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## FOREWORD

Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter and what a wonderful year it has been with so much to celebrate! To kick start this edition, I am sharing with all our parents the wonderful words spoken by our governor, Fanny Balcombe, who delivered such a fabulous speech at our recent end of term Summer Celebration. I am conscious that only those in attendance would have been party to her words, so wanted to extend the poignancy of her speech (given it was delivered on Election Day) to our entire community. Please read on!

LIZ GREGORY



## MAYNARD SUMMER CELEBRATION Thursday 4th July 2024

Good afternoon, Everyone!

My name is Fanny Balcombe and I am a Maynard Governor.

On behalf of Henry Luce, Chairman of The Maynard's Board of Governors, it is my privilege and huge pleasure to welcome you all to this Summer Celebration, at the culmination of the school's academic year. I speak for the whole Board when I say that we are proud and honoured to be Governors of this (as the Good Schools Guide puts it) 'wonderful school, this haven of calm, compassionate and creative education'.

As the retired Head of an all-girls', all-through 3-18 years, independent school, very similar to The Maynard, I applaud the choice you have all made, to entrust the education of your girls to the loving and enlightened professionalism of Mrs Gregory and the Maynard team. I also recognise the difficult financial decisions this choice entails. We are living in very uncertain times – and, especially, right now today, Election Day, with an as-yet indeterminate political landscape before us. 'Difficult financial decisions' are going to be the order of the day for many, I suspect.

Recently, Gordonstoun, that famous boarding school in Scotland, produced a promotional advertisement focusing on the outdoorsy, activity-based aspect of its educational provision. Part of the text reads:

*'It's not where you go to school that matters.  
It's what you do when you get there'.*

I beg to differ. I think where you go to school matters very much. It is a critical decision for families, one which will influence a child's whole life. The school you go to matters hugely - does it not, girls?

Some of you may recognise the following words:

*'I've heard it said  
That people come into our lives for a reason,  
Bringing something we must learn,  
And we are led  
To those who help us most to grow.  
I know who I am today  
Because I knew you.  
Because I knew you,  
I have been changed  
For good.'*

These lyrics are from the song, 'For Good', from the musical Wicked and they have a resonance and a relevance for all of us here today. The people we meet can change us – for the good and maybe for good ie permanently. And it is at school that a young person's life massively opens up and expands. So, we do our best to choose wisely.

We are here today because you all have chosen wisely! In the Good Schools Guide, The Maynard is described as a wonderful school, full of intelligent, questioning, confident and kind girls who learn to fly on every level. Girls, your sense of self-worth is carefully and consistently nurtured at

The Maynard; your academic and personal successes are the result of the inclusive, focused and individually tailored teaching approach. Amongst schools, The Maynard is a treasure, unique and distinctive, which we cherish, and rightly so.

As for 'difficult financial decisions': what is more important than a child's future? What better investment?

When a girl enters The Maynard, you adults are in a sense buying her future – or, to use a current idea, you are 'paying it forward'. You are doing your best, now, to secure your daughter's long-term happiness as a well-educated, strong, confident adult. Popular modern thinking encourages us to 'be present', to live fully in the moment, the 'Now'. But as parents and guardians, you will also strive to secure your daughter's future 'present', which to a significant degree will be grounded in her past – in her school days. Our best hope is that all you girls here will, in the future, look back confidently and gratefully, to your Maynard schooldays and say (as in the Wicked lyrics):

*'So much of me  
Is made of what I learned from you – Maynard -  
I do believe I have been changed for the better.  
Because I knew you – Maynard -  
I have been changed  
For good.'*

Have a great afternoon!

Fanny Balcombe  
4th July 2024

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## Summer refurbishments

School is awash with builders and other specialists as we make the most of the relative quiet to continue updating the buildings and gardens. Work is well underway to transform and modernise the Sixth Form block and we look forward to the grand opening in September – do keep an eye out for your email invitation coming soon!



