

#### REASONS TO CHOOSE MAYFIELD SIXTH FORM

"At Mayfield School, we celebrate outstanding academic results and prestigious university placements, but our true pride lies in nurturing interested and interesting young women who are prepared to step forward and serve the needs of the age."

Mrs Elizabeth Aherne, Head of Sixth Form



#### **Embracing Individuality: Moving Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Education**

At Mayfield, we nurture both curiosity and character, creating individuals who are not only interested in the world but interesting to others. One way we achieve this is by rejecting the concept of "conveyor-belt" education. Here, each girl is encouraged to study subjects that ignite her passion and reflect her individuality. We celebrate and support diverse, sometimes unconventional subject choices and combinations because we believe education is about much more than passing exams; it's about discovering what truly excites you and pursuing it with purpose. While completing A levels requires dedication, we go further by encouraging students to think creatively and make crosscurricular connections. Our students are motivated to take responsibility for their learning — planning, revising, and meeting deadlines with initiative. We foster resilient learners who take risks, embrace difficulty and the ability to critically reflect on feedback. Mayfield students build the confidence to lead group tasks, make presentations, engage with diverse opinions, and generously share their ideas and knowledge.



**Cosima**, a 2024 leaver, excelled both academically and beyond the classroom. With A\* grades in French and Latin, and an A in English Literature, she is set to study Classics and French at Oxford. A natural leader, Cosima was an Academic Prefect, Model United Nations Ambassador, and Captain of Debating, winning numerous accolades. She also contributed to the History and Scholars' Societies, and completed an EPQ in Linguistics. Reflecting on her time at Mayfield, Cosima said, "The languages departments have been amazing, and I will truly miss my friends and teachers here."

## 2 A Sixth Form that Fosters Growth and Exploration

Our Academics+ programme offers students the chance to grow beyond the classroom, developing vital skills such as confidence, leadership, independence, resilience, and initiative. Designed to complement their academic studies, this programme bridges learning with real-world experience. Alongside their A Levels, every student engages in six core programmes:

**Extra-Curricular:** From sports teams, kickboxing, and knitting to Model United Nations, MedSoc, and drama, students can also explore DofE Gold, fencing, LAMDA, law societies, equestrian activities, and more.

Actions Not Words: A service programme supporting the local community, including the elderly and local primary school children.

**Critical Religion:** Encouraging debate on challenging contemporary ethical issues.

**Lifeskills:** Preparing students for life beyond school with essential skills.

**Enrichment:** Choose from a range of options, including culinary skills, sports leadership, statistical analysis, extended project qualification (EPQ), and conversational Spanish.

**Sport:** A huge range of sports are available including tennis, hockey, cricket, football, fitness, dance, swimming and more.



Paloma, a 2024 leaver, is pursuing her passion for fashion marketing at Manchester University after excelling in her A Levels in Textiles, Spanish, and Business Studies. She launched her own small-scale clothing shop on social media and completed an EPQ on fashion manufacturing and distribution. Paloma gained hands-on experience with an internship at Design Week Mexico. A Business Studies Ambassador and member of the Entrepreneur's Club, she also completed a MOOC on budgeting and financial planning. Reflecting her commitment to community, Paloma volunteered at a local soup kitchen and participated in Model United Nations.



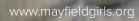
#### A Supportive Community for Success and Wellbeing

At Mayfield, we are proud of our happy and welcoming school community. We take great care to ensure that every girl feels supported, listened to, and nurtured throughout her Sixth Form journey. We carefully guide each student in selecting the right A level combinations and begin conversations about future pathways early in Year 12. Whether they are considering university, apprenticeships, gap years, or employment, each girl receives personalised guidance through one-on-one discussions with the Head of Sixth Form as well as our in-house Careers Adviser. Pastoral care is at the heart of Mayfield. Each girl is supported by a dedicated tutor, providing not only academic oversight but also a safe space to discuss any personal challenges. Tutors work closely with the Head of Sixth Form and the Head of Sixth Form Boarding where applicable, to ensure each student's wellbeing is carefully monitored. In addition, St Raphael's, our on-site wellbeing centre, offers a calm sanctuary where students can access medical care, counselling, and emotional support whenever they need it. At Mayfield, we prioritise both academic success and the holistic wellbeing of every girl.



**Rachel**, a 2024 leaver, is heading to Warwick University to study Law after achieving top grades in RS, Economics, Politics, and Spanish. An Academic Scholar, she entered the prestigious Robert Walker Law Essay Prize with her essay on legal ownership of inanimate objects. She further explored her interest in law by attending the UCL Young Lawyers Weekend and completed a Contract Law MOOC from Harvard. Alongside her academic success, Rachel excelled in sports, captaining the Hockey 1st team and representing the school in many sports. Her EPQ on Norway's low reoffending rates reflects her commitment to justice and social impact.





