A launchpad for life

An enriching Sixth Form experience



Mayfield

Welcome to Mayfield

At Mayfield, we believe that education is an adventure for the heart, mind and soul. Sixth Form here is about character and qualifications in equal measure – a time to grow in independence, explore passions and prepare with confidence for life beyond school.

The minute you step onto our campus, you'll sense the warmth, energy and spirit of adventure that define our community. Laughter fills the corridors, debates spill out of classrooms, and friendships are forged over shared passions. Here, curiosity is valued, questioning is encouraged, and girls support one another in finding the courage to grow.

Every journey is unique, and we encourage each girl to chart her own path. With small classes, flexible subject choices and expert teaching, students are known as individuals, supported and stretched to achieve their best.

That's what makes Mayfield Sixth Form such an inspiring chapter – a community rooted in kindness, integrity, gratitude and courage, where individuality shines and ambitions take flight.

These are years for our students to be bold, to try new things and to discover the kind of young women they want to become – so that every girl leaves ready to make her mark on the world.

"We take pride in opening the doors to the future and walking alongside our girls as they step boldly through."



Mrs E. Aherne, Head of Sixth Form



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The all-girls advantage

Choosing an all-girls environment gives every student the freedom to be herself. At this pivotal stage of adolescence, as girls grow into young women, an all-girls environment provides the space, confidence and guidance they need to shape their identities, values and ambitions for the future.

Here, girls take centre stage – from leading the Student Council and debating at Model United Nations to organising charity fashion shows and competing in national dressage events. They speak with conviction, pursue their ambitions, and learn to see setbacks not as failures but as opportunities to grow.

Evidence shows that girls-only education leads to higher achievement, greater uptake of STEM subjects, stronger self-belief and enhanced career progression. At Mayfield, we see this every day. Free from gender stereotypes, our girls are willing to take risks, innovate, and step into leadership without hesitation.







The Mayfield difference

- **Freedom to flourish:** With tailored academic pathways and flexible subject choices, girls build a curriculum that suits their passions and aspirations.
- **A home for independent minds:** In a community that values initiative and self-direction, our Sixth Formers have the space and support to think freely, make confident choices and develop a strong sense of who they are.
- **Unrivalled personal support:** From UCAS, Oxbridge and specialist guidance for leading universities to one-to-one mentoring and wellbeing support, we help every girl navigate her future.
- **Expert careers guidance:** Through personalised advice, alumnae mentoring, work shadowing, careers talks and apprenticeship links, we ensure every girl steps confidently into her chosen future.
- **Leadership and life beyond lessons:** From running societies and taking on prefect roles to volunteering, debating and competing, learning here stretches far beyond the classroom. Weekly life skills lessons equip girls with the practical know-how to thrive at university and beyond.

A space to flourish

The Sixth Form Centre is the heart of senior life at Mayfield – a vibrant space designed exclusively for our senior students.

Our girls enjoy greater independence and responsibility, with the freedom to balance study, wellbeing and community. Light-filled rooms and tranquil surroundings create an inspiring environment where they can focus, connect and grow.

More than just a place to work, the centre is a hub of friendships, shared ideas and support. It offers the perfect setting for Mayfield Sixth Formers to thrive as happy, capable young women – confident in themselves and ready to embrace all that lies ahead.









The highlights...

- Spacious study rooms with individual desks and full Wi-Fi access.
- Direct support from the on-site Head of Sixth Form and Head of Careers whenever needed.
- A welcoming common room with sofas, table football and a kitchen area.
- Beautiful views and a tranquil garden for relaxation.
- A quiet oratory for reflection and prayer.
- Senior boarding accommodation, balancing privacy with community.

Sixth Form in numbers

120
Students in Sixth Form

25+
Subject options

80+
Extracurricular clubs and activities

51%
Grades A*-A

80%
Grades A*-B

94%
First-choice university places secured



Student stories...

Angela leaves Mayfield with outstanding results of A*, A*, A in Maths, Economics and Physics, plus an A in her EPQ on autonomous weapon systems.

A dedicated boarder and exceptional Head Girl, she honed leadership, public speaking and organisational skills through Model United Nations, leading the prefect team and running Live Crib.

Now heading to Bristol to study Engineering, Angela says Mayfield "shaped me into who I am today."

Angela, 2025 leaver



Chart your course

At Mayfield, the learning journey can be as unique as each of our students, with more than 25 different A-Level subjects to choose from. We're known for excellence in both STEM subjects and the creative and performing arts – a rare combination that allows girls to pursue their passions wherever they lie.

