



THE MAYNARD SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM

The Maynard Sixth Form provides a unique educational experience. Quite apart from being a centre of academic excellence, it is a place of friendship and laughter, of adventure and countless happy memories.

Here in the Sixth Form, thanks largely to its smaller size and wonderful staff, we celebrate the individual, nurturing their talents so that they can flourish at school and beyond.

We welcome talented and ambitious young women into our Sixth Form. This enables students to fully realise their potential at this crucial time in their education, allowing them to compete for the most exciting degrees and careers.

We offer a range of Scholarships and Maynard Awards for gifted students, which can be accompanied by means-tested bursaries. Numerous students have benefited from such awards and continue to enhance our community.

Applicants are assessed on their individual merits, be they academic, creative or sporting and entry requirements are tailored to their chosen A-level subjects.





The Maynard Sixth Form has an enviable track record of outstanding success in public examinations. Well over 80% of our students achieve A*, A or B grades at A-level each year and the school always far exceeds the national average of the top grades with approximately half gaining straight A* or A grades.

As such, we are proud to be the leading independent girls' school in the South West.

Our A-level provision is extensive with a range of 23 subjects offered and a free choice of combinations, depending on each individual's talents and ambitions. Our dedicated staff will be with your daughter throughout her journey, able to support and guide her through the complex process of university applications and career choices.

As the oldest girls' school in the country, we are experts in educating girls and, free from the social distractions and pressures of other establishments, we find our students learn better!





Indeed, research from the Girls' School Association (GSA) shows that girls in single-sex schools obtain a considerably higher percentage of A grades than girls in other sectors in nearly every subject.

Our students are also more likely to shun gender stereotypes by taking A-level subjects which have traditionally been dominated by boys. STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) are every bit as popular with our girls as the Arts.

Well over 80% of our students obtain offers each year from the prestigious Russell Group universities. Recent destinations include Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Imperial College, UCL, St Andrews, Bristol and Edinburgh as well as the most highly regarded institutions for Nursing, Fashion and Art.

The unifying feature is that the Maynard Sixth Formers fearlessly follow their passions.





Dr Karla-Luise Herpoldt - Maynard Alumna
Research Fellow at the Institute of Protein
Design in Washington, USA

Year on year, our students attend some of the most academically selective courses from Aeronautical Engineering, Architecture, English, Medicine, Law, Business, Art or Midwifery.

Sixth Formers are based in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, with space for individual study, excellent computer provision, a common room with kitchen, classrooms and tutor offices. They even have their own garden, fitness suite and a specific Sixth Form bistro.

At this stage in their school career, students can wear their own clothes and enjoy considerable freedom. They develop real independence, learning to manage their time whilst achieving a healthy work-life balance!





During their time in the Sixth Form, students will stay with their designated personal tutor throughout the two years. Tutors will help and support each individual with their workload as well as oversee applications for Higher Education or employment.

All Sixth Formers will take part in regular tutorial sessions covering topics such as study skills, student finance, gap year opportunities and interviews.

“The focus on wellbeing and creating a happy and supportive environment emanates from the core of the school in terms of its values, approaches and explicitly in the quality of relationships between staff and children and within the whole school community including parents and governors.”

The Wellbeing Award for Schools





Our Sixth Form programme is designed to help students develop holistically, to thrive at A-level, at university and in the workplace. They also enjoy a unique Extension Studies Programme; whatever they choose - whether it is car maintenance, critical thinking, philosophy, politics or cookery - our aim is to broaden horizons and step out of the conventional.

We provide all of our students with the chance to delve into the unknown and explore pastures new. There are endless opportunities to discuss career options through visits to various workplaces, via talks from a broad spectrum of professionals and through work experience itself.

Ultimately, we want our students to meet their potential, and no stone will be left unturned to make sure this can happen.



“Pupils show confidence and are prepared fully for life beyond school. In interview, pupils clearly indicated that they feel socially and academically prepared for the future.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate



But there is so much more to the Maynard Sixth Form than solely academic achievement! As a senior member of the school community, Sixth Formers are granted many additional responsibilities and opportunities.

They can run clubs for younger pupils, gain management experience in a Young Enterprise Team, test themselves to the limit as part of a Ten Tors team, see the world on one of our many overseas trips or edit the Upper Sixth Year Book. Together with our outstanding Sport, Music and Drama departments, the greatest task will be deciding what not to do!

“The small class sizes Maynard offers are more important for A-levels than ever before, something that other schools and colleges overlook. More opportunity for one-to-one time with teachers unquestionably aids academic performance. The first term of Upper Sixth is really intense as the UCAS pressure ramps up, however the support I have received has been amazing. No matter how many times I harass the teachers, they are always full of advice and insight.

If you’ll excuse me using the word ‘vibe’, one of my favourite things about the Sixth Form common room is the vibe. There’s constant laughter, tea and the stress of A-levels doesn’t seem to translate to ‘bitchiness’. I love the Tuesday afternoon activity sessions - I’m someone who often finds it difficult to know when to stop working, so Tuesdays force me out into the fresh air which is really important.

Ultimately, I love The Maynard and I can’t imagine any other school offering me such an academically stimulating, yet fun and emotionally supportive, Sixth Form experience.”

Chloe Lamb, Upper 6th leaver



“If I didn’t know it, and someone described the Maynard school to me I would probably feel it sounded too good to be true - it has such an impressive and broad curriculum, is academically top notch, but is at the same time a place that is so full of life, laughter and colour, where the girls are clearly relaxed and enjoying themselves.

It is a place with a definite sense of purpose and drive but with equal measures of warmth and respect between students and staff. Girls are engaged with their learning, full of infectious enthusiasm for life, keen to reach their potential in everything they do, but are not highly strung, pushed or that dreaded much used accusation “hot housed” in any way.”

Kate Daws, Parent

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