## Wonderful Mutts about Maynard

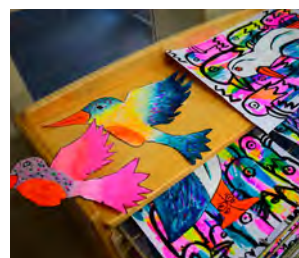
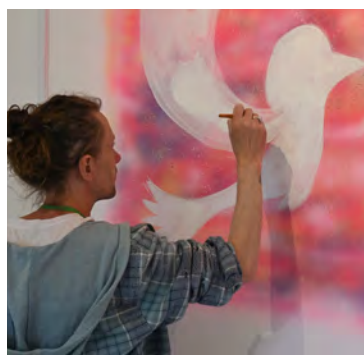
Once again, the 'Mutts about Maynard' dog show was nothing short of sublime and our enormous thanks to the wonderful MPA for organising such a memorable and quintessentially Maynard fundraiser. The evening was packed full of smiles, waggy tails and lots of love for all the pups who took part – a joy to behold!



## A befitting celebration of Mrs Haworth

Across the school we have enjoyed some truly poignant and lovely ways to celebrate the life of our much-loved Junior School teacher and Old Maynardian, Mrs Haworth, who so sadly passed away in December. Artist, Steve McCracken, has transformed the Junior School wellbeing space – now renamed Nat's Nest – into a truly enchanting area with some super uplifting and vibrant birds and murals. He also led a workshop with our Year 5 and 6s earlier in the term and the birds that they created then have subsequently been used to create a trail around the school, all leading to the Nest. It really is a sight to behold.

The official opening of Nat's Nest was held in a private ceremony with Nat's close family and friends after a truly wonderful assembly in which all the Junior School and Pre-Prep girls performed so beautifully with a number of songs and performances in her memory. A most Maynardian occasion to celebrate a true Maynardian and we know Mrs Haworth would have been so proud of them all!





# PRE-PREP NEWS

## Frazoo visit

All the girls in the Pre-Prep enjoyed a lovely visit from Frazoo with all her amazing animals earlier this term. As ever, they were enthralled and super excited to have such a rare opportunity to handle different creatures like snakes, stick insects and chameleons, and learn so much about them all!





## Pre-Prep Sports Day

Always one of the highlights of the academic calendar, this year's Pre-Prep Sports Day was no exception. The girls had a fabulous time taking part in all of Mrs Fabian's marvellously imaginative events and, as ever, the Parents' Race was super popular, too. Our thanks to everyone for being such good sports!

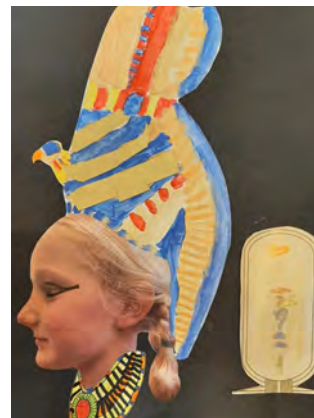
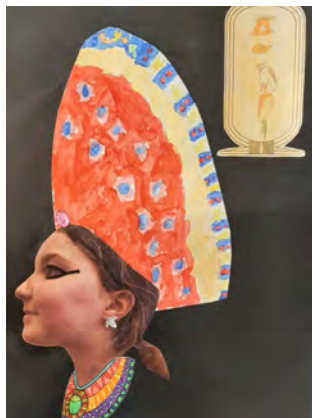
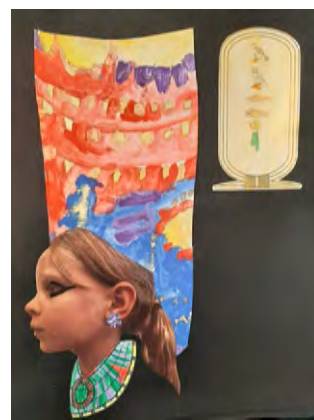
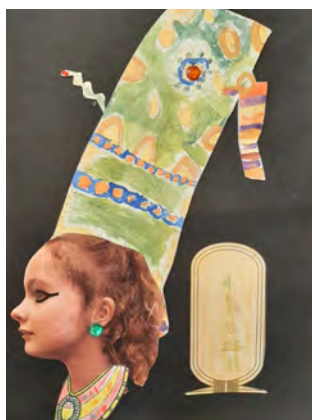
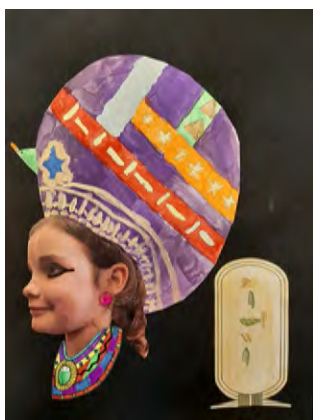
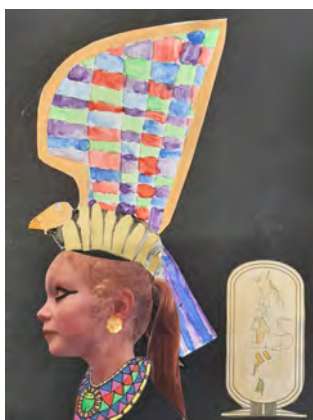
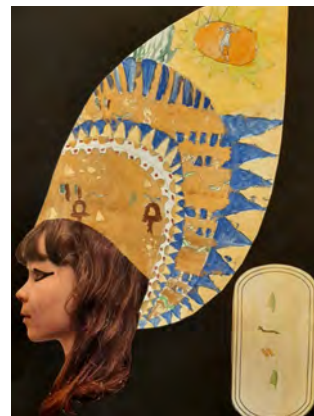
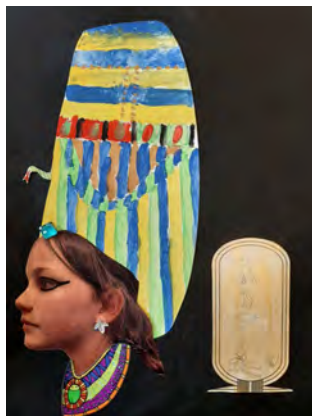




# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Wonderful Year 3 Artworks

Year 3 completed their artwork inspired by the ancient Egyptians and Queen Nefertiti. Earlier this term. They used mixed media - drawing, paint, collage and photography. They also created their own cartouche with their name written in hieroglyphs.



## Year 3 trip to Dawlish Warren

Year 3 made the most of a beautiful June day on a trip to sunny Dawlish Warren. They all had a wonderful time learning about how the sand spit is being protected from coastal erosion with wooden groynes, grasses and walls and then had the chance to build their own sea defences to protect their sandcastles. All polished off with a game of rounders and a delicious ice cream!





## Year 3 trip to the Museum

Our lovely Year 3s enjoyed a special trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum here in Exeter where they had a fascinating modern-day demonstration about the process of mummification and a tour of the tomb of Shep en-Mut (the real mummy at the museum). It was a lot of fun and a most memorable day out!



## Year 4 trip to the Princesshay Beehives

Always a popular trip, our Year 4s thoroughly enjoyed their outing down the road to the Princesshay Beehives at the start of term. They observed a new frame, identifying the queen and trying to find any newly born bees, then they ventured outside to the hives to inspect the bees close up! As ever, one of the absolute highlights was dressing up as a beekeeper!



## Year 3 & 4 Musical Showcase

The Year 3 & 4 Musical Showcase earlier in the term proved a lovely celebration of our immensely talented Junior School girls. What an exciting musical future we have in store with this little lot!



## Year 4 fun at Haven Banks

The Year 4 girls enjoyed the opportunity to let their hair down after a busy term with three days of activities at Haven Banks from Team Building Games, Bell Boating and Stand Up Paddling Boarding – they all had a ball!







## Year 5 Residential

A giant maze, marshmallows round the campfire, animal-themed activities, team building games and sleeping in yurts... Year 5's residential at Wildwood Devon in Escot Park had all the hallmarks of a smashing forest adventure!

## Fabulous Year 6 play – Sherlock and Cinders

Our fabulous Year 6s put on a cracking performance of 'Sherlock & Cinders' to a packed audience in May – it was the perfect culmination to weeks of hard work and preparation. Bravo, girls, we salute you!





## Year 6 Residential

We capped off a wonderful year with the most memorable Residential at the Mill on the Brue in Somerset – the perfect opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and celebrate the end of Junior School!



## A wonderful Sports Day

Our Junior School Sports Day was another tremendous success with everyone in Year 3-6 hopping, skipping, jumping and sprinting their way through a fantastically fun set of sporty activities. Everyone should be so proud of themselves for trying their best and taking the day by storm!