## Values that Guide and Inspire for Life

At Mayfield, we deeply value seven core principles: joy, compassion, integrity, generosity, gratitude, respect, and courage. These aren't just words to us — they are the heartbeat of our community, shaping every aspect of school life. We want our students to value these qualities in themselves and others and they help to provide a solid foundation for our students' role as good global citizens. Courage is a big focus for Year 13 students, as they look to forge an independent path in the world and leave the security of home and school. Our students have time to reflect on all our values through liturgies, assemblies, tutor time, Days of Recollection, and perhaps, more importantly, seeing them modelled on a daily basis by staff.

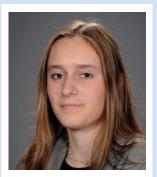


Joyce, an accomplished musician and international boarder, is heading to Bristol to study Medicine after achieving an impressive four A\*s and an A in her EPQ on music therapy for stroke rehabilitation. Alongside her academic success, Joyce volunteered at a local hospital and gained work experience at Tunbridge Wells Hospital. A talented pianist and violinist, she achieved Grade 8 in both instruments and was an active member of MedSoc and Dissection Club. Reflecting on her time at Mayfield, she shared, "My Sixth Form experience has been life-changing. I'm eternally grateful to my teachers for inspiring my love of science and helping me grow."

### **Enriching Spaces for Independent Thinkers**

Every morning, Mayfield girls gather in the stunning Sixth Form Centre, a beautifully restored space next to the Chapel, dedicated exclusively to their use. This serene and inspiring environment is perfect for independent study, with its spacious, calm study rooms and breathtaking views of the school grounds and surrounding countryside. The Centre also features a tranquil garden for relaxation and socialising, as well as a well-equipped common room with sofas and a kitchen area. This dedicated space fosters both academic focus and personal wellbeing, providing an ideal backdrop for the Sixth Form experience.

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**Sophie**, a 2024 leaver, is set to study Sports Journalism at Liverpool John Moores University after completing her A Levels in English, Psychology, and Geography. Passionate about sports and writing, she contributed articles and photography to SportingHer and co-wrote a blog on women's football. Sophie's enthusiasm extended to her role as a volunteer tennis coach and her involvement in the Debating Society. She also participated in Media Studies enrichment, honing her skills for a future in journalism. Sophie is excited to combine her love of sport and storytelling in her next chapter at university.

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# **2024 University Destinations**

Bath	Health and Exercise Science   Psychology
Bath Spa	Business and Management (Marketing)
Bristol	Biology   Medicine
Cardiff Metropolitan	Sport Conditioning, Rehabilitation and Massage
Courtauld Institute of Art	History of Art
Durham	Geography
Edinburgh	Applied Sport Science
Exeter	Classics   Engineering
Hartpury	Equine Performance and Rehabilitation
Kingston	Civil Engineering
Lancaster	Fine Art and Design
Leicester	Psychology
Liverpool	English Literature
Liverpool John Moores	Sports Journalism
Loughborough	Finance and Management
Manchester	Master of Planning   Fashion Marketing
Newcastle	Physics
Norwich University of the Arts	Games Art & Design
Nottingham	History of Art
Oxford	Classics and French

Surrey	Biomedical Science
UCA	Ceramics & Glass
UWE Bristol	Architecture
Warwick	Law (x2)   Classical Civilisation
Westminster	Business Management
Winchester	Animal Science and Conservation
York	History   International Relations   Archaeology and Heritage   Law

LONDON	
King's College London	Economics   Chemistry
SOAS University of London	Social Anthropology
UAL	Fashion Marketing   Psychology of Fashion
UCL	Mathematics   History of Art   Biomedical Sciences   Biological Sciences   Philosophy

OVERSEAS	
Austria	Acting
Italy, Milan	Medicine
Spain, Comillas ICADE, Madrid	International Business
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# Mayfield Sixth Form in Numbers

## 120 students in Sixth Form

# **Over 25 subject options**

### **58 extra-curricular clubs & activities**

# **Over half grades** A\*-A

#### **81% A\*-B**

# Sixth Form Subject Options

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Ceramics
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics
- English Literature
- Equine Management
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Geography
- History
- History of Art
- International English
- Latin & Classical Greek
- Maths
- Further Maths
- Media Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages (French, Spanish)
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Textiles

#### "Thank you so much to all the teachers who've helped me on my journey through Mayfield and given me so many opportunities and so much support. It has been an amazing seven years."

2024 leaver Annabel, winner of the Royal Geographical Society's Young Geographer of the Year Competition, now studying Geography at Durham University.



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