



THE
MAYNARD
SCHOOL
EXETER

MADE FOR GIRLS AGE 4 - 18



FACILITIES



By our very location in the heart of Exeter, we are fortunate to have access to some of the best facilities in the South West.

In addition to our own impressive Sports Hall, Performing Arts Centre, Drama Studio, an array of music rooms, a bespoke Health & Fitness suite and the netball/hockey/tennis courts, we also have extensive use of state-of-the-art hockey pitches, a choice of swimming pools, the Exeter Arena (the athletics training ground of Olympic runner, Jo Pavey) as well as access to superb watersports facilities on Exeter Quay and numerous performing arts venues scattered across the city.

The joy of being able to hire these facilities, and all only a stone's throw away, is that they are of the most professional standard possible and provide huge variety for our students to sample different sports and activities in the hope that they find something they love.



GYMNASIUM

Our on-site Gymnasium also doubles up as our Performing Arts Centre, with the building having the ability to be transformed between the two functions at the click of a button. The retractable tiered seating can be packed away neatly to change the area to a modern gym with specialist apparatus and mats enabling the students to develop their physical skills and express their creativity through floor skills, apparatus work and sports acrobatics.

When in gym mode, the room is used for gymnastics and dance lessons, aerobics and fitness classes and various clubs and activities including modern dance, ballet, yoga, body pump, body balance and pilates.

HEALTH & FITNESS SUITE

We are deeply committed to promoting the health, fitness and wellbeing of our students and as such, our bright and modern Health & Fitness Suite was opened in 2018. This facility is available for recreational use for our Sixth Form students, as well as being used during timetabled PE lessons for Senior School students, and to train and condition our sports teams and elite athletes.





SPORTS HALL

Our impressive sports hall, Bradley Hall, is a versatile space used by girls throughout the school from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form. The building, which is named in honour of former Headmistress Miss Bradley, is used for badminton, indoor tennis and hockey, basketball and 5 a-side football as well as for clubs such as martial arts, fencing and kickboxing.

THE DOUBLE COURTS

Our double courts provide a versatile space for pupils across the school to use for a range of seasonal sports including netball, tennis and multi-skills for our younger pupils. We also have an additional single court used for netball and tennis.





ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

HOCKEY

Situated only 5 minutes away from school, we use the water and sand-based astro pitches at the University of Exeter during the Autumn Term for hockey training from Year 3 upwards.

The water-based pitch was resurfaced in the summer of 2012 to an Olympic standard and utilises four water-cannons to keep it in top condition. The pitch is fully floodlit and approved by England Hockey.

Equally, we also use the sand-based pitches, featuring a high quality all-weather carpet and floodlights for those darker afternoons.

TENNIS

Tennis is one of the main sports offered in the Summer Term and all pupils have the opportunity to enjoy this sport within the curriculum and via extra-curricular clubs.

Lessons and matches take place at the University of Exeter Tennis Centre, which boasts some of the best facilities in the South West, with over £3 million having been invested in tennis at all levels over the last 15 years, including the construction of ten indoor courts.

We also make use of Victoria Park Tennis Club for both tennis lessons and matches across the school. Only a few minutes' walk from The Maynard, the club, which is affiliated with the University of Exeter, provides four floodlit hard courts and a friendly and relaxed environment.





SWIMMING

Our Pre-Prep girls take part in swimming lessons once a week during the Autumn and Spring Terms at the University's indoor 23 metre swimming pool at the nearby St Luke's Sports Centre. Here they are taught by ASA swimming instructors and are grouped according to swimming ability. Senior Swimming lessons also take place at St Luke's pool in the summer.

Junior School and Senior School students also enjoy a term of swimming lessons at the state-of-the-art St Sidwell's Point complex with three separate pools, newly opened in April 2022 and less than a three-minute walk away. We also offer a lunchtime club for our competitive swimmers which utilises these amazing facilities on a weekly basis. Equally, both the Junior School and Senior School Galas are held at St Sidwell's Point.

ATHLETICS

Athletics is one of the main sports offered in the Summer Term. The school makes use of the impressive track and field facilities at Exeter Athletics Arena for lessons, after school athletics club and both Senior & Junior Sports Days.

The extensive athletics track is ideal for the serious athlete, as well as anyone who wants to increase their fitness through track activities. There are numerous health benefits to all athletics based activities, enabling our students to increase their strength, agility and speed.





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Maynard offers a choice of over 60 extra-curricular activities and we provide our students with the opportunity to try something new, introducing them to different sports and activities.

Situated in a beautiful location at Exeter Quay, Haven Banks is just a short walk away from the school. Our Sixth Formers and Key Stage 3 students enjoy regular sessions of outdoor and adventurous activities, including kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, bell boating, climbing, orienteering and archery.

As well as water sports on the river and canal, Haven Banks boasts a replicated rock climbing wall, a realistic artificial cave system and a 22-metre climbing/abseiling tower with a 'Powerfan' descender.

Pupils in our Junior School also take part in outdoor education and team days here in the Summer Term.

GOLF & SQUASH

As part of the Sixth Form students' Tuesday afternoon timetabled activities, students can take part in golf lessons at Exeter Golf and Country Club, benefitting from coaching with the club's PGA qualified team of Golf Pros. Girls take part in putting, chipping and pitching to long and short game skills, covering a full introduction to golf.

Our Sixth Formers also enjoy squash sessions at the Devon & Exeter Squash Club, located next to the University of Exeter. The girls benefit from the club's excellent coaches as part of their activity programme.





GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics is offered throughout the year to all girls from the Pre-Prep to Senior School and forms a fundamental basis for many aspects of fitness and body confidence, whilst encouraging the girls to develop their physical skills and express their creativity. We have a partnership with the Exeter Gymnastics Club, where many Maynard girls train as recreational and club gymnasts. Our close geographical proximity to the Club enables us to take advantage of their excellent facilities and high level coaching, with our Gymnastics Club attending each week for recreational and squad training sessions.

CRICKET

Our students enjoy cricket in the Summer Term and make use of the University's high-performance playing area in the picturesque village of Topsham. This fantastic facility has benefited from heavy investment in recent years and now boasts two high-quality cricket squares and some excellent nets.





PERFORMING
ARTS

ON-SITE FACILITIES



PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Our Performing Arts Centre was launched in 2017, aimed at properly showcasing our remarkable musicians, dramatists and dancers. We hold upwards of 20 productions, showcases and concerts each year and provide numerous opportunities to explore and excel as performers, directors or technicians. In addition, well over 50% of our students learn a musical instrument and perform regularly and more than 165 music lessons are delivered each week.

The Performing Arts Centre (PAC) includes:

- Retractable tiered seating for an audience of 160, as well as an area for additional free standing seating at floor level for up to 100 people
- A professional theatre lighting system
- A state-of-the-art audio system
- Backstage changing rooms and theatre storage area
- Powerful projector with 5m x 4m retractable screen

This on-site facility has helped to instil a lifelong love of culture, as well as increase both participation and performance within the Creative Arts.

DRAMA STUDIO

The Drama Department is based in our black box studio which, alongside the Main School Hall and the PAC, is where the majority of lessons take place. The studio is fully equipped with theatre lighting and audio systems, as well as a costume and props store. Drama is studied as part of our curriculum until Upper 4 (Year 9), at which point it proves a popular option for further study at GCSE and A-level.





THE MAIN SCHOOL HALL

The very atmospheric Main School Hall is arguably our most versatile space and is used not just for assemblies and talks, but also for numerous drama and music rehearsals, concerts and productions throughout the school year. It also plays regular host to fitness classes including pilates and yoga for staff and students.

TREGEAR MUSIC ROOMS

We deliver well over 165 music lessons each week and more than 50% of our students learn a musical instrument. These, together with numerous choir practices and class lessons up to A-level standard, take place in our dedicated on-site music rooms under the guidance of a large team of talented peripatetic teachers in addition to our own super experienced music staff.





ADDITIONAL FACILITIES



DRAMA

Our biennial Senior School musical usually takes place in the Barnfield Theatre, situated just a 2-minute walk away. This fantastic collaboration between the Music and Drama departments is an almighty undertaking and is designed to give our budding young actors and backstage specialists the opportunity to experience a professional stage.

Always a sell-out, these performances are often billed as being as good as any professional production and provide life-long memories for all those involved.

MUSIC

Our musicians and singers are lucky enough to be able to perform at the beautiful and historic Exeter Cathedral for events including the Lord Mayor's Carol Service and the Brahms Requiem concert for Hospiscare, as well as with the ISCA ensemble.





We also hold several of our music concerts during the year at Southernhay United Reformed Church, just down the road from The Maynard. The church has a seating capacity of 200 downstairs and 100 in the balcony and provides a bespoke venue for our Midsummer Concert and, on occasion, our Carol Service.



OUTDOOR ON-SITE FACILITIES

FOREST SCHOOL

Our beautiful city centre Forest School is situated on site here at The Maynard in a safe and compact area specifically adapted to suit the needs of every young explorer! With a large pond, a mud kitchen, pathways and activity areas under the trees and a base shelter with camp fire, sessions involve exploring and discovering nature, as well as activities such as helping to build a fire and using simple tools and natural materials for craft activities.

Outdoor learning has an extremely positive impact on children's development, and being able to explore the great outdoors develops their social skills as well as their long term physical and emotional development. All our Pre-Prep pupils take part in weekly Forest School lessons throughout the year as part of the curriculum, with girls in the Junior School also enjoying sessions during the spring and summer, all run by our trained Forest School Leader.



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