There was certainly lots to celebrate as House Armourers won this time with a whopping 157 points, and several records were smashed, too: Alice, Year 3 in Armourers, broke the record for Standing Long Jump; Seedra, Year 4 in Haberdashers, broke the record for Chest Push; and Nell, Year 5 in Armourers, broke the record for Standing Long Jump too. Congratulations to all!



## Summer Show

The Junior School academic year culminated in stunning style with a wonderful Summer Show that saw all the girls in Years 3-6 performing absolutely beautifully, and our congratulations to them all!





# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Fabulous Summer Celebration

We welcomed The Maynard community in full force to our fabulous end-of-academic-year Summer Celebration at Sandy Park on the last day of term.

Huge congratulations to each of the prize winners and enormous thanks to all the performers for giving the event a fantastically vibrant and jolly Maynard touch, to all our guests and to everyone who contributed to making the day such a wonderful send off for the year!



## A wonderful Leavers' Ball

Our Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball was another fabulous hit on the last night of term. It was so joyous to bring everyone back together again after A-levels and to celebrate all their many achievements and successes! Thanks so much to all of those who came and helped to dance the night away!



## The Perfect Powderham Prom

Our Upper 5s enjoyed a stunning Prom at Powderham Castle to celebrate their end of GCSEs – even the sun shone!





## Chemistry Olympiad

We couldn't be prouder of our Sixth Form students' Chemistry Olympiad results! Not only did everyone who entered win prizes, but our fabulously clever chemists brought home a whopping five Gold certificates, making this a truly record-breaking year for us!

Huge congratulations to Bethany, Helena, Matilda, Megan and Joey for their Gold awards, plus Fiona, Megan and Rowena for their Silver awards and Louise for her Bronze award.



## River Otter Geography fieldtrip

Our Lower 5 GCSE Geographers were treated to a day of glorious summer sunshine when collecting data on the River Otter – an educational way to cool off!

## Biology Slapton Sands trip

The Lower 6 A-level Biologists enjoyed an enriching trip to the Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve earlier in the term. It was the perfect way to learn just how ecological studies are carried out, how data is used in conservation, and how findings can bolster understanding of different habitats!



## Congratulations to Eunice

Huge congratulations to Eunice (Lower 6) for finishing as runner-up in the Royal College of Science Union (RCSU) Science Challenge run by Imperial College London! This annual science communication competition is an opportunity to talk about science in a way that is engaging and fun to people who don't necessarily have a science background.

Eunice submitted a truly excellent video essay on 'the most significant consequence of human genome sequencing', beating hundreds of essays from around the world.



## Geography trip to Snowdonia

Our Lower 6 Geographers were treated to a four-day fieldtrip to Snowdonia in June, where they were able to explore the incredible glaciated landscapes in this very special part of the world.

By complete contrast, they then dropped in at Birmingham on the way home to investigate how structural economic change had affected the city, using the 'Bull Ring', the ICC and 'Gas Basin' as their areas of focus. The final morning was spent in Digbeth, the cultural and creative quarter of the city undergoing huge investment and redevelopment.

The trip was a great way to tie up the Lower Sixth and be part of the Geographical Associations 'National Festival of Fieldwork'.





## Young Enterprise success

Our amazing Lower 6 Young Enterprise team enjoyed the sweet taste of success, winning the 'Technology Award' in the Young Enterprise Devon Finals at Exeter College back in May. Their business, Seed Salutations, made gift cards (from their old GCSE notes) embedded with flower seeds which can then be buried into the ground to create an attractive display of bee-friendly wildflowers.

It was fabulous to have their efforts rewarded in such a public forum and to chat with the likes of Ben Bradshaw MP and Amanda Sater, a judge and member of the House of Lords. It was a great day and they even made it onto the evening news!



