



THE MAYNARD SCHOOL
SENIOR SCHOOL

“I asked my girls what they enjoy most about The Maynard. They both replied independently: “The teachers, the lessons, the clubs and my friends. I love it all. I love my school.”

What a lovely thought for a parent to feel their girls are so very happy, yet achieving to their best ability.”

Marie Evans, parent

The Maynard is a name synonymous with outstanding results across the board and we are, without question, the leading independent school for girls in the whole of the South West.

However, a Maynard education isn't just about academic achievement - it is about so much more and we are proud of our stimulating environment, of our inspirational teachers and the wonderful 'family feel' to all that is The Maynard. But we take our greatest pride from the happy, ambitious and successful students with whom we have the pleasure to work with each day!

We welcome talented girls aged 11-16 years into the Senior School and, depending on place availability, students can start at any stage during their academic career.





As a smaller school, we relish the fact that we know each and every student individually which, in turn, allows us to support and nurture them all to successfully achieve their many varied goals.

Single-sex schools enable children to be themselves. We empower our girls by teaching them the way they naturally learn.

Recent academic data analysis supports what we already know: that girls in single sex schools achieve higher grades than in any other educational sector. This proven success is attributed to the fact that an all-girls environment allows them to escape any gender stereotyping. Here at The Maynard girls are more likely to take male-dominated subjects such as Maths and Science, bucking the national trend elsewhere.





“I was convinced that co-ed schooling was the right choice for both my son and daughter but since Daisy has been at The Maynard I am a convert! Being a teenager in a single sex environment has allowed her to be totally at ease. She never once thinks she “can’t be seen” to be getting stuck into everything that is sent her way. It’s cool to want to do well, it’s cool to be seen to be trying, it’s cool to be in the play, the choir, to try for sports teams. My only sadness is there isn’t a Maynard for boys near us!

“Daisy was given the choice of two great schools; both ticked all the boxes, so it was very much her decision. When asked why she chose The Maynard she said the atmosphere at the school felt “happy”. She was absolutely right of course!”

Emma Birkin, parent

“The quality of pastoral care is excellent and pupils’ behaviour is exemplary.

The pupils are emotionally very mature and demonstrate high levels of self-esteem, self-knowledge and a strong sense of loyalty to the school.”

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A broad range of 20 different subjects are offered including Separate and Combined Sciences, Classical Civilisation, Art, Food & Nutrition and the humanities.

We regularly top the league tables in the South West for our GCSE results and year-on-year we post a 100% pass rate with over two thirds of students achieving the very top grades.

“The things I wanted for my daughter’s secondary education were simple but nonetheless felt like a tall order:

I wanted her to be able to be herself, to be happy and feel valued as part of a community, to move from child to young adult at her own pace with no pressure, to have a myriad of opportunities presented to her, to be part of an engaging and dynamic learning environment, to be encouraged to be creative, compassionate and adventurous, to have access to an incredibly rich and broad world class curriculum that is about so much more than just exam success and, ultimately, to one day look back on her school days with nothing but fondness and gratitude.

It turns out The Maynard wants all this too, for every student entrusted to its care, and that’s what makes it such an exceptional school.”

Kate Daws, Parent





The Senior School day runs from 8.40am until 3.55pm. Lessons are an hour long and we also include a long lunch break during which girls can participate in a choice of clubs or music lessons.

We also offer a fully inclusive wraparound care provision whereby students may be dropped off at school from 8am onwards and collected any time up to 5.30pm to suit the needs of the modern day family.

“An excellent, broad and balanced curriculum supports fully the pupils’ very positive attitudes to their learning. The curriculum is further enhanced by a wide range of extra-curricular activities, with outstanding pupil successes at both individual and team level.”

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The Maynard operates in excess of 60 extra-curricular clubs throughout each term. These vary according to the season but include numerous musical ensembles and sport-based themes on top of others such as Robot, Chess, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Drama and Film Clubs.

Many of these clubs take place during the extended lunch break although there are, of course, plenty of after-school activities also on offer.

“My time at Maynard was not only formative in terms of the impressive academic grounding I received, but also in giving me the chance to explore other interests. The extra-curricular opportunities were always rewarding and diverse but, above all, I loved the warm atmosphere that gave me the confidence that I could achieve my ambitions.”

Zoe Flood (Leaver 2001),
BAFTA-winning journalist and producer





Physical Education and extra-curricular sport are at the heart of the Maynard School and we provide every student with access to the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to promote life-long participation in physical activity.

We are regular Devon champions in the sporting arena for Netball, Hockey, Athletics and Equestrian whilst our Tennis, Swimming and Basketball teams have built an enviable reputation as some of the best in the South West. The School is also host to County and National level sports women in Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Rowing, Jiu Jitsu, Athletics, Equestrian and Gymnastics.

The Maynard invests heavily in our sports programme. We hire the very best coaches available, and have access to some of the South West's premier sporting facilities through our association with the University of Exeter and other amenities.

Music here at The Maynard permeates all aspects of school life and is, quite simply, exceptional. Our aim is to foster in all our girls an appreciation and enjoyment of music in its many forms. From jazz to classical, rock to opera we do it all and we boast numerous quartets, quintets, ensembles and choirs from the Junior School upwards.

Practice sessions take place during the extended lunch break or in after-school clubs and we also offer individual tuition via our dedicated team of peripatetic music teachers. Over 165 lessons are delivered each week, with well over half our students learning a musical instrument.





Passion for the Creative Arts abounds and there are numerous cultural opportunities here at The Maynard for our students to foster a love of the Arts that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

In addition to a packed calendar of theatre trips and gallery visits (both national and local), we also offer a range of far reaching opportunities in-house, with chances to explore and excel as performers, directors and designers in as many as 8-10 productions each year.

Art also forms a central role in the expressive development of our students and many of them opt to pursue the subject at GCSE and A-Level. The artwork on display around the School is testament to the sheer talent of our pupils across a broad range of mediums.

We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development. Our trips are carefully designed to encourage co-operation and team work whilst also developing independence, awareness and self-confidence.

Each year we organise a huge variety of local, national and international trips, both extra-curricular and in line with our curriculum.

Many of our students also successfully complete either the Duke of Edinburgh scheme or the gruelling Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor ... or both!



“I was justifiably nervous when my daughter started in Upper 4 (Year 9) at The Maynard and I had all the usual self-doubt that we, as parents, go through at these significant stages in our children’s lives. Had I made the right decision? Would she be happy?”

Looking back, what was I worrying about? The first day ended in beaming smiles and talk of new friends and incredibly lovely teachers. By day three, to my utter amazement, she was even asking to get to school early so she could have some extra time there. The talk ever since has been of the fun lessons, the delicious lunches, startling science experiments, the sheer exhaustion of the rigours of Basketball Club and recipes for plum pie!

Any pre-conceptions I had of what an all girls’ school entails have been completely blown out of the water. I was stunned that my arty, fairly quiet daughter is a fully signed-up recruit at Robot Club, volunteering for lead roles in drama classes and looking forward to donning her new hoodie as a member of The Maynard equestrian team.

In many ways The Maynard has been a surprise package - to anyone who wants the very best and happiest education for their daughters I would say this: The Maynard is a must!”

Rachael Board, parent

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