



# Cape Cornwall School

## About us...



Cape Cornwall School is situated in St Just, in one of the most beautiful parts of Cornwall. Our school is unique, partly due to our size and partly due to our location. We do not believe we are defined by our small stature, however. We believe we are defined by our unique relationships with our students and community and by our strong 'sense of belonging'. In our Ofsted report from January 2023, which judged us to be a 'Good' school across all elements of the inspection framework, inspectors reported that 'Cape Cornwall School is a warm, friendly community where everyone feels valued.' and 'Relationships between pupils and staff are a strength of the school.' Anyone visiting Cape Cornwall School is struck by the calm atmosphere and the positive relationships within the school community.

We have around 250 students on our school roll with a 2 or 3 form entry into each Year group. As a school, we are 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. We often work in partnership with our feeder primaries as well as with other schools from within our Trust. 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 are immensely proud of the achievement of our students and of our recent developments which is testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff team. During the recent inspection, inspectors reported that 'Leaders have designed an ambitious, well-sequenced curriculum that meets pupils' needs, including those with SEND.' Our school curriculum is at the heart of everything we do and is the model for progress. We are determined to continue our trajectory of improvement as we seek to innovate and develop our pedagogical practices.

At the heart of Cape Cornwall School, and 'the jewel in our crown', 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. Many of our teachers are involved with Kites, delivering their specialist subject knowledge to our students.

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. 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.

One of the most exciting developments is our recent 'Digital Transformation'. All our staff and students have an iPad which is used to augment our provision. We are currently engaged in a training programme that is training staff to fully exploit the potential of the devices. Our staff will soon all be 'Apple Teachers' and our ambition is to become an 'Apple Distinguished School'. We are working closely with representatives of 'Showbie' to ensure that students get the very best from their learning experience.

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.

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