## 'Girls into STEM'

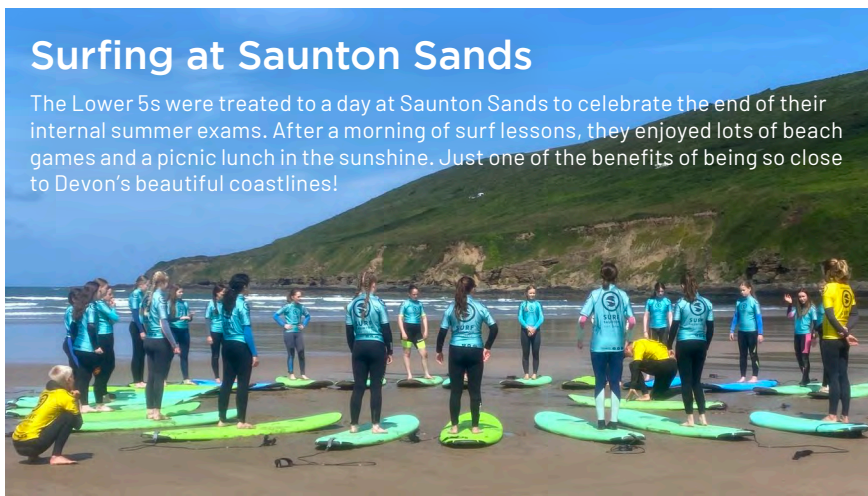
Our annual Lower 5 'Girls into STEM' event was another smashing success with around 100 girls, including 50 from other schools, joining us for this incredible hands-on and interactive day. We even attracted Steve Race, our local Exeter MP, who popped in to check on proceedings.

Our thanks to our Old Maynardian STEM ambassadors, Pip, Jemima, Alexandra and Charlotte, and to the STEM Workshops Ltd for leading such wow-factor activities.



## Surfing at Saunton Sands

The Lower 5s were treated to a day at Saunton Sands to celebrate the end of their internal summer exams. After a morning of surf lessons, they enjoyed lots of beach games and a picnic lunch in the sunshine. Just one of the benefits of being so close to Devon's beautiful coastlines!



## Junior Mathematical Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the UK Mathematical Trust's Junior Mathematical Challenge this year! In a terrific set of results, nearly 40 students were awarded a certificate – they should all be very proud of themselves!

Special congratulations to Lower 4 students Abi (best in school), Milly, Izzy and Katie who will compete in the follow-on Junior Kangaroo Challenge, and to Milly who will also compete in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad as one of only around 1,200 students in the UK; as well as to Upper 3 students Alice and Freya who were best in year.





## A wonderful French Trip

Our budding French linguists in Lower 4 and Upper 4 had a wonderful time on their trip to Chateau d'Ebbingham in France earlier in May, enjoying a bumper selection of activities including bread making trips to the bakery, a goat farm, a Second World War bunker complex and, of course, a chocolate factory! It was a truly magical trip and everyone came home with much improved language skills and with a deepened knowledge of the French culinary delights (right down to the snails!!)



## Lower 4 trip to the Roman Baths

Our Lower 4s travelled to Aqua Sulis in Bath earlier in the term and enjoyed a fabulous tour of the Roman Baths and even tasted the spring water! They studied a range of material remains, including the Gorgon's Head - a fierce image of a water god who looked down on all who entered the precinct of the Temple of Sulis Minerva. They also saw coins and signet rings lost in the Baths and studied the hypocaust system and drains that provided the supply of hot water to the Baths. The girls had great fun speaking with a Roman soldier and slave.



## Upper 3 Structural Engineering workshop

What a fantastic day this was! The entire Upper 3, under the guidance of the Institute of Engineers, were tasked to design and build a new Olympic stadium using only paper, tape, string and rolled cardboard! As part of their designs, they had to also consider the environmental impact of their building and how they might repurpose it once the Games had ended. Each member of every team then had to play their part in presenting on why they choose that particular design, what sport it was for, its sustainability and the impact it would have for future generations.

Tanya de Hoog, the President of the Institute of Engineers and herself an Olympic stadium designer (as well as being responsible for the closable roof on Centre Court at Wimbledon), then gave the girls a riveting insight into her career before awarding the design prizes. This really was a truly memorable STEM event.

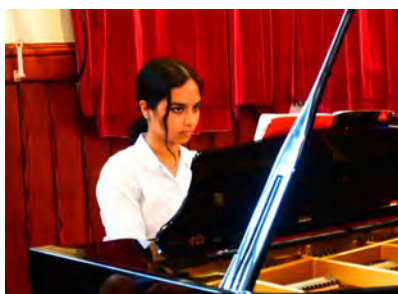




## Summer Concert

The Summer Concert proved an incredible showcase of the most remarkable Maynard talent from our Key Stage 3 and Junior School musicians. Audiences were treated to a lovely evening featuring performances from The Maynard Concert Orchestra, Middle School Choir, Junior School Choir, 24 Strings and Ukuladies. Music ranged from a Sound of Music medley to Pachelbel's Canon, so there was truly something for every taste.

