

Mayfield Cornelian

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Welcome

As we reflect on the 2024/25 academic year, we do so with immense pride in the remarkable achievements and experiences that have shaped life at Mayfield. This has been a year defined by ambition, opportunity and adventure. In November, our community was thrilled to receive an 'Outstanding' inspection outcome, affirming the quality of education and care at the heart of the school. We also celebrated the opening of our new Wellbeing Centre, St Raphael's, graciously inaugurated by Old Cornelian Emily Craig, Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist at Paris 2024.

Beyond the classroom, our girls embraced unforgettable experiences: from glaciers in Iceland to music in Vienna, art in Venice, ceramics in China and sporting endeavours in Dubai. February brought our joyful production of 'The Sound of Music', while the year was further enriched by visits from authors, BAFTA winners, professional sportswomen, hip hop artists and many inspiring former students. We celebrated eight national titles at Addington, hosted our first-ever Grandparents' Day, and the girls led fundraising efforts through their brilliant organisation of the Charity Sleep Out and Charity Fashion Show. The academic year concluded on a high, with outstanding GCSE and A level results, placing us as the top school in East Sussex for GCSEs and 13th in the UK for A levels among girls' boarding schools.

Together, these moments capture the vibrant spirit of Mayfield, building confidence, resilience and leadership skills that equip our girls for life and future success.

Outstanding A-Level Results

Mayfield celebrated another exceptional year of A level results, with half of all grades at A* or A — including one in four at the highest A* grade.

These outstanding results enabled Mayfield's Upper Sixth girls to secure places at prestigious universities across the UK and abroad, including Cambridge, Oxford, Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh, St Andrews, King's College, UCL, and Imperial.

The girls have now embarked on an exciting array of courses — from specialised fields such as Optometry, Pharmacy, Architecture, Engineering, Fine Art, Law, Medicine, Psychology, and Veterinary Physiotherapy to traditional disciplines including Economics, English, Geography, History, Maths, and the Sciences. Several girls also secured places at some of the UK's most sought-after conservatoires for performing arts, including Bird College and the Oxford School of Drama.



1 in 3

of 2025 leavers went on to study STEM related degrees

51%

grades A*- A

80%

grades A*- B

Over 94%

Sixth Form girls achieved their top choice university including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Imperial, Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh, Courtauld Institute of Art

Coco and Lydia



Twins Coco and Lydia, from Wadhurst, brought a wealth of talent and warmth to Mayfield's Sixth Form. Not only did they shine in their prefect roles but went above and beyond in organising and hosting the School Charity Fashion Show. Lydia was instrumental in the Events management of the Winter Ball and Coco as an advocate for women's issues. Academically they both excelled in Mayfield's creative and Arts subjects, studying Classics, Latin, Philosophy and Ethics, Art and Ceramics. The girls headed north together to take up places at Edinburgh University – Coco to Study Philosophy and Lydia to pursue her exceptional creative abilities in the study of Fine Art.

Coco said: *"I'm so grateful to be able to call myself a Mayfield girl, the love and support I have been shown throughout my years at Mayfield have truly shaped who I am and have been instrumental to all my achievements so far. Mayfield will always hold a special place in my heart."*

Lydia added: *"Mayfield has been the most incredible journey; I'm so grateful to all my fantastic teachers who have taught me so much over the years. Mayfield holds some of my favourite memories and I can't begin to describe how much I will miss it. I am proud to be a Mayfield girl."*

Francesca



Francesca's A*AA in Economics, History and Politics secured her goal of studying History at Durham - a subject she has always loved. As Deputy Head Girl and Sports Prefect Francesca was equally at home competing on the netball pitch or expressing herself in the dance studio as she was leading a discussion on submarines in History Society. Her talents as a formidable debater and outstanding public speaker and fabulous team-player, developed in Sixth Form, will support the next stage of her academic career.

Francesca, from Smarden, said: *"I am super pleased by my results and am so fortunate to have had such wonderful teachers who have been a great support system to me over the past 2 years. Mayfield has prepared me in the best possible way for the next chapter of my life and I will be forever grateful for the wonderful 5 years spent at Mayfield."*

Angela



Boarder Angela left Mayfield with A*A*A in Maths, Economics and Physics and an A in her EPQ on the use of autonomous weapons systems. As Head Girl, Angela developed so many of the strengths which will now support her study of Engineering at Bristol, from speaking at MUN conferences to heading the school prefect team, organising Live Crib and speaking regularly in public.