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

Inside the Sixth Form week

A week in Mayfield Sixth Form offers a rich mix of study, creativity and exploration. Below is an example timetable for a Sixth Form student taking Physics, Maths and Art A-Levels.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:20	Registration	Tutor Time	Chapel	Tutor Time	Life Skills	Tutor Time
09:00	Period 1	History	Maths	Maths	Physics	PE
10:00	Period 2				Physics	
10:55	Break					
11:15	Period 3	Physics	History	Critical Religion	History	Maths
12:15	Period 4		History	PE		History
13:10	Lunch					
13:40	Activity/ Study 1		Model United Nations		Drama Production Rehearsals	LAMDA
14:35	Period 5	Enrichment (EPQ)	Enrichment (EPQ)	Physics	Maths	Physics
15:35	Period 6	Maths	Physics	History		Maths
16:30*	Tea					
16:45	Activity/ Study 2	Drama Production Rehearsals		Hockey Fixture		

* Day girls can choose to go home at 4.30pm instead of staying for Activity/Study 2.



Scholars' Programme

For our most academically ambitious girls, the Scholars' Programme offers weekly Scholars' Huddles, fortnightly Scholars' Society meetings, and participation in the Oxbridge Discussion Group.

Scholars lead cross-curricular workshops and debates on topics such as "Can science explain your emotions?", "Should footballers earn more than nurses?" and "Does a snail have consciousness?".

They also compete in maths, science and essay-writing competitions, and connect across year groups in this dynamic programme designed for the most competitive university destinations.

Future-focused

A key focus at Mayfield is developing the skills that universities and employers value most: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and resilience.

Every girl receives personalised support to chart her path with confidence, from university choices to future careers. Our dedicated team, strong alumnae network and tailored programmes ensure that no ambition is out of reach.

Preparation includes:

- Regular one-to-one meetings with a form tutor aligned to each student's academic interests and future pathway.
- Sixth Form work experience placements.
- Our Oxbridge Pathway Programme, including interview preparation and college visits.
- Connections to Mayfield alumnae now studying at leading universities.
- One-to-one UCAS support and interview preparation for UK, USA and international university applications.
- Specialist career pathway support (medicine, veterinary, law, engineering).
- Skills workshops and leadership development.
- Alumnae mentoring and networking opportunities.



2025 university destinations

Russell Group universities

University of Bath: Economics, Pharmacy

University of Bristol: Economics & Management, Engineering, Mathematics, Sociology & Philosophy

University of Cardiff: Architecture, Medicine, Optometry

University of Durham: History

University of Edinburgh: Fine Art, Philosophy & Theology, Social Anthropology

University of Exeter: Mechanical Engineering

University of Leeds: Fashion Marketing

University of Liverpool: Law

University of Manchester: Architecture, Fashion Marketing, Social Anthropology & Criminology

University of Newcastle: Business Management, Communication & Cultural Studies, Environmental Science, Geography, Media

University of Sheffield: History & English

University of Southampton: Physiotherapy

University of York: Biomedical Sciences, Business & Management, History of Art, Sociology with Criminology

Oxford and Cambridge

University of Cambridge: English

University of Oxford: Geography

London universities

Imperial: Biomedical Engineering

UCL: Business, Economics, English, Maths

King's College: Biomedical Engineering

Queen Mary: Economics & Finance, Law

UAL: Art, Fashion, Public Relations & Communications

International destinations

University of Szeged, Hungary: Dental Medicine

University of Hong Kong: Business Administration

Shaping the whole person

Education doesn't stop when lessons end. While academic achievement is important, it is only one part of what shapes a young woman. Sixth Form is also about discovering strengths, building initiative and gaining the courage to thrive.

We offer a rich mix of programmes that complement A-Level study and connect learning with real-world experience. Through opportunities such as enrichment courses, service projects and leadership development, every girl is encouraged to grow beyond the classroom.

These experiences build resilience, drive and teamwork, while encouraging students to think deeply about their place in the world. The result is a rounded education that prepares Mayfield girls not just for university, but for life.



