



*Dream, Believe, Persevere, Achieve*

# Introduction to Cape Cornwall School

Cape Cornwall School is situated in St Just, in arguably one of the most beautiful parts of Cornwall. The rugged coastline and rich mining heritage of this area are renowned. Cape Cornwall School is extremely proud of our strong connections with our local community: we draw our students from four main partner primary schools: Sennen, St Just, Pendeen, St Buryan and St Levan, with students also coming to us from across the wider West Penwith area.

Cape Cornwall School is unique: we have around 250 students on our school roll and have a 2 form entry into each Year group. The small size of our school belies our big ambitions for our students and for our school community. We do not believe we are defined by our small stature: we believe we are defined by our unique relationships with our students and community and by our strong 'sense of belonging'.

At the heart of Cape Cornwall School is Kites: an Area Resource Base, which provides a supportive and specialised education for children with a range of complex needs. Inclusion and equality of opportunity are extremely important to us and are a foundation of our core school ethos.

Cape Cornwall School joined Truro and Penwith Academy Trust in 2017. Supported by our partner secondary schools within the Trust, we have worked together to lead and sustain rapid school improvement. We were the most improved school in Cornwall (and possibly the South West) in 2018 and the success of our students continued in 2019 when we were top of the Performance Tables for outcomes in Maths and English (the Basics measure).

We are immensely proud of the achievement of our students and our track record of sustained school improvement which is testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff team. We are also determined to continue this trajectory of improvement, for the benefit of our students in the future.

Applicants will find Cape Cornwall School to be a happy and thriving community. It is typified by confident and diligent students who are aspirational for their future and who are proud to attend our school. We have high academic standards and expectations of our students and we view their personal development as central to their education. There is a moral imperative to work at Cape Cornwall School: we firmly believe that education opens doors, minds and opportunities. A high proportion of our families have low incomes and this brings its own challenges for young people growing up in this area of Cornwall. We believe that education is the key to unlocking potential and there is a concrete opportunity here to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of young people.

You would be joining, a forward-focused team of staff. Without exception, the staff team at Cape Cornwall have the best interests of students at the forefront of their work and decision-making. We are ambitious for our children's futures and this ambition: to broaden perspective, knowledge and understanding, underpins our curriculum, teaching, care and guidance.