She said: *"Thank you to Mayfield for shaping me into who I am today. I could have not achieved my results without the support of my teachers and friends!"*

Outstanding A-Level Results

Chloe



Chloe, from Hawkhurst, left Mayfield to take up her place at Jesus College, Oxford to read Geography having achieved all A*s in Geography, Psychology and History. She had a huge personal interest in sustainability which not only informed and shaped her passion for Geography but motivated her to take the lead on school initiatives as President of MESSY – Mayfield Environmental Society.

Chloe, who was a keen public speaker and debater, said: *"I am absolutely delighted with my results, and I can't thank Mayfield and my incredible teachers enough. They have been the most supportive, enthusiastic, and encouraging people throughout. I'm looking forward to starting university, but I will miss my teachers and friends so much, as well as the second home Mayfield has provided for me. Mayfield has had a hugely positive influence on shaping me into the person I am today, and I will forever be grateful to have had the opportunity to have studied at Mayfield. A huge thank you to everyone who supported me on this roller coaster of a journey!"*

Sophie and Francesca



Local twins Sophie and Francesca achieved outstanding A Level results with 6 As and A*s between them in History, Politics, Latin, Psychology, Economics and Maths as well as both achieving A* in EPQ. Sophie, History Ambassador, Debating Captain, leading light in school MUN - awarded best delegate in Poland - and Head of House has gone on to study History at Durham while Francesca, community prefect, advocate for the Peace and Justice group and keen hockey player took up her place to study Economics at Bath.

Sophie said: *"I couldn't be happier with my results! Thank you so much to all my teachers who helped me get there with all their dedication!"*

Francesca added: *"I am really pleased with my A Level results! I couldn't have done it without all the Mayfield community who helped me along the way! Thank you to all my teachers who made this journey so much more manageable with all their help, both in and outside of lessons!"*

"These results mark another outstanding year for Mayfield's Sixth Form. I am absolutely delighted that the girls' application, passion and perseverance - guided by their inspiring and dedicated teachers - have been justly rewarded. Equally important, our students leave us as young women of character, having embraced opportunities to lead, to question, to challenge, to reflect, and to think for themselves. They move on with the strength of character, emotional intelligence, and the confidence, integrity, and self-belief needed to make a positive difference in the world."

Deborah Bligh, Headmistress



2025 University Destinations

Russell Group Universities

University of Bath: Economics, Pharmacy

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

University of Cardiff: Medicine, Architecture, Optometry

University of Durham: History

University of Edinburgh: Fine Art, Philosophy and 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 and Cultural Studies, Environmental Science, Geography, Media

University of Sheffield: History and 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 and Finance, Law

UAL: Art, Fashion, Public Relations and Communications

International Destinations

University of Szeged, Hungary: Dental Medicine

University of Hong Kong: Business Administration

Outstanding GCSE Results

Mayfield celebrated another year of outstanding GCSE success, with half of all grades awarded at 9 or 8 — including 30% at the highest grade 9.



Grade 9

Most frequently awarded grade

STEM Excellence

43% of science grades at 9

Globally recognised ceramics

3 top awards

Exceptional Arts

100% grades 9–7 in Art

"I am so proud of our girls and absolutely delighted with this year's GCSE results. For half of all grades to be awarded at 9 or 8 is an exceptional achievement and reflects not only their determination and hard work, but also the tireless support, expertise and encouragement of their teachers. At Mayfield, our small classes mean every girl is known and valued as an individual, and it is inspiring to see them thrive and make such extraordinary progress when given the right support and challenge."

Deborah Bligh, Headmistress



Sofia

Sofia achieved an outstanding eight grade 9s and two grade 8s. She is also a talented sportswoman, having played netball at county level and, last year, was selected for a place on London Pulse's Academy Programme. In addition, she was an active member of Mayfield's Model United Nations team, representing the school at ToMUN in Poland.