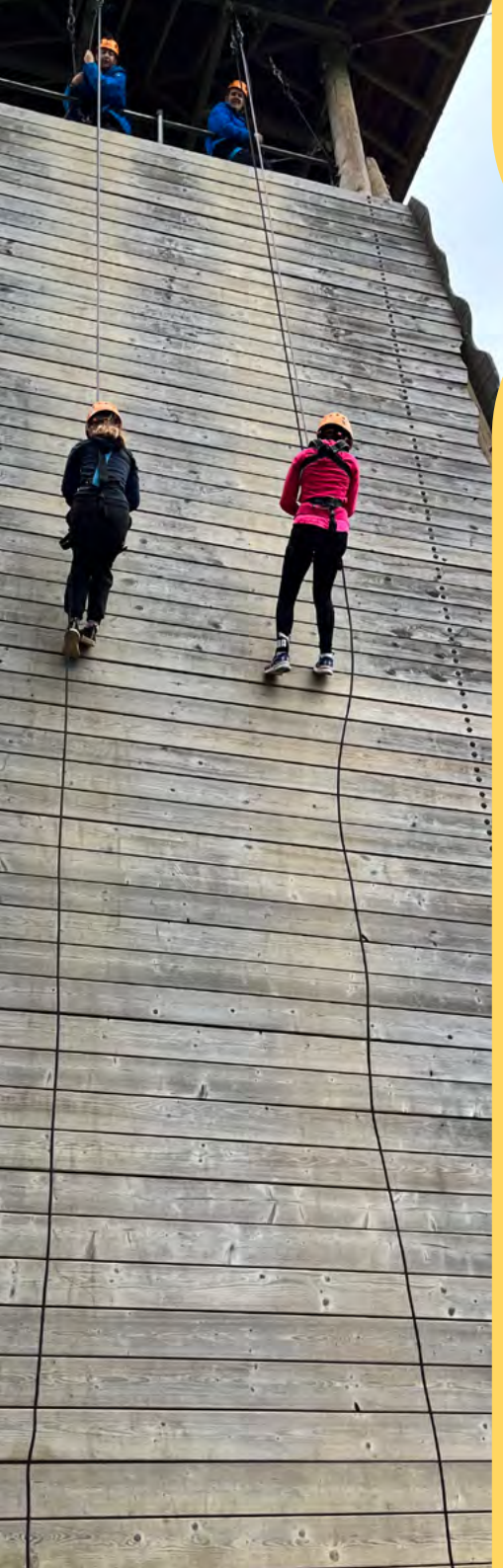
Student stories...

Francesca's A*, A, A in Economics, History and Politics have secured her a place to study History at Durham, a subject she has always loved.

As Deputy Head Girl and Sports Prefect, she is equally at home on the netball court or in the dance studio as she is leading a History Society discussion.

A formidable debater, public speaker and team-player, Francesca is well prepared for the next stage of her academic journey.

Francesca, 2025 leaver



Enrichment Programme

Enrichment is a core part of Sixth Form life at Mayfield. Each girl creates a personalised enrichment pathway, choosing from a variety of courses that broaden horizons, build confidence and develop practical skills for the future.

Options can include:

- **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):** An independent research project worth half an A-Level, highly valued by many universities for demonstrating initiative, critical thinking and academic rigour.
- **Culinary Skills:** Hands-on cooking sessions using advanced techniques and seasonal ingredients to create restaurant-quality dishes.
- **Sports Leadership:** A nationally recognised qualification, worth 16 UCAS points, which develops coaching, teamwork and communication.
- **Core Maths:** Equivalent to half an A-Level, this focuses on applying mathematical skills to real-world contexts such as finance, statistics and data analysis, supporting other subjects like Geography, Business and Psychology.

Learning without limits

For students who want to test themselves further, our super-curricular programme extends learning beyond the classroom.

Academic competitions: From maths, science and linguistics Olympiads to national writing competitions, Mayfield girls take part in a range of competitions. Recent successes include 'Young Geographer of the Year'.

Real-world experiences: Museum visits, theatre trips, and inspiring talks from leading figures bring learning to life.

Student-led initiatives: Our annual Festival of Ideas showcases intellectual adventure, with older students leading sessions for younger pupils.

International perspectives: Geography expeditions to Sicily, history trips to Berlin, World Challenge Expeditions and student exchanges with sister schools in the USA all broaden global awareness.

Leadership and life skills

Leadership at Mayfield isn't about competing for limited opportunities, it's about every girl discovering her unique leadership style in a supportive environment.

From House captains to sports team leaders, girls take on responsibilities that develop authentic leadership capabilities. They learn to motivate others, make difficult decisions, and lead with both assurance and empathy.

Leadership development includes:

- House leadership roles, involving coordinating events and mentoring younger students.
- Prefect roles, offering opportunities to lead, speak in public and work collaboratively – from Head Girl and Deputies to Event, Boarding and Wellbeing Prefects, and Subject Ambassadors.
- Serving in Student Council positions, advocating for peers, and influencing school decisions.
- Charity committee leadership, where pupils organise fundraising and community service.
- Sports team captaincy, where students demonstrate peer support and resilience under pressure.