Congratulations to all performers and thank you for such a delightful show!



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Huge congratulations to all our Upper 3s who wowed their parents and guardians with their adaptation of the much-loved Roald Dahl book, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Everyone did an amazing job of bringing this world of pure imagination to life, with a dazzlingly delicious story, fantastic costumes and amazing acting. Very well done to them all!





## Leavers' Concert

Our Leavers' Concert at the start of term was a beautiful celebration of the wonderful musicianship and achievements of our senior musicians and a perfect send-off for our departing musicians in the Upper Sixth.

How fabulous to see them perform for one final time an array of stunning solos alongside other amazing performances by the School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, and the Wind Quintet.

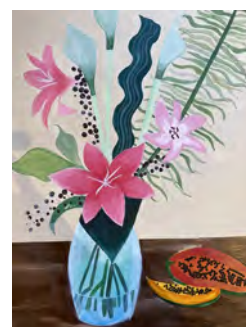
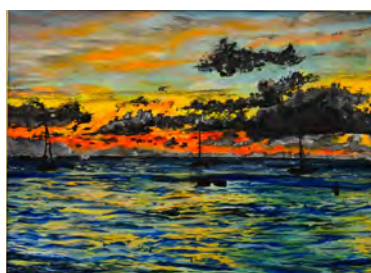
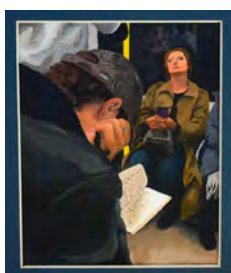
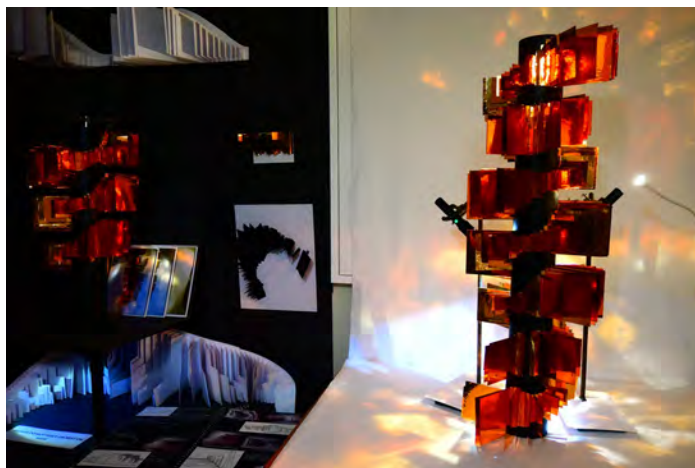
Congratulations to all the performers and to everyone who helped to make this concert so spectacular!





## GCSE and A-level Art Exhibition

It was a delight to share the extraordinary talents of our Upper 6 and Upper 5 artists at our Summer A-level and GCSE Exhibition again this year and once again we were bowled over by the sheer talent on display.





## Cushions, camisoles and so much more!

The Textiles room has been a hive of activity this term, with the Upper 3 completing their purses, camisoles and cushions, whilst the Lower 4 were hands-on-deck with their tie-dye t-shirts and cushions ... to mention just a few of the stunning projects to emanate from this gorgeous department!



## Upper 3 Filos

Our Upper 3s mastered their pastry skills with these wonderful feta and spinach filos. They've been a fantastic group to teach and certainly are showing an abundance of talent!



## Lower 4 Bake Off

On your mark, get set, BAKE! All our Lower 4 chefs conjured up a delightful selection of dessert delicacies for their Great Maynard Bake Off competition earlier this term. Congratulations to them all for some truly spectacular bakes!





## Chiefs @ Maynard Rugby Tournament

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting another Chiefs @ Maynard tournament for schools from across Devon. Our team of Lower 4 players were joined by 11 other teams, accounting for 110 rugby-playing girls aged from 12-13 years old! Now, that is quite some feat!

A morning of skills sessions with the Chiefs players was followed by a tough rugby tournament with all the schools having a blast. A very well done to them all!