She said: *"I am extremely happy and grateful for the grades I have achieved. After an invaluable education at Mayfield, and with constant support from so many devoted teachers, I am overjoyed with the final results. I want to thank the amazing community I have been part of for helping me follow all my passions — in the classroom, on the sports pitches, and within the chaplaincy."*



Jasmine

Jasmine achieved six grade 9s, two grade 8s and one grade 7. She was also one of three Mayfield girls to receive a commendation in Ceramics, recognising her as one of the top performers in the country.

She said: *"I'm incredibly happy with my results and I would like to thank everyone around me — especially my teachers, family and friends — for supporting me throughout this journey. I could not have done it without them. I'm excited to continue pursuing my interests at A Level, including Ceramics, Physics and Maths, and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead at Mayfield."*



Annalise

Local girl Annalise, achieved fantastic results, including five grade 9s and two grade 8s. She was an active participant in Mayfield's Scholars' Society and a wonderful role model for the younger girls.

She said: *"I am very proud of my GCSE results and extremely grateful to my teachers and peers for their support throughout this journey. They helped me achieve the results I hoped for, and I know they will continue to support me just as much during my A Levels."*



Ivana

Ivana, an accomplished cellist, achieved an outstanding nine grade 9s.

She said: *"I am very pleased with my GCSE results. Coming to Mayfield as a boarder in Year 7 was initially a challenge, but the school has provided a nurturing and encouraging environment. It has helped me to recognise my worth and supported me throughout my GCSE journey. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my teachers, family, and friends for their constant guidance and encouragement."*

Autumn Term



Arrivals Day

Arivals Day on Sunday 1st September was filled with sunshine and smiles as we welcomed boarders back to Mayfield. Families toured the school and helped their daughters settle into their home for the year. In the afternoon we were joined by day parents and everyone enjoyed a delicious cream tea and the chance to reconnect.







Induction Days

We began the school year by welcoming our new Year 7 cohort to Mayfield with fun icebreakers and team-building activities to lay the foundations for lasting friendships. Meanwhile, Year 9 and Year 12 students kicked off the year with energy, tackling creative challenges and bonding during an action-packed Hidden Leaders session.

Teambuilding Adventures

Embracing adventure and teamwork, our Year 7 girls took part in an exciting teambuilding trip to Bowles Rocks, where they tackled a range of collaborative games with enthusiasm and joy. The Cornelian Principle of Joy was evident throughout, as the girls supported one another and began forming new friendships.





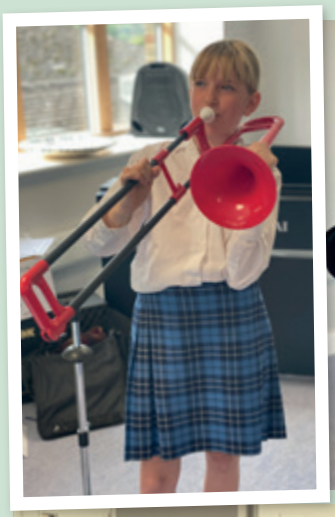


Big Sister Mentoring Programme

In September, we launched our 'Big Sister' mentoring programme, pairing Year 11 mentors with Year 9 'Little Sisters' to offer support, advice, and friendship. To kick things off, Year 9 boarders enjoyed a fun pizza and movie night in The Hub with their Year 11 Big Sisters, bonding over *Wild Child* and sharing their early school experiences. It was a great start to a programme that builds connection and confidence, and helps develop future leaders.

Exploring Rare Instruments

Our Year 7 girls gathered to explore Mayfield's 'Rare Beast' instruments. They enjoyed live demonstrations from our Visiting Music Tutors and senior students on instruments such as the harp, oboe, viola, and a selection of brass instruments. Afterwards, the girls had the chance to try these unique instruments, opening their eyes to new musical possibilities and offering a glimpse into the diverse opportunities available at Mayfield.











A Fond Farewell to Sr. Jean and Sr. Maria

At the end of September we said farewell to Sr. Jean and Sr. Maria, whose incredible service to Mayfield has left a lasting impact. We honoured them with a Mass of Thanksgiving, joined by Old Girls, former staff, and our wider community. As they leave to return to Harrogate, we promised to carry forward the legacy of the Holy Child at Mayfield.