Life skills preparation

Our comprehensive Life Skills Programme prepares girls for the realities of adult life – from public speaking and financial literacy to first aid, digital responsibility and cooking on a budget. Sessions on tenancy contracts and kitting out a first flat help them feel ready for independent living.

Mayfield girls leave as natural leaders, equipped with the self-assurance that comes from knowing they can handle whatever challenges life presents.

Sport and equestrian

In Sixth Form, sport remains an integral part of school life. Girls build both confidence and resilience through physical activity and learn to maintain their own fitness and mindfulness habits. Sport here is about finding joy in training, teamwork and personal growth.

Exceptional facilities, outstanding opportunities

Mayfield offers superb facilities, including an all-weather astroturf pitch, indoor heated pool, fully equipped fitness centre, and numerous netball and tennis courts. Sixth Formers can represent the school across a wide range of sports – from hockey, football and cricket to swimming and athletics – with many competing at county, national and even international levels.



The power of teamwork

Whether captaining a school team or representing their house team, girls learn the importance of cooperation, leadership and mutual encouragement. Professional coaching helps them discover hidden talents, pursue competitive pathways and take pride in shared success.

Equestrian excellence

With stables just a five-minute walk from the classrooms, girls can easily fit riding into their day. Our outstanding equestrian facilities support riders at all levels, from novice to advanced level, with many students competing successfully in national events across show jumping, dressage and eventing.

Students are also able to study for a BTEC in Equine Management under the guidance of our highly experienced staff.

Extracurricular choices

With more than 80 clubs and activities on offer, there's something for everyone. We encourage our students to try new things, challenge themselves and follow their interests – wherever they may lead.

Our choice of activities includes:

- **STEM innovation:** From MedSoc and Dissection Club to the Chemistry Olympiad, CREST Award, STEM Club, and Programming and Robotics, students develop real-world problem-solving skills.
- **Dance and drama:** Girls take part in, or help organise, our annual musical production and dance show.
- **Debating:** Model United Nations and inter-school competitions sharpen critical thinking and communication skills.
- **Music choices:** Musicians can join ensembles, choirs and bands, or our Schola Cantorum, which performs on international stages.
- **Sports:** Our students can experience a range of sports including athletics, cricket, football, hockey, netball, swimming and tennis.
- **Equestrian excellence:** Our outstanding equestrian facilities support riders competing at all levels.
- **Creative arts:** Exploring art and ceramics gives students the freedom to experiment, collaborate and express themselves through creativity.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award:** Girls can partake in wilderness challenges that build resilience and independence.

Actions Not Words

Our school motto, Actions Not Words, reflects the ethos handed down from our Catholic founding, and captures a spirit that runs through everything we do.

At Mayfield, we believe in the power of doing – putting values into practice, learning through experience, and leaving a lasting impact on others.

Every Year 12 student takes part in a service placement of her choice, from working with children or the elderly to supporting charities, schools or community projects. Alongside the placement, each girl reflects on her experience with the support of a mentor, developing empathy, resilience and humility.

Critical Religion

In addition to Actions Not Words, all Sixth Form students attend a weekly seminar-style lesson in Critical Religion as part of the core curriculum. These courses explore faith, ethics and philosophy in lively, discussion-based groups – tackling questions such as "What does it mean to be human?" or "How should we live responsibly in the world?".



Student stories...

Katie's outstanding four A*s in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology mean she can now pursue her vocation to study Medicine, driven by her commitment to helping others.

Alongside her academic success, she is a talented flautist and pianist, and this summer received her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Buckingham Palace.

Katie, 2025 leaver

A place to belong

Kindness, integrity, gratitude and courage shape daily life at Mayfield – a spirit rooted in our Catholic heritage and timeless values. We welcome girls of all faiths and none, creating a community where every individual is valued and free to be herself.

Grounded in tradition yet open to the world, our ethos helps students explore life's big questions while building the character and resilience to take a purposeful next step on their journey.

Nurturing the mind, body and soul

At Mayfield, every girl is recognised for who she is and what she needs. Our pastoral care system combines dedicated tutors, counsellors and wellbeing specialists who ensure each student has the guidance and encouragement she needs to thrive.

Central to this is our St Raphael's Wellbeing Centre – a calm sanctuary where girls can access medical care, counselling and emotional support whenever they need it.

The centre also offers mindfulness, yoga and personal development programmes, helping students balance the demands of study with their mental, physical and emotional health – a skill that will serve them for life.

