



THE
MAYNARD
SCHOOL
EXETER

MADE FOR GIRLS AGE 4 - 18

WHAT
MAKES THE
PRE-PREP
AND **JUNIOR**
SCHOOL SO
SPECIAL?



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Housed in its own building within the main school campus, the Junior School and Pre-Prep are very much part of the Maynard family. Educating the whole child is our passion and, with a busy school day, we want our children to learn to ‘be children’ too.

We don’t want to produce little robots chanting times tables! Instead we provide a happy, secure and lively environment where each young girl will flourish, and foster individuality, confidence and enthusiasm.



OUR SMALL CLASS SIZES

We keep our classes small in the Junior School and Pre-Prep, our Teachers and Teaching Assistants are able to get to know the pupils as if they were their own children.

Every child is a unique package and each one receives individual attention. How much difference can you really make when you have 30 or more children in a class, all with different learning and emotional needs?

OUR SAFE, SECURE SETTING

As an all-girls' school our pupils can learn and play in a carefree manner. They can take risks, express themselves and grow in self-confidence free from other social distractions. Anyone who visits us always says that the atmosphere here is different from other types of school they have ever visited.

OUR 'HOME FROM HOME' ENVIRONMENT

Due to our size, it would be difficult to find a school that provides the 'home from home' that our girls enjoy here. We are all a part of the Maynard Family; the older Junior-aged girls buddy up with the younger Pre-Prep pupils.

We have regular 'Buddy times' which builds an amazingly close community. We also work closely together with the Senior School and Sixth Form with our older students running clubs for our younger girls.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our fully inclusive wraparound care is specially designed to allow parents the opportunity to drop off early (from 8am) and/or pick up a little later (until 5.30pm) on an ad hoc basis.

A VARIED CURRICULUM

Our priority is for our girls to learn to be children, to play outside, to take part in shared activities and experiences, rather than always sitting at a desk. We offer a carefully balanced curriculum that includes time for creativity and expression.

For our Pre-Prep girls there are weekly sessions of Yoga, Ballet, Forest School and Swimming, and our Junior pupils can also participate in extra-curricular clubs such as Martial Arts, Tennis, Drama and Cookery.

SPECIALIST TEACHING AND FACILITIES

Here at The Maynard, we are lucky enough to have access to specialist teachers and facilities for subjects such as Modern Languages, ICT, Music, Swimming and PE for everyone in Reception through to Year 6.

We aim to ignite a passion for learning to stay with our pupils for their whole life and open their eyes to a multitude of opportunities.



TRANSITION TO SENIOR SCHOOL

In Year 6, we prepare the girls for their move up to the Senior School. Although remaining with their class teacher for much of the time, they also receive more specialist input from our Senior School staff.

Science lessons are taught in our well-equipped laboratories and they will also have lessons in the Art, Music, Computing, Textiles and Food & Nutrition classrooms, as well as experiencing a variety of Modern Languages from specialist staff. The girls are able to get to know many of the teachers and venues they will experience when they move up to Main School.

OUTDOOR LEARNING & FOREST SCHOOL

Outdoor learning has an extremely positive impact on children's development. Pressures on teaching time and resources in other schools often means the benefits of outdoor learning are overlooked.

Fewer opportunities to explore the great outdoors has shown that children's social skills are hampered, whilst their long term physical and emotional development is stifled. At The Maynard we hold regular outdoor learning sessions in our on-site Forest School.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Junior School girls and Pre-Preppers can take part in a wide array of lunchtime activities where we aim to capture that spark of interest. Dog walking, choirs, Recorder Club, Ukulele Club, Harry Potter Club, Story Club, Advanced Coding Club, Drama Club, Song and Dance Club are just a few of the opportunities that are available to the girls.



CONTACT WITH PARENTS

Alongside the bespoke care and attention we give to our girls is the excellent communication we have with parents. Staff are around for a chat before and after school in person, via appointment or by phone or email.

We also have regular parent meetings and curriculum evenings. In our Pre-Prep we make use of the Tapestry App which allows us to share pictures of every pupil at key points in her learning.

REACHING OUT

We believe it is important for our girls to understand that they can make a difference and that they are part of a wider world. By helping others, we help ourselves to grow. Each year, we link up with Bluebird Care who bring their elderly clients to school for an afternoon each term where they are hosted by the girls. Similarly, we sing with the local dementia support group and regularly collaborate with the residential home next to the school.

On other occasions, we go out and work with Devon Wildlife Trust on environmental projects or team up with Surfers Against Sewage for a local beach clean with the whole school. We believe that helping others makes you a happier person!

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS!

At The Maynard the girls are able to be themselves without any pressures upon them that you would find in a co-educational setting.

We are proud of the fact that the pupils here are able to express themselves and be free to play and interact without the inhibition that social pressures can bring. Maynard Junior girls cartwheel everywhere and still enjoy to play the games we want our children to.



BEING YOUR TRUE SELF

School for us is all about confidence and self-esteem. Easily said, but not so easily done! We know the pressures that are ever more prevalent upon today's children and the impact that these can have.

Here at The Maynard, we aim to unearth your daughter's interest and her individuality and to nurture it to its fruition. Having good friends, building trusting relationships with adults, taking part in the wider life of school, joining in performances and shows, finding that special skill or interest that really excites you, knowing that you are understood and that those around you are there to help - they all contribute to helping the girls to grow confidently.

WELLBEING

Being happy at school is the most important thing. Understanding yourself and knowing how to get the best from yourself are important skills in today's frenetic world. We work hard to enable the girls to do this and to know how to help themselves or where to go for help. Our approach is woven into all that we do - you may not even notice that it is happening at all!

Spending time with nature, being outdoors, interacting with animals, giving of yourself, helping others, finding your interests, taking part in a wide array of activity, practising mindfulness, relaxing through yoga, making music, being part of a team and much more all help us to feel positive and valued.



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