National Poetry Day at Mayfield

On National Poetry Day, Year 7 and 8 girls competed in our annual Poetry Eisteddfod, performing poems like 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' and 'Sick.' While judges Mrs Blagden and Mrs Leslie deliberated, the girls took part in a creative workshop on the theme of 'counting.'





ToMUN Trip to Poland

In October, six Mayfield girls attended the 9th ToMUN conference in Toruń, Poland, where they engaged in thought-provoking debates on topics like cyberwarfare, autonomous weapons, and digital ethics. Alongside the discussions, they enjoyed a tour of the city's gothic old town and tried local delicacies like pierogies and gingerbread. The girls left with improved debating skills and lasting friendships from across Europe.

Mentoring at Mayfield

Our mentoring programme is thriving, with Sixth Form mentors offering both emotional support and academic help. Izzy, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Prefect, leads trained listeners for those who need someone to talk to, while Breanna, our Teaching and Learning Prefect, oversees subject mentors who provide one-to-one academic support.



A New Chapter: The Opening of St Raphael's Wellbeing Centre

September marked a significant milestone at Mayfield with the official opening of our much-anticipated Wellbeing Centre, St Raphael's—or Raph's as it is now affectionately known. The sun shone brightly as Emily Craig, Olympic gold medallist and OC, joined us to unveil this incredible new space for our girls. Emily, who is known for her inspiring journey in rowing, spoke to a packed Gresham Hall, where she shared insights from her career and emphasised the importance of resilience, determination, and balancing multiple passions. Her words resonated deeply, with a particularly meaningful takeaway for our students: "When rowing wasn't going well, I had my History of Art studies to bolster me, and vice-versa."

Following her talk, Emily helped launch our exciting 'Whole-School Fitness Challenge,' inviting Year 7 and 8 to take part in a school-wide initiative to collectively cover the 8,892 km distance to Los Angeles by 30th November 2028. Whether through walking, running, cycling, or swimming, students are encouraged to log their distances, with the House Challenge adding an extra layer of fun.

The grand opening of Raph's marked a day of celebration, providing an incredible new space dedicated to the wellbeing of our students. With its doors now open, St Raphael's offers an inspiring environment for our girls to focus on their physical and mental health, ensuring a well-rounded approach to their growth and development.







GREAT BRITAIN
TEAM GB






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Eight National Titles at Addington!

Mayfield's Equestrian Team achieved a historic milestone, winning a record-breaking eight national titles at the NSEA National Schools Championships over the half-term break at Addington. With five team titles across Show Jumping, Dressage, and Combined Training – and three individual titles – Mayfield set a new benchmark for school championships.

Riding captain Flo, who won three team titles and two individual honours, reflected on her journey: *"Having competed at the National Championships since Year 8, I was determined to finish on a high in my final year. I'm so proud of this team – at Mayfield, we support each other and work together as one, no matter the year group. It was an amazing weekend!"*

Issie (Year 10) shared her excitement, saying: *"I felt my confidence grow with each ride and was thrilled to win an individual championship alongside three team titles. I can't wait to return next year!"*

Jill Barker, Mayfield's Director of Riding, praised the team's effort, saying: *"I am immensely proud of our riders, coaches, supporting staff and parents. It takes a huge team effort to win any championship title, and Mayfield's ethos of 'work hard, play hard' truly shone through this week."*

Inspiring Art Talk and Workshop with OC Orry Shenjobi

OC Orry Shenjobi, Class of 2016, returned to Mayfield to share her journey from aspiring car designer to multimedia artist and founder of Studioorry. After her talk, the Art Scholars enjoyed a creative workshop, making unique pieces from photographs, buttons, fabric scraps, and oil paint.



Venice Art Adventure!

In October, 18 excited Year 12 and 13 students, along with Dr. Weddell, Miss Thackray, and Mrs Sivyour, set off for an unforgettable weekend in Venice. From exploring the stunning Basilica di San Marco to discovering contemporary art at the Biennale, the trip was packed with art, culture, and fun. Students even got to sketch at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and enjoy some free time shopping. It was the perfect mix of learning, creativity, and adventure!















