

Cape Cornwall School Maths and Computing Department



Cape Cornwall School is an 11-16 school situated in a beautiful and unique location in the west of Cornwall and only ten minutes or so from the busy and vibrant town of Penzance with its rail and transport links. We have around 300 students on roll and this is increasing year on year. All staff work very closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. We have a caring and inclusive ethos and can personalise learning to ensure all students can fulfil their potential.

The Maths and Computing faculty has four members of teaching staff. The Maths classrooms are situated along one corridor. Our curriculum, built on our Repeat Concepts and the White Rose Maths Curriculum, equips students with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed at this stage of their education and beyond. The team have developed high quality digital resources that are shared across the faculty and each classroom is equipped with a computer and an interactive digital screen. Teachers and students are all issued with iPads and we maximise the potential of these devices in all lessons. In our recent Ofsted Inspection (January 2023), maths was one of the 'Deep Dive' subjects and formed part of the evidence base that judged Quality of Education to be 'Good' across the entire school.

Students are taught in mixed ability groups in Years 7, 8 and 9 and study the full curriculum. Students in Year 10 & 11 study foundation or higher tier. We are ambitious in our drive to 'Teach to the Top' with work scaffolded for those who need additional support. We are focusing on fun, engaging teaching that incorporates digital technology, manipulatives and build on cognitive and metacognitive principles. The maths faculty have strong relationships with students, parents and the rest of the staff, which help to create excellent learning and progress through the curriculum.

There are strong links with the local primary schools and there is a range of extra-curricular activities. We run the UKMT intermediate and junior maths challenges, Pi day and the NSPCC Number Day to develop the profile of Maths across the school. We are looking to become an NCETM recognised Problem Solving school. We use the Sparx Maths platform to deliver weekly home learning to all students.

Our significant 'Digital Transformation' is in full flow with all staff and students having iPads to augment provision. All teachers train to become 'Apple Teachers' and it is our ambition to become an 'Apple Distinguished School'. We have also introduced Teaching Walkthrus based on the books by Tom Sherrington and Oliver Caviglioni and all staff have access to the coaching and training resources on Steplab.

There are now seven secondary schools in our Academy Trust. There is significant work happening across subject networks on curriculum development and pedagogy. Although Cape Cornwall School is a small school, we form part of a much bigger group of schools. This brings with it additional support, creativity and inspiration that supports our school improvement journey.

We are seeking to appoint a classroom teacher in Maths with energy, passion for their subject and enthusiasm who can bring an innovative and fresh approach to the delivery of the maths curriculum at Cape Cornwall School and who can inspire our students during their time with us and beyond.

For more information about the Maths Faculty or the role, please contact Jon Hall, Headteacher, at jhall@cape.tpacademytrust.org