## A fabulous Sports Day

Our iconic Sports Day at Exeter Arena was another riot of colour, cheer and Maynard community spirit! It's always a joy to see the show of camaraderie across the board at these events, with everyone willing each other on and many stepping out of their comfort zones to gain valuable House Points!

Congratulations to Armourers who were this year's winners and to the staff who roared home to a surprise victory in the hotly contested student vs staff relay!





## Gold Duke of Edinburgh

We wish all the girls undertaking their Gold DofE qualifying expedition in the Lake District at the end of August the very best of luck! They'll have an absolute blast and, on the back of some fairly intense training in Wales earlier this term (including scaling the heights of Sugarloaf Mountain and 22km of paddling in the pouring rain), they are perfectly prepared for whatever is thrown at them!



## An afternoon at Buckingham Palace

Congratulations to four Old Maynardians - Tali Dersley, Erin Oliver, Eleanor Cumbly and Katie Bainbridge - who travelled to Buckingham Palace in May to celebrate the completion of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh. The consistent theme throughout the day was to ensure that everyone felt incredibly proud of what they had accomplished, and the girls had a wonderful day.

These four now join the 16 other girls who have successfully completed their Gold Award in the past 12 months. Congratulations to them and all the Gold award holders who will undoubtedly go after them as the Outdoor Education department continues to thrive at The Maynard!





## Ten Tors

A time-honoured custom returned to Maynard in early May - the return of a select few slightly damaged, but undaunted, students proudly limping to their lessons in Crocs and sliders! These were our wonderful Ten Tors students and, after undertaking the Ten Tors Challenge, they had every reason to be immensely proud.

After seven months preparation and training in conditions that ranged from 'Maybe it'll brighten up...' to '...surely we're not going out in that?', our four teams all completed 'the Beast' training weekend, in late March - proving they were ready for the real event by covering near-full distances in, once again, some seriously challenging conditions.

For those not familiar with Ten Tors, this is the annual expedition across Dartmoor, organised by the Army. Each team of six is given a different combination of checkpoints over the moor, covering either 35+ miles, 45+ miles or 55+ miles of wilderness. Whilst the distances and conditions are the real challenge, the teams must also race against the clock and the dreaded cut-off times to cross the finish line before it closes at 5pm on Sunday.

Our final week of preparations culminated with our four teams travelling down to basecamp at Okehampton Army Camp on Friday morning (10th May 2024). A full day of route-planning, checking and rechecking kit and equipment - and a little partying too - ensured the girls were ready for their early start on Saturday. Fast forward to 7am and the girls were lined up on the start line. Speeches were made by Ray Mears, the Red Devils parachuted in, soldiers fast-roped out of a helicopter to fire the big starting gun, and then 2400 young people were off!

The conditions were extremely challenging this year, with significant numbers of students and teams having to 'fall out', many because of the heat. At this point, it's worth recognising

the immense efforts of the combined Services that ensured the weekend unfolded safely. Indeed, at one point on Sunday, the Army were on the verge of calling a Halt Order on the whole event. So it was with very mixed emotions that we heard mid-morning, Sunday, that our wonderful 45s had also safely come off the moor. The team had done so well, but this was a new route, and it unfortunately stood out for having more than half of its teams having to 'crash-out'. Whatever the outcome, it should go without saying that we are immensely proud of what our 45s achieved under such extraordinary circumstances - they really were remarkable.

By late morning on Sunday, we still had three 35-mile teams in the event and the atmosphere was wonderful as the first of our teams crossed the finish at 11.40am, in front of 1000s of well-wishers, friends and family (including several of our old-girls too!). All three 35 Mile teams completed over the next few hours, each one crossing the line in their own unique 'style', adorned with unicorn headdresses, pink tutus and the like.

Well done, once again, to every one of our Ten Tors students. Each of them has accomplished something genuinely extraordinary!

Can I finally say a big thank you for all the support these girls have received along the way, especially from their long-suffering families! However, most of all, can I offer a huge vote of thanks to our amazing and generous volunteers, who have given so much time and energy to looking after our girls this year - it really couldn't have happened without you!

If you would also be interested in volunteering to help with Ten Tors, Duke of Edinburgh, or any of our wider outdoor activities at the Maynard, then do please get in contact at: [TenTors@maynard.co.uk](mailto:TenTors@maynard.co.uk).

Well done again, Mr Tabb





*Have a fabulous summer!*



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