Celebrating Grandparents' Day at Mayfield

In October we held our first-ever Grandparents' Day! Over 60 families joined us for a special celebration, beginning with a beautiful Liturgy. Our students then proudly led their grandparents on personalised tours of the school, highlighting all the things that make Mayfield unique. The day concluded with a delightful buffet lunch, and we are thrilled to announce that Grandparents' Day will now be an annual event!







Foundation Day Celebrations

On 15th October, we celebrated Foundation Day with a series of exciting events, including a colour run, debating, hockey, quizzes and a new Foundation Day Challenge featuring brainteasers, drumming, rowing and shuttle runs. Staff and students proudly wore their house colours and earned points for their teams throughout the day. The celebrations included a Mass led by Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard and concluded with the House Music competition, judged by concert pianist Sam Haywood. Special thanks to the Heads of House and House Captains for their hard work and enthusiasm!



Year 11 Experience Sixth Form Life

Year 11 students explored A Level subjects like Economics, History of Art and Psychology getting a taste of Sixth Form teaching and independence. We also welcomed Dr Taylor, our new Head of Chemistry, who met next year's A Level Chemists. Dressed in Sixth Form attire, they looked ready for the journey ahead and returned the following week for a chat over breakfast about Sixth Form life.









Girls 'Sleep Out' for Charity

Thirty enthusiastic Mayfield girls braved a cold night outdoors to raise over £3,100 for the Cardinal Hume Centre in London. With a waiting list for the event, the girls shared supper leftovers, built a fire, and slept outside in the Chapel entrance to understand homelessness challenges. Despite the cold and cramped conditions, they managed to get some sleep, all the while raising awareness and funds for a great cause.



St Cecilia's Day Concert

Our St Cecilia's Concert, celebrating musical excellence, featured performances from Music Scholars and talented musicians. Highlights included debut performances on drum-kit and guzheng, alongside a mix of baroque, Michael Jackson, Gershwin, and Smetena. A truly memorable evening of musical talent!





Mayfield Students' Half-Term Global Adventures

Mayfield students spent half-term discovering the world through a range of exciting international trips.

- **USA (New Jersey):** Year 12 girls took part in an academic exchange at Oak Knoll School, joining activities such as Service Day volunteering.
- **China (Jingdezhen):** Our ceramics pupils travelled to the heart of traditional porcelain craftsmanship, gaining hands-on experience in pottery-making.
- **Iceland:** Students explored dramatic landscapes, including an unforgettable glacier excursion.

Each trip offered unique cultural, academic, and personal growth opportunities, helping students broaden their perspectives, build friendships, and immerse themselves in new environments.















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Students Attend Oxbridge Information Evening



Sustainable Menu – Created by Students!



Year 12 Coastal Geography Fieldwork



Welly Walking with Mayfield Dogs



A Level History Trip to London



Year 11 Day of Recollection



Anti-bullying week – 'Odd Socks'



Mayfield Voted a Top 20 Girls' School for Cricket! (5th consecutive year!)



Year 10 explore Hastings



U15A Football Team Triumph Over Lingfield



Pilgrimage in Arundel



Swimming relays



Boarding Round-up



U13A Somerhill Cross Country Winners!



Year 7 Students get dramatic

Fashion Show Raises £1,500

The Fashion Show, organised by Lydia and Emma in Year 13, was a spectacular success, raising £1,500 for Hospice in the Weald. Their hard work, supported by our generous community, highlighted Mayfield's motto, "Actions Not Words," in a meaningful way. A heartfelt thank you to all involved!





OC Shares Insights on Urban Design

OC Dr Bonnie Kwok (Class of 1997) returned to speak about her career in architecture and urban design. Students enjoyed trying on hard hats, asking questions, and hearing stories from her time at Mayfield over supper with the Sixth Form.



Breanna Performs Winning Scene at 'Lit in Colour' Event

Breanna in Year 13 performed at the 'Lit in Colour' event in London in October, following her winning entry in the 'Bloomsbury: Lit in Colour' playwriting competition. She delivered a powerful speech on art and inclusion, then performed a monologue from her winning scene. The event was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the wider theatrical world, and Breanna's performance received great praise. We are so proud of her achievements!

"Students are proud to be part of a community that not only teaches the dignity of the human person but also puts it into everyday practice."



