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Not just an A-level, an A* on every level

An insight into life in the Sixth Form



Could this be YOU?

Each year we are joined by approximately 20 ambitious new students in the Lower Sixth, all of whom are attracted by our outstanding academic success, extraordinary extra-curricular opportunities and our warm, friendly environment. Our girls say that the culture here is so different from elsewhere – our students are uninhibited, self-confident, focused and (most importantly) the best of friends!

What draws them to The Maynard?

The desire to achieve bright futures, have fun and maximise on our excellent value-added pedigree that is proven to boost A-level success by up to a grade.

Where the ADVENTURE begins

Voted one of 'The 10 Best Value Private Schools in the UK' by The Daily Telegraph, January 2021.

Academically, we were the top performing independent school in Devon at A-level (for the fifth consecutive year) according to last official DofE measure in 2019.

"The Maynard School is a very welcoming, happy and nurturing school and girls do well due to the emphasis on their wellbeing."

In June 2019 we became the first and only school in Devon to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

Officially 'above average' for value added according to the DofE Performance League Tables, proving we can markedly improve predicted grades by as much as a grade.

"My initial decision to attend college was the belief that I could gain more independence as opposed to Sixth Form. Although I was only there for a week or so, I realised that I had made the wrong decision.

The amount of students in one class made it quite challenging to focus and, due to having one tutor between 30-40 people, it was difficult to gain a sense of community and companionship within the classroom.

My advice is don't be encouraged to attend college purely for more freedom. I've been out in town with friends numerous times and so your freedom is not limited whatsoever. At college I found that due to awkward class schedules, I tended to be left with a 3 hour gap in-between lessons that was almost too much time to spend in town!

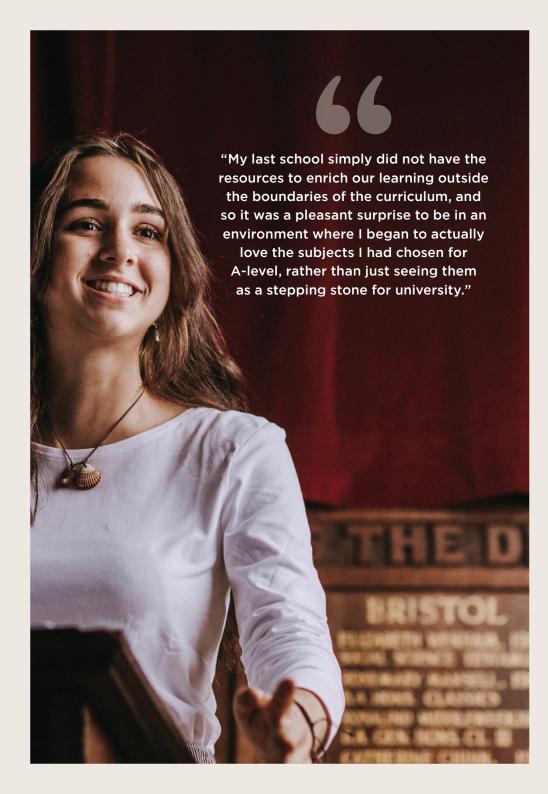
Without doubt, returning to Maynard for my A-level studies was the best decision I could have made."

A new BEGINNING...

"The Sixth Form at The Maynard is a warm environment; I chose to join because of the individual support and focus the school offered, which was unlike any other school or college I'd seen. As a 'new girl', I was made to feel extremely welcome. The school has a strong sense of community and cooperation, creating a valuable and supportive working environment."

"I came to Maynard from a large co-ed state school, and to say moving was a bit of a culture shock would be an understatement! I had expected it to be smaller, and for the all-girls factor to make a difference – but what I wasn't prepared for was the way the teachers genuinely care about every student and do their best not only to help them achieve the best possible result – but also to help them begin to love their subject."

> "The difference in attitude between The Maynard and my last school is pretty astounding."



Hard work pays Hard work in the right environment pays more

"Joining the Sixth Form definitely helped me to achieve results far beyond what I initially thought I was capable of and I can wholeheartedly say that, without the teachers at The Maynard, I most likely would not be studying at my dream university right now."

"The small class sizes The Maynard offers are more important for A-levels than ever before, something that other schools or colleges overlook. More opportunity for one-to-one time with teachers unquestionably aids academic performance."

"Maynard's teaching is second to none and the extra time and support teachers give you is endless."

"Academically, the working environment is great, everyone is keen to learn and the teachers are up for a laugh and they all try to make the lessons as interesting as possible."

"The Maynard Sixth Form has a fun academic community feel, where everyone gets along and is always helping one another. By having a girls-only Sixth Form it allows us to express ourselves more freely without worrying about what others think, as this is a non-judgemental school."

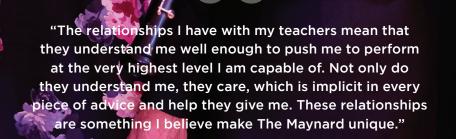
Here, you'll get that OPPORTUNITY...

"As a whole, the extra-curricular offered at The Maynard really does go above and beyond! There is so much on offer, it is very hard to decide what you will sign up to. Lunchtime and after school clubs run every day; each and every single one of them being interesting and inspiring."

"Choosing to do the EPQ was a decision that benefited me immensely. Not only did it enhance my learning throughout the process and improve my knowledge, it was also a big factor in helping me to decide what university degree I wanted to pursue."

"During my time as a sixth former, I have taken up numerous leadership opportunities, which have helped me develop as a more confident, outgoing person, while helping the younger years also develop and become passionate about certain causes." "Maynard has given me multiple opportunities to excel, and to demonstrate and develop skills outside of exams. It's an opportunity that I'm grateful for to this day."





Where the support is second to none...

"The tutor system has meant you have someone available all the time who is devoted to helping you. Because we are a smaller school it means you will get as much time with your tutor as you need."

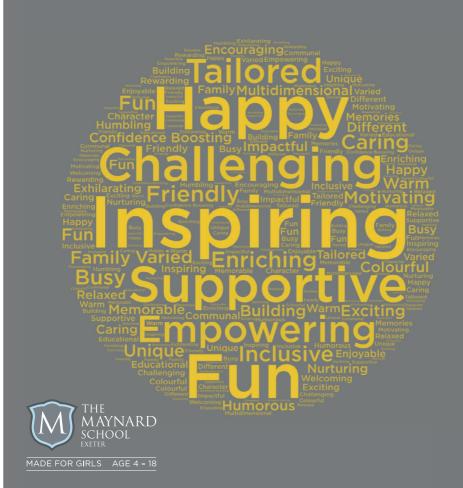
"UCAS is actually a really nice process and I've enjoyed it very much because the teachers, especially Mr Hibberd, are very helpful with it."

"It is a lovely safety net of guaranteed support where no time is inconvenient for a chat." "The Maynard is the full package; fun, academic success, and guaranteed friends and support for life."

"High aspirations are always encouraged, never hindered so I feel like you really do reach your full potential at this Sixth Form."

"When it comes to applying for university, as the teachers know you so well, they are always willing to help you find the best course and university for you. They are also able to write better references for you due to the fact they know you so well."

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



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