> ***"Kindness, respect, and a welcoming environment are the golden threads of the school."***
>
> *Inspection report*



A home away from home

Whether as a day pupil, flexi boarder (up to three nights), weekly boarder or full boarder, Sixth Formers enjoy options that fit their family's needs and lifestyle.

At the heart of Sixth Form boarding is St Dunstan's House – a more grown-up, collegiate-style environment designed to prepare students for life beyond school.

Here, girls balance privacy and community, with space for focused study as well as shared areas for socialising, cooking and relaxing together. It's a place where lifelong friendships are forged, maturity develops, and the transition to university feels natural.

"Fantastic pastoral care, nurturing the girls' sense of wellbeing and instilling self-esteem and potential."

Current parent







St Dunstan's House

- Comfortable single and shared rooms.
- Common areas for study and relaxation.
- Kitchen facilities for fostering autonomy.
- Dedicated House staff available 24/7, including our on-site nurse.
- Weekend activities and cultural trips to London theatres, historic castles and festivals across Britain.
- Support networks: House parents, peer buddies and access to our counsellor.

"There's a lived sense of community in this exceptionally joyful and supportive school."

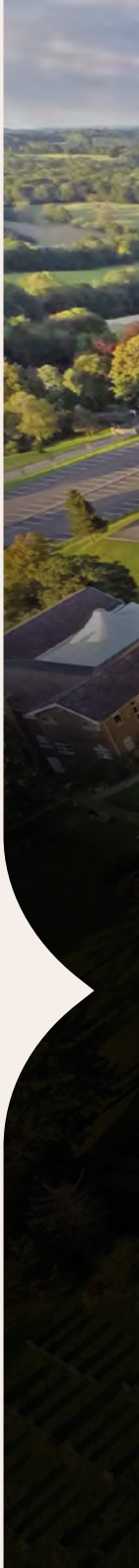
Inspection report

A magical setting where history meets invention

Nestled in the heart of the East Sussex countryside, Mayfield's picturesque setting is nothing short of magical. Our 75-acre campus, with its blend of medieval architecture and modern facilities, provides an inspiring backdrop for learning and growth.

The moment you step through our gates, you'll feel transported to a place where history and invention collide – creating a truly special educational environment.

Our school sits at the heart of the historic village of Mayfield — a welcoming community with cafés, shops and a strong local spirit. The village is a natural extension of school life, and our Sixth Formers enjoy the independence to venture out and make it their own.



Our location

- Situated in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- One hour from Central London by train.
- A 45-minute drive from London Gatwick and 75 minutes from London Heathrow.
- The South Coast is just 30 minutes away.
- Daily minibus service across Kent and Sussex for day students.
- Weekend return minibus service for London based students.



Ready to take the next step?

We warmly welcome applications from confident, curious and committed students who are ready to take the next step in their education.

We consider applications using a combination of written assessments, a personal interview, and a confidential reference and progress report from the applicant's current school.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, with early enquiry encouraged to help secure a place.

Our Admissions team is here to guide families through each stage of the journey – from the first visit to subject choices and settling in.

Scan the QR code to begin your application.

Scholarships

Scholarships recognise outstanding potential in sport, academics, and creative and performing arts, with specialist awards available in riding, art and ceramics, music (including a Sixth Form organ scholarship), drama, and dance.

Means-tested bursaries

We are committed to ensuring that talented girls from all backgrounds can thrive at Mayfield.

Means-tested bursaries and flexible payment options help keep a Mayfield education accessible, with every family's circumstances considered carefully.

For more details about scholarships and bursaries, please visit: **www.mayfieldgirls.org/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries**

Real stories, real Mayfield



“My Sixth Form experience has been life-changing. I’m eternally grateful to my teachers for inspiring my love of learning and helping me grow.

Joyce, now studying Medicine at Bristol



“I’m proud to be a Mayfield girl and so grateful to my fantastic teachers for making Mayfield an incredible journey; it holds my favourite memories, and I can’t begin to describe how much I will miss it.

Lydia, now studying Fine Art at Edinburgh



“Thank you so much to all of the teachers who’ve helped me on my journey and given me so many opportunities and so much support. It’s been an amazing seven years.

Annabel, winner of the Royal Geographical Society’s Young Geographer of the Year Competition, now studying Geography at Durham

“You are brilliant at enabling girls to achieve their academic potential, and that is worth celebrating!”

Current parent



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Experience Mayfield for yourself

Book an Open Morning or personal tour to see what makes our Sixth Form unique.

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