School achieves "Outstanding" rating

In December we were delighted to announce we had been rated "Outstanding" by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. A proud moment for our whole community. The following quotes are taken directly from the inspection report.

"Students take pride in, and ownership of, their Cornelian principles and they truly live out the school motto of Actions not Words, for example by taking on roles of service in the local community."

"Students are given many opportunities to engage meaningfully with difficult ethical and theological discussion."

"Students at Mayfield are happy, confident and secure."

"Older students lead by example and support younger members of the community in many ways including the delivery of elements of the personal development programme."

"The senior leadership team know their school well, providing clear strategic direction and support when necessary. Staff feel overwhelmingly supported and affirmed by the leadership of the school."

"Music and drama enhance the school's prayer life. The flourishing chapel choir, along with the Schola Cantorum, add a beautiful dimension to worship."

"The Cornelian principles on which the school was founded are alive and evident in the school community today."

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

"Students value peer support and know that their voices are heard."

"The pastoral care that students receive at Mayfield is outstanding and is evident in all interactions; students feel empowered to strive to be the best they can be in all elements of their lives."

"Kindness, respect, and a welcoming environment are the golden threads of the school."

"Students are empowered to take on leadership roles in all areas of the school and community."



Students Sparkle in Christmas Concert

This year's concert was a festive feast of music, with record student participation and a programme full of variety—from classical to pop, and plenty of Christmas cheer. A sneak peek of *The Sound of Music* added to the magic. Huge thanks to all who made it such a joyful celebration!

Festival of Ideas Sparks Young Minds

Lower School students explored everything from festive music to AI ethics in this year's exciting Festival of Ideas. With interactive workshops, creative challenges, and even a mystery to solve, it was a fun-filled week of learning and discovery.







Short Story

Alone...

By Katherine in Year 7

I never imagined I would be in this situation. I'm terrified. Anyone would be terrified, waking up at 7:30 on Tuesday morning, to find that your entire village is empty. The sky is thick with clouds. An odd silence fills the usually busy streets. I don't know what's happening, but I must keep going. I must keep walking toward this old, abandoned, house. I think it will be the answer to all my questions: 'Where is everyone?' 'Why am I the only one around?' 'What's going on?'

It is grey in colour, and the windows have been replaced with cardboard, their frames rotting away. As I stare at the strange building, I attempt to erase all the stories from my head. The ones people would tell about the horrific, unhuman creatures living inside, waiting for someone to knock on the door. They seemed stupid then, when we were kids. But now, all alone, I can picture those monsters. Waiting for the opportunity to feast on someone. That someone is me.

The brick pavement becomes the loose gravel driveway which leads up to the ruin. I shudder, regretting my decision to come here. As I reach the doorstep, it takes all my strength to lift my closed fist to the door. I half expect it to fall into pieces as I knock on it. In fact, the whole house looks unstable, like it could topple over any second.

After no reply, I reach my shaking hand to the bronze doorknob. I turn and push, expecting it to be locked but finding I was wrong. I feel ill, as I stare into the house and see about five dozen rusted metal shelves of dolls. Dolls of every single person missing from my village. I take a step inside.

"Hello? HELLO?" my shout echoes throughout the room.

"Hello Violet!" a sing-song voice calls out, "I have a choice for you! *Are you ready?*"

"But who are you? What's going on?"

"I'll say it one more time Violet. *Are you ready?*"

"I don't- no- I don't understand- "

"Yes? Fantastic! You can either leave these dolls to rot away, die an excruciatingly painful death, and be gone forever, or..."

"Or what?" I ask, surprised I can even force these words out of my mouth. I want to know the other option, but I'm afraid I already know. I can only hope I'm wrong.

"Or, you can take their place. Their lives will go back to normal, and you'll be mine. Which do you choose Violet?"

"But...but..." I stutter. I know what I must do, the only thing stopping me is the fact that, well, I'm scared. But I have to be brave and set them free.

"I'm losing my patience Vio- "

"I'll do it."

"There's a good girl. Just shut your eyes my dear Violet, and everything will be okay." she requests. I do as she says, and when I open my eyes again, I am sitting on the rusted metal shelf, looking out at the world through little black buttons.



