stay within this group for their whole time at Cape, so they can experience every stage of school life together. It's not surprising that this is often where lifelong friendships are made!

### KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7 - 9)

Students follow a broad course of study in Years 7, 8 and 9 with strong links to our community heritage. We encourage students to think for themselves, discuss issues responsibly and foster their thirst for learning. We do this by careful sequencing of lessons, both within and between subjects. This links topics, builds on learning, and provides our learners with context and relevance.

Extra support is available for anyone who needs it and work in school is supported through carefully planned home learning.

#### All students enjoy lessons in:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- French
- Geography
- History
- Computer Science
- Art
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- Design and Technology
- Music
- Physical Education and Sport
- Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE)
- Religious Education (RE)

### KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 - 11)

We encourage students to study a broad range of subjects. These must include GCSE English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, and Science (the majority of students will study Separate Science). To give breadth to their learning, students will also continue to study French and a humanities choice (either GCSE Geography and/or History). Students can then choose an additional two optional subjects to study through to GCSE. In addition, all students will study core PE, PSHE and RE (these subjects do not have exams).

#### Examination courses available to study:

- Art & Design
- Design & Technology
- Computer Science
- BTEC Sport
- Drama
- Music
- Food, Preparation and Nutrition
- Science (separate and combined)
- Geography
- History
- French

#### Non-examined subjects include:

- Core Physical Education
- PSHE / RE

# A place to be...

# ACTIVE

*"Very inclusive; everyone gets a chance to represent the school"*  
Jack Y9

**Aims:** True to our ethos of empowering every child to fulfil their unique potential, students at Cape are encouraged to choose activities they want to try, participate, or shine in.


We believe that sport prepares students for life. Our PE curriculum is driven by three core concepts: Determination, Excellence and Respect. These three principles help our students discover new talents whilst building teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership and self-reflection skills. We encourage lifelong participation in sporting activities - so students leave Cape knowing the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle.

**Facilities:** Cape students enjoy wonderful sport and recreational facilities, including two large sports fields, outdoor tennis and netball courts, an indoor gymnasium and hall, and access to a sports centre for some of our timetabled lessons. We have a wide range of equipment, including less common equipment like rowing machines and table tennis tables. These support the curriculum both during school time and for after-school clubs and fixtures.

**Curriculum:** Students can enjoy a vast array of sport options. They can also benefit from a fantastic leadership programme. Students have the opportunity to apply their skills at primary schools' sports days, and BTEC students lead multi-skills festivals for primary pupils.

**Extra-curricular:** Students can choose from a range of sports and activities including everything from rugby and netball to surfing, trampolining, table tennis and much more. Major and minor National Governing Body events are always well attended at national and regional level including all Schools' Games events.





*"I like that we can be really expressive with materials  
and make our work really personal"*

- Freya Y8

A place to be...

**CREATIVE**

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**Aims:** Students at Cape take part in a wide variety of activities to embrace artistic challenges, whatever their ability. They do this through a programme of activities designed to develop skills whilst nurturing confidence, individuality and creativity.

**Facilities:** Facilities include a state of the art music room, dedicated arts and food tech rooms, well-equipped computer rooms and a fantastic drama studio.

**Curriculum:** Curriculum lessons in the creative arts cover a diverse range of topics, enabling students to develop lifelong creative skills, knowledge, and understanding of music, arts, and drama. All students study art, drama, food and nutrition, music and design and technology at Key Stage 3. They can choose to study up to two of these at GCSE level.

**Extra-curricular:** There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities to choose from. Students will have the opportunity to take part in showcases, exhibitions, our creative arts celebration evening, concerts and performances. These take place both in and outside of school.

Students are further inspired by regular visits by authors and artists.



A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

# Kites

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Students with complex additional learning needs require extra support. And, with a culture of happiness, welcome and inclusion, that's exactly what we offer.

Kites, our Area Resource Base, helps children with special educational needs to thrive. Here, students who are able to study GCSEs join their peers in mainstream lessons and learn from our subject teachers, with the support of our teaching assistants.

Mainstream teachers also deliver some subject-specific lessons within Kites or main-stream classrooms - for example, if children need to use specialist equipment and facilities during DT.

Where the GCSE curriculum is not suitable, learners study alternative qualifications that will help them achieve their potential. These include English, Maths, Home Cooking skills and ASDAN courses.

*"Students who attend the "KITES" resource base flourish because the staff ensure they receive well-planned care to meet their individual needs. Their personal development needs are addressed effectively and this allows them to engage in their learning"*

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A PLACE TO TRY NEW THINGS

# Duke of Edinburgh

*"The thing I like most about Duke of Edinburgh is the chance to meet new people and develop my skills of independence."*

- Millie Y9

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We're proud to be an Approved Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, with many of our students choosing to participate in the scheme each year.

## Why D of E?

D of E is an experience like no other. It introduces students to new activities, building vital skills such as resilience, confidence, teamwork, and leadership. These help students to achieve in both later life and work.

It's not surprising that the scheme helps award winners stand out when applying for college, university, or a job.

That's a great reason to participate, but there are other reasons too... Students meet new friends, share experiences, make memories...

Oh, and did we mention it's lots of fun too?



# Making the move is easy...

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The transition from primary to secondary school can be daunting for many Year 6 children. But the move to secondary school needn't be a scary one. That's why our close collaboration with local primary schools is vital. This allows Year 5 and 6 students to visit on numerous occasions.

So, by the time they join us at the beginning of Year 7, students are already familiar with their new teachers, school surroundings, and classmates. And when they arrive on their first day, we pair them with a Year 11 "buddy support" to help them settle in.

*"Everyone knows everyone so it's really supportive"*

- Dan Y7

# Next steps....

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## VISIT US ON OUR OPEN EVENING

We are proud of our small school and our community. We'd love to help you get to know us better.

Our annual Opening Evening is a great opportunity to wander around and experience the school first-hand. Here you can meet the teachers, try out new things, and ask our current students what they have to say about their time at Cape Cornwall School.

Come and discover everything that our school has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Cape Cornwall family.

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**Choosing a new school is an important step. And we know that it can be a nervous time for both parents and students.**

**So if you have a question, no matter how big or small, we're here to answer it. Just pick up the phone or send us an email, and we'll be happy to help.**

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