



THE MAYNARD SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOOL  
PROSPECTUS

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“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.”

MRS EVANS, PARENT





## The South West's leading independent school for girls


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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.





“It’s the warmth of the relationship that makes all the difference. And the laughter. Relationships between students and staff are supportive, humorous yet entirely professional.”

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE.

## A home from home environment

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The quintessential ingredient to our success is the size of The Maynard. 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.

Opportunity abounds and, unlike in larger schools, every individual can find their niche - whether that be in the classroom, on the sports fields, as members of our choirs, drama productions, Young Enterprise, debating or even Ten Tors teams. There simply isn’t the chance of being overlooked as part of a mass crowd vying for places.



“I was convinced that co-ed schooling was the right choice for Daisy, but since she 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. My only sadness is there isn’t a Maynard for boys near us!”

LADY BIRKIN, PARENT

## Why all girls?

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.







## A commitment to excellence

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 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.”

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE



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

THE WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS

# Award-winning wellbeing

We believe happy girls are successful girls.

In June 2019, The Maynard became the first (and only) school in Devon to be awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools in recognition of the sheer breadth of provision and robustness of support that we offer to our staff and students.

The importance of wellbeing cannot be overstated – caring for the physical, mental and emotional health of our community is

central to everything that we do. All our staff are trained to recognise when a student or colleague may be feeling under pressure or anxious and we take big steps to ensure systems are in place to respond to all the different mental health needs.

As such, The Maynard has become synonymous with the idea of a ‘family school’, with wellbeing firmly placed at the core of the school’s vision because we will always believe that a happy school is a successful school.





“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 of this too, for every student entrusted to its care, and that’s what makes it such an exceptional school.”

MRS DAWS, PARENT







“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.”

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

## Time to work... and play

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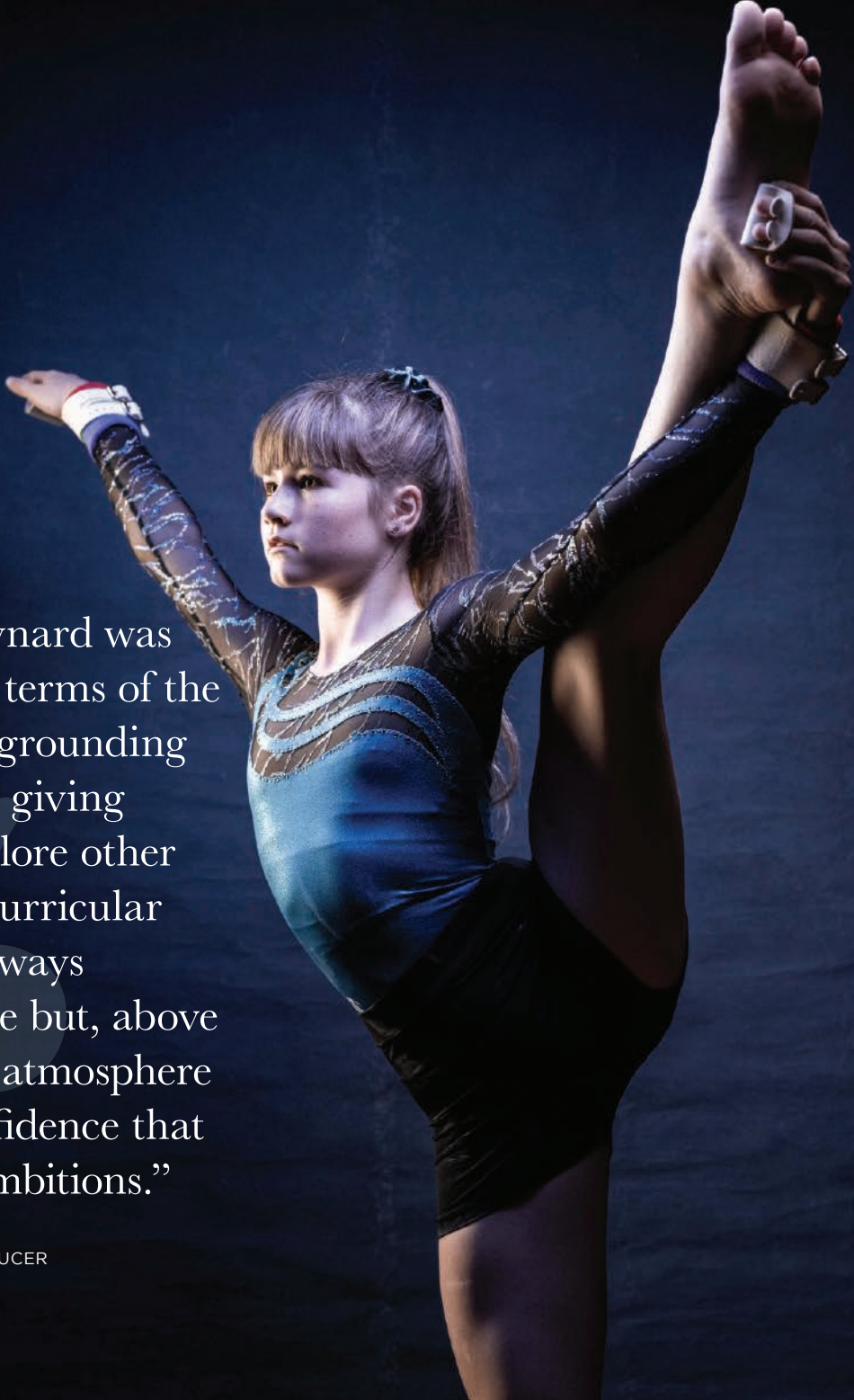
The Senior School day runs from 8.40am until 3.55pm. Lessons are an hour long and we also include a long lunch break during which girls can participate in a choice of clubs or music lessons.