Year 7 Poems inspired by the visiting poets on Poetry Day

My room

By Nora

One bed for each roommate,
Black out windows (times two)
One table with three chairs
One Mr Frog (Amelia's),
Three squirrels (Daisy's)
One mama and baby dog (Trini's)
And six teddies,
One stolen but, oh well....

My Bedroom

By Romilly

A stuffed giraffe, an olive chair,
Lots of clothes flung everywhere.

A squishy seal, an unmade bed.
Lots of lovely books I've read.

A rubber chicken; crochet kit.
An old Tee shirt that doesn't fit.

It may not be a tidy place
But it's still my favourite space.

Live Crib

This year we celebrated 65 years since the very first Live Crib in 1959—a much-loved Mayfield tradition that continues to bring our community together. Held in the final week of term, the event was wonderfully organised by the Sixth Form Prefect team. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it so special, and to all who filled the Chapel with warmth and support each evening. It was a truly memorable celebration—one that will be hard to beat!







Art Gallery

Jemima Year 11, Bella Year 11, Ramona Year 11





Greta, Year 13



Kseniia, Year 13



Greta, Year 13

Lydia, Year 13





Grace, Year 11





Fiona, Year 11



Stellie Year 11

Holly Year 11

Spring Term



Celebrating our Foundress' birthday

On 15th January, Mayfield celebrated the 216th birthday of our beloved Foundress, Cornelia Connelly. The day was celebrated with mass, a whole-school quiz, and cake!





The Cookie Project

In January, Year 7 took part in their first cross-curricular day—The Cookie Project. Split into teams, the girls designed, marketed, and baked their own cookie creations. After a tasting session to explore flavour and appeal, roles were assigned from bakers to marketers. Teams created packaging, adverts, and presentations before pitching to judges Mr Smith, Mrs Kilvington, and Lily (Year 12). It was a fun, Apprentice-style challenge that tested creativity, teamwork, and communication. Congratulations to the winning team: Bakhita Bakers!

Medical Mavericks

In January, over 150 girls took part in *Medical Maverick Workshops* led by Tom Warrender and Dr Jonathan Fenn. They explored NHS careers, discovered the qualifications needed, and learned that the NHS offers 350 roles. Hands-on activities included using vision-impairing glasses, scanning retinas with an iPhone ophthalmoscope, testing reflexes, printing ECGs, using ultrasound machines, trying keyhole surgery, and drawing fake blood from a dummy arm. Afternoon *Mini Medic Workshops* gave older students deeper insights and a chance to discuss their career goals with Dr Jon.

"The Medical Maverick workshop was an amazing experience and where I learned about many different careers in the health sector. The speakers were very friendly and taught us about different equipment which I found very interesting. The fun activities made the learning experience even more engaging."

Nana (Year 10)







Flaine Ski Competition

Over a weekend in January, four Mayfield girls–Emilia P, Charlotte, Sienna and Jasmine–headed to Flaine to compete in the British Schoolgirls' Races. Over the weekend, the four girls delivered outstanding performances. Charlotte, Sienna and Jasmine made their debuts this year, whilst Emilia secured 5th place in the Giant Slalom and Slalom competitions.





Middle Eastern MUN Debate

In February, nine girls from Years 9 and 10 represented the Philippines, China, and South Africa at CobMUN, diving into key Middle Eastern issues. They joined three committees: the Historic Committee debated the 1947 Partition Plan for Palestine, UNHCR focused on the treatment of Middle Eastern refugees, and the Environmental Committee tackled reducing virgin plastic production. At midday, an emergency debate broke out as news arrived of Trump invading Greenland—sparking lively, chaotic discussion and testing delegates' ability to think on their feet.

"I found CobMUN a very insightful, and compelling experience, enhancing my debating and critical thinking skills. In the historic committee we discussed the 1947 partition plan, which sparked enthusiasm, and controversy amongst the delegates."

Leyla, Year 10

Maths Trip to Cambridge

In January, twelve of our Year 11 students visited St John's College in Cambridge for a maths taster day. They enjoyed talks from former and current students about the curriculum, their current research and where maths has taken them in their careers.



