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**The small school that empowers
students to do big things**



**Cape
Cornwall
School**



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

*"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

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Introducing **Cape Cornwall School**

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.




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In January 2023, Cape Cornwall was inspected by Ofsted and judged to be a 'Good' school across all elements of the inspection framework.

What **OFSTED** say:

"Cape Cornwall is a warm, friendly community where everyone feels valued."

"Relationships between pupils and staff are a strength of the school. Pupils say they are a part of a large family and value the time and support that staff provide."

"Leaders have designed an ambitious, well-sequenced curriculum that meets pupils' needs, including those with SEND. They have carefully considered what pupils need to know and when they need to know it."

"Leaders ensure that pupils develop their sense of character through the 'Be Inspired' programme and, for example, by providing support for older members of the local community."



A welcome from our **Headteacher**

Looking for a school where everyone feels valued, and the relationships between staff and pupils is a strength of the school? You've found us.

In my fourth year as head of Cape Cornwall and at the end my first year as Headteacher of St Just Primary School, I am still amazed by the community spirit you find across both schools.

I am proud to share that in our most recent OFSTED inspection (January 2023), inspectors rated Cape Cornwall School as "Good" across all elements of the inspection framework. The inspectors particularly noted what makes us unique: the closeness of our community, collaborative spirit, and the excellent behaviour of our students.

They highlighted what I think everyone who comes here knows. We are more than just a school; we are a family - and I couldn't be more proud of every student, every teacher, and every member of the support staff. Each of them makes Cape Cornwall School a special place to be.



And together, we were proud pioneers within Truro and Penwith Academy Trust as a pilot school for the Trust's Digital Transformation project – every student at Cape Cornwall School has an iPad to support their learning.

This isn't merely the introduction of new technology - it's a transformation of the learning experience: children need a range of tools to help them learn new material and to remember it long term. Our digital transformation supports precise direct instruction, deliberate practice, feedback and assessment.

You can watch a film that explains our use of technology via the QR code below.

With technology in the hands of every child, they can enjoy a standard of teaching that was previously inconceivable. Each child's learning journey is personalised, stretching high performers while simultaneously supporting learners who need extra help.

Our small school really does have something big to offer every pupil who chooses to come here. I am always thrilled to see how well our students engage with school life through our extra-curricular programme, reflected in higher than average participation rates in school sport.

So, I haven't been surprised to see more families choosing Cape Cornwall as their secondary school, both from our traditional catchment and from further afield.

Cape Cornwall School continues to be a place where students become confident, well-rounded adults ready to realise their dreams.

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

Jon Hall





A place to achieve.

*“Teachers help me progress towards my GCSEs
– they want me to have the best outcomes.”*

- Fay Y11

Students thrive at Cape Cornwall. Last summer, many of our students made progress above the national average. This was especially the case for previously high attaining students.

Overall, from a very small cohort last summer, there were 34 grade 7 and above. Our above average grades show that there were achievements across the whole ability range and it was wonderful to see our students take such brilliant success onto the next stage of their education.

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

As a school, we are proud to say that 100% of the students that left us last summer progressed to full time education or training.

“The iPads help a lot with learning and with home learning.”

- Mab Y9

A group of students, mostly young women, are on a stage with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture. They are wearing various casual clothing like t-shirts, hoodies, and shorts. The background shows a brick wall and some posters. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

"You have lots of opportunities like Activities Week."

- Ella Y9

Our Inspiring Activities Week

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 week a year to extra-curricular activities ranging from coasteering to surfing and creative arts. Our Activities Week has been a huge hit over the last two years.

It's a time to learn, mix with different students, year groups and teachers, and have fun, too!

Past/ present/ future activities have included:

- Climbing
- Coasteering
- Professional rugby coaching
- Cultural visits
- Year 7 camp
- Theatre workshops
- Musical performances



A place to belong...

"We are such a small community that we feel secure and safe." - Verity Y10

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...

"I like how it is a small school – I get lots of attention"

- Nathan Y9

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 visiting places of cultural significance.
- Grow a spirit of community by raising money for charity.
- Understand the positive impact they can have on their environment both locally and as a citizen of the world by gaining experience in a local farm.

And...

- Develop their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge of enterprise and money management.

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

- Every Year 7 to build confidence and leadership skills during a Year 7 camp.
- Every Year 8 to visit a location away from West Cornwall.
- Every Year 9 to take part in a city visit, including to a place of worship.
- Every Year 10 to take part in a foreign visit.

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



SPARX READER PROGRAMME

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. We also read novels as part of the tutor programme.

This 'Sparx 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...

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. We believe in the power of the arts and practical subjects so we make sure that students have plenty of input in these subjects.

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
- Global Values

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.

To give breadth to their learning, students will also continue a humanities choice (either GCSE Geography and/or History). Students can then choose an additional three optional subjects to study through to GCSE. In addition, all students will study core PE and Global Values (these subjects do not have exams).

Examination courses available to study:

- Art & Design
- Design & Technology
- Computer Science
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC L1 Land-based Learning
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- Music
- Food, Preparation and Nutrition
- Science (separate and combined)
- Geography
- History
- French

Non-examined subjects include:

- Core Physical Education
- Global Values

A place to be...

ACTIVE

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. Because, 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 Cornwall knowing the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle. We are proud to have received a Quality Mark with Distinction from the Association of Physical Education for our holistic 'Cape Active' programme.


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 wide range 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 physical activities including everything from rugby and netball to surfing, trampolining, table tennis and much more. Major and National Governing Body events are always well attended at national and regional level including all Schools' Games events.

One of our proudest achievements is that well over 90% students represent the school in school sports each year.





"The range of activities have been brilliant. I have really enjoyed the different creative experiences from trips out exploring our coastline to great art workshops."

- Martha Y8

A place to be...

CREATIVE

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: here 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 as part of community events in the local area, and in amazing venues like the Minack Theatre.

Students are further inspired by regular visits by authors and through collaborative projects with local galleries like Tate St Ives and The Kurt Jackson Gallery in St Just.

Welcome to....



Kites@Cape

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Kites

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.

"Leaders are ambitious for what pupils with SEND can achieve. This is particularly the case for pupils who attend the specially resourced provision. Across the school, teachers understand the needs of pupils with SEND well. Pupils' plans are precise and regularly reviewed. All pupils with SEND play a full part in the wider life of the school because of this."

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A PLACE TO TRY NEW THINGS

Duke of Edinburgh

*"The expedition helped me with map skills and navigation.
It helped us to work as a team."*

- Lacey Y10

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...

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, either as part of regular transition events or through our Super Saturdays throughout the year.

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.

"You have lots opportunities like Activities Week."

- Ella Y9

Next steps....

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.

Choosing a new school is an important step. And we know 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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