



THE MAYNARD SCHOOL

PRE-PREP  
PROSPECTUS

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## “Magical Maynard”

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Exeter is full of good schools but there is only one Maynard. Our Pre-Prep exists to nurture and inspire girls and we want all of our girls to be safe, happy and excited about their school day.

The Maynard Pre-Prep is our Early Years and Key Stage One Department for girls aged 4 - 7 years old (Reception - Year 2).

The department is home to beautiful bright and airy classrooms leading directly out to a secure and canopied play area.



“This is the best school  
you could ever dream of.”

IMOGEN, CURRENT PRE-PREP STUDENT.



## A sense of togetherness

At these very early days of school life we believe that instilling a love of learning is every bit as important as the subjects we teach! We aim to set up a 'home from home' environment where your daughter can flourish.

Every family and every child is a unique package and, with our small class sizes, exceptional resources and experienced teachers, we are confident that we provide the best available start to your daughter's education.





## Where girls can flourish

As an all-girls' school our pupils can play in a carefree manner without being pushed to the corners of the playground by a game of football or cricket.

Girls learn differently and in the classroom they are free to express themselves and be heard. Here at The Maynard, we pride ourselves on the fact that girls can take the lead and be as strong and independent in their play as they are in their learning.





## Developing the individual

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We aim to keep classes small throughout the Pre-Prep. We offer a carefully balanced curriculum which follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in Reception and the National Curriculum in Years 1 and 2.

Each class has its own class teacher and teaching assistant with specialist teachers delivering certain subjects such as PE, Music and French.

Areas of learning will focus on Literacy/Phonics and Numeracy, as well as Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language, Physical Development, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts & Design.

“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, all with different learning and emotional needs?”







“Developing the individual within a warm, supportive school community is central to our school values.”




## Building confidence

We teach reading and writing using a phonics programme. This is taught in very small groups, meaning that each pupil receives the individual attention that is right for them.

We group by ability rather than age, allowing the girls to move through their early sounds at a pace that suits them, ensuring that they have a grounding in this crucial area.





“Ensuring our girls are happy and secure is at the heart of our Pre-Prep. We strive to build confidence, develop decision making and cultivate a sense of wonder and excitement towards the world around them.”

ABIGAIL MEATON, HEAD OF PRE-PREP



# Abuzz with activity

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.

You will see this in our curriculum, which includes time for creativity and expression; we also spend a lot of time outside the classroom, with Pre-Prep pupils taking part in a number of clubs and activities as part of their day as well as various outings and visits taking place each term.

Pre-Prep girls are also enthusiastic participants in fundraising activities throughout the school year. Everyone enjoys the fun of dressing up, performing, making and decorating, taking part in competitions and sponsored events.

## SAMPLES OF COLLABORATIVE ORGANISATIONS:

Shelterbox  
 Christmas Shoeboxes for Moldova  
 Little Valley Animal Rescue  
 RNLI  
 Devon & Cornwall Police  
 Merry Go Round Toys  
 The NSPCC  
 The Wildlife Trust  
 ... and many more

“We instil in our students an understanding of wider society, highlighting their social awareness and fostering social responsibility from a young age.”







“We simply note that  
The Maynard is a heartstealer.”

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

More than anything we want our girls to feel part of our Maynard family. They need to know what is expected of them, learn to make new friends, resolve differences and acquire the social skills and manners to last them a lifetime.

Being confident and happy is essential to our girls’ ability to learn and our vision for the Pre-Prep is driven by our desire to share in the unique learning journey of each individual who comes into our classrooms.

Alongside the bespoke care and attention we give to our girls is the excellent communication we have with parents. Staff are available for a chat before and after school in person, via appointment or by phone or email. The girls bring home their communication/reading diaries everyday in which messages can be written both from school and home. We also have regular parent meetings and curriculum evenings. In addition, we use the Tapestry Online Learning Journey for all year groups which allows us to keep a record of every pupil at key points in her learning.





“The most perfect start to my daughter’s education. In just two short years, I have seen her truly blossom.”



## A voyage of discovery

We are lucky enough to have an on-site Forest School and all our Pre-Prep pupils take part in regular Forest School sessions throughout the year.

They also enjoy weekly swimming lessons at St Luke’s campus (University of Exeter) during the Autumn and Spring Terms, and tennis lessons with our specialist tennis coach

during the Summer Term. They experience a term of early morning Yoga, helping to wake them up and be ready for their day.

We also offer extra-curricular Ballet, Martial Arts and Dance lessons, led by specialist teachers, once a week. We are also lucky enough to have our own Rainbow and Brownie group running on-site after school.



# The school day

The Pre-Prep school day runs from 8:40am to 3:30pm, and we also offer specialist before-school care from 8:00am and after-school care until 5:30pm for those that require it (at no additional cost).

08:40 - 08:50	Registration
08:50 - 09:10	Assembly
09:10 - 10:10	Lessons
10:10 - 10:40	Morning Break
10:40 - 12:00	Lessons
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	Lessons
	Flexible 15-20 minute break in the afternoon
15:30 - 15:40	End of school day

All of the girls enjoy a school lunch that is cooked on-site each day and eaten together with their teachers in the Main School Dining Centre, with food served at the table.

Our in-house chef cooks delicious healthy lunches and girls are provided with a hot meal each day (several different options are available) as well as a desert. Vegetarian options are also always available.





“Her love of learning has been reinforced with wonderfully creative teaching – she also seems to have developed a real aspiration for true kindness and manners!”

## Fully inclusive wraparound care

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Our Larks and Owls Clubs are specially designed to allow you the opportunity to drop off early and/or pick up a little later to fit in with your own diaries.


Larks and Owls Clubs are included in the Pre-Prep school fees and are provided at no extra charge for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Larks Club starts at 8:00am and provides the opportunity for a little playtime before the school day. Likewise, Owls Club runs from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. This specialist after-school care is a chance for the girls to unwind with some gentle activities in a relaxed environment after their busy school day.

Drop-off and pick-up times for both Larks and Owls Clubs are completely flexible according to your needs.







“It’s really reassuring to know our daughter is happy at such a lovely school, she bounces in each day! I love the school and its values and am reassured that our daughter is thriving both academically and emotionally. If you are looking at independent schools and you have a daughter, The Maynard is the obvious choice.”

MS FENNER - CURRENT PARENT



## 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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