International Women and Girls in Science Day

February 11th marked International Women and Girls in Science Day, and our Science department embraced the occasion with a series of inspiring events. Year 12 MedSoc students took the lead, running engaging sessions for Years 7 and 8 that included myth-busting challenges and a lively game of Zones of Regulation Bingo. Adding depth to the day, Head of Biology Mrs Lewis delivered an insightful talk exploring the achievements of women in science throughout history. Her session spotlighted pioneering female scientists, shared eye-opening STEM career stats, and outlined exciting pathways into science degrees and professions.





EPQ Students visit University of Sussex

In February, our EPQ students had a fascinating visit to the University of Sussex. The day began with a talk on university life, covering student experiences, academic options, and finances—sparking thoughtful questions from our curious and engaged students. A short tour of the campus followed, including the library and Student Union. After lunch, students attended an eye-opening lecture from three professors on AI and ethics, exploring topics like deep fakes, automation bias, and GPT. They left with a GPT-generated essay and plenty to reflect on.

Moon Camp

In February, Year 8 students took part in this year's exciting Moon Camp, diving into the world of STEM with a focus on building a sustainable lunar base. Through hands-on activities, they explored rocket design, coded moon buggies, modelled lunar habitats with CAD, and experimented with creating water, food, and fuel from lunar materials. Each team took on a specialist engineering role, from propulsion to bio-engineering. The day ended with impressive video presentations showcasing their teamwork, creativity, and scientific thinking.



Trinity Theatre's alive with *The Sound of Music*

Mayfield School proudly brought The Sound of Music to Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells this February, performing to full houses over three consecutive evenings, including a sold-out Saturday show.

The production showcased an incredibly talented cast and crew who brought the beloved classic to life with energy, heart, and professionalism. Students took on a wide range of roles both on and off stage—from lead performances and ensemble singing to crucial technical responsibilities. The orchestra, made up of Mayfield's musicians, performed live throughout, adding depth and emotion to every scene.

The show's technical elements were entirely student-led, with teams managing lighting, sound, stage direction, hair, and make-up to professional standards. Despite illness affecting several members of the cast and orchestra during the week, the students displayed remarkable perseverance and teamwork, ensuring every performance was a triumph.

Huge thanks to everyone involved—students, staff, families, and friends—for their commitment and passion. This year's musical was a shining example of what can be achieved through collaboration, resilience, and creative spirit.



Thriving Minds Conference

In March, 28 Year 10 students attended the Thriving Minds Senior Stretch Conference in London. They enjoyed thought-provoking talks on quantum physics, unconscious bias, and Shakespeare's humours, as well as tackling an Oxbridge-style interview question: "Tell me about a lightbulb." A lively debate on veganism as a moral imperative sparked great discussion. Special kudos to Emma, Betsy, Michelle, Sophie, and Hannah for speaking confidently on stage—representing Mayfield with brilliance and bravery.

"If I had to describe the conference with one word, it would be 'enlightening'. I walked into the room feeling hungry but walked out feeling mentally nourished. The psychology lecture definitely spoke to me because of the reflective and personally engaging elements. Furthermore, the debating session about veganism at the end was the cherry on top!"

Jasmine (Year 10)





24 Hour Tennis Marathon

In February, seven girls from Years 8–10 took part in a 24-Hour Charity Tennis Marathon at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, raising over £2,500 for Bright Ideas for Tennis. Playing four hours non-stop, they had the incredible opportunity to rally with current and former pros, including Jonny O'Mara, Harriet Dart, and Andrew Castle. They also tried Wheelchair Tennis with Paralympic Gold Medallist Gordon Reid and experienced visually impaired tennis with Tracy Compton. A truly inspiring day of challenge, learning, and giving back.





Year 10 Oxbridge Trip

Year 10 scholars enjoyed a three-day residential trip to Oxford and Cambridge, gaining first-hand insight into university life. Guided by Old Cornelians, they toured stunning colleges, libraries, and gardens, asking questions about courses, applications, and student life. In Oxford, highlights included college visits, the Ashmolean Museum, and the Covered Market. In Cambridge, they explored more colleges, the Open Market, and attended Mass at Fisher House. With sunshine all weekend and plenty of walking, it was a memorable and inspiring experience.

International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day, we welcomed Tracