



# Humphry Davy School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **SECURE YOUR PLACE TO START AT HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025!**

After 16 years as a Headteacher and as a parent myself, I am very aware of the pressure parents and carers can experience when deciding upon the choice of secondary school. Every year families have shared the significance that school visits, tours and the Open Day and Evening have had upon their final choices.

Therefore, our aim over the next few weeks is to ensure families and Year 6 pupils have every chance to experience and enjoy the wide range of opportunities and the family atmosphere that exists at HDS, to inform their future choices.

## **TOURS AND MEETINGS WITH THE HEADTEACHER AND SENIOR LEADERS**

The best way to appreciate a school is to visit during working hours. We are proud of our school and welcome visitors. Please contact Mrs Lisa Hopkins, PA to the Headteacher on 01736 352124 or email [lhopkins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lhopkins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk) to arrange a tour or to meet the Headteacher.

## **YEAR 6 OPEN DAY AND EVENING TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024**

**Open Day – 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.**

Humphry Davy School invites all Year 6 pupils from local primary schools to experience 'a day in the life of Humphry Davy School'; an integral part of our successful and nationally recognised primary liaison work. Positive feedback from parents, primary school colleagues and students, tells us this is a great opportunity to meet our friendly and caring staff, experience our ethos, and explore our resources.

Teams of teachers from across a wide range of subjects will provide a variety of educational and engaging learning activities on the day and, along with their personal experiences, pupils are welcome to take home the high quality products, written reports and project work resulting from their efforts.

Please note that a short video and photographic gallery recording the collective experiences of pupils will be on display at the Open Evening. Please scan the QR code at the end of this letter giving us consent to use photography or video footage taken throughout the day. The deadline for this online form is the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Arrangements for the day:

- The day will start at 9.00 am and end at 2.45 pm.
- For the majority of students, appropriate transport is arranged to take all pupils as a group from their primary school in the morning and be returned to their primary school at the end of the day. For further details please contact your primary school. If you wish

to pick up your child from Humphry Davy School you should make appropriate arrangements in advance with your primary school.

- Your child should wear normal primary school uniform for the day. Should your child require PE kit we will let your primary school know prior to the Open Day and they will need to arrive in their PE kit.
- Your child will be provided with a drink and snack for break time.
- Lunch is provided although pupils are welcome to bring their own packed lunch.
- Please notify us of any specific dietary requirements that need to be considered.

### **Open Evening – 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm**

Prospective parents and pupils are invited to visit the school for our annual Open Evening on Tuesday 1st October. An opportunity to view the school and see the work and activities your child will have completed during the day. The whole school will be open for you and your children to look around from 6.00 pm onwards, with our student guides available to escort you, as desired. Take time out to talk to staff and students, explore our facilities and learn a little more about the huge range of opportunities available at Humphry Davy School.

You would be most welcome to join me, Headteacher Bill Marshall, for a short presentation to capture a flavour of our school and hear about plans for the future. To accommodate parents from all of our 14 partner Primary Schools and beyond, we request that where possible, parents from respective schools attend talks as outlined below:

#### **6.00 pm in the Gym**

**Alverton**

**Gulval**

**Heamoor**

**Ludgvan**

**Marazion**

**Pensans**

**St. Madderns**

#### **6.45 pm in the Gym**

**Mousehole**

**Newlyn**

**St Hilary**

**St Marys CofE**

**St Marys RC**

**Germoe**

**Trythall**

**However, if this is inconvenient, please feel free to attend the alternative presentation.** Prospective parents of children attending schools beyond our feeder primaries are welcome to attend either presentation.

### **OUR VIRTUAL TOUR AND OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Further information, a virtual tour, newsletters and an overview of our vibrant curriculum can be found on the Humphry Davy School website [www.humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk)

## TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR CHOICES

We recognise that the transition from primary to secondary school can be a source of great anxiety for students, so we will do all we can to minimise concerns and continue to support you through the process over the coming year. Cornwall Council will inform parents if they have been successful securing a place at Humphry Davy School at the beginning of March. At that point, you will receive a 'Welcome Pack' and all the information you need for a successful start, including our New Intake day and evening and our Summer School.

I hope you have all the information you need to support you in the coming weeks but if in doubt please direct any questions or queries to:

- Mrs Lisa Hopkins, PA to the Headteacher  
Tel: 01736 352124 or email [lhopkins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lhopkins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk)
- Or Miss Tamsin Gittins (Assistant Headteacher responsible for Transition)  
[tgittins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:tgittins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk)

We all look forward to meeting both you and your child(ren) and welcoming you to Humphry Davy School.

Yours faithfully



**Bill Marshall**  
**Headteacher**

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