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.



“My time at The 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



“Exam results are impressive but, more important, is the emphasis placed on the whole.”

The Maynard operates in excess of 60 extra-curricular clubs throughout each term. These vary according to the season but include numerous musical ensembles, sport and outdoor education themes on top of others such as Computing, Dance, Dungeons and Dragons, 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.

SAMPLE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES:

Art Club	Lego Robotics
Body Pump	Modern Dance
Book Club	Mock Trial
Computing	Saxophone
Cyber Discovery	School Council
Chocolate & Chat	Senior Choir
Craft Hub	Sports Leaders
Drama/Film	STEM
Dog Walking	Ten Tors
Duke of Edinburgh	Wellbeing Committee
Jazz Quartet	Young Enterprise
Keen but not Team Football/Netball/Hockey	





“We understand the link between mental health and physical wellbeing; our aim is for all girls to be active, healthy and confident enough to try new things.”



# Sport

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.

## A SAMPLE OF SPORTS ON OFFER:

Aerobics	Martial Arts
Athletics	Netball
Ballet	Personal Training
Basketball	Pilates
Body Pump	Rounders
Climbing	Rugby
Cricket	Swimming
Dance	Tennis
Equestrian	Volleyball
Football	Watersports
Hockey	Zumba
Kayaking	





## Music

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.



“In all, over 165 lessons are delivered each week with countless opportunities to perform or simply just enjoy music.”



“An imaginative and truly dynamic programme with inspiration at its core”



## Creative Arts

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, including the biennial whole-school musical at The Barnfield Theatre.

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 media.



# Adventure

## A life beyond the classroom

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 including the Sports Tour to South Africa and a large biennial overseas expedition to places such as India and Borneo.

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



## Global citizenship

Our broad curriculum includes the opportunity to become morally responsible and to have a greater understanding of our wider society.

At The Maynard we go far beyond the self – we know that helping others is also vital to our own wellbeing and, as such, the girls are at the centre of a large number of charitable initiatives, fundraising substantial sums through student-led events.

### CHARITY PROJECTS SUPPORTED:

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| Children in Need         | The Lord Mayor's Christmas Fundraiser                         |
| CLIC Sargeant            | Singing for Dementia  |
| Comic Relief             | Sport Relief  |
| Devon Wildlife Trust     | SOS Africa- sponsoring a young South African girl's education |
| Friends of Burburi       | Sports Leaders with local schools                             |
| Jeans for Genes          | Visiting the Elderly  |
| Macmillan Cancer Support | Walk in Her Shoes (CARE International)                        |
| NSPCC                    |   |
| Plan International       |   |
| Red Nose Day             |   |



## THE MAYNARD MISSION

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Our team of inspiring teachers will instil in each individual the confidence to excel academically, socially and morally. Through an educational experience designed specifically for girls, we are able to give them the skills and the courage to go out into the world and make a real difference.



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MADE FOR GIRLS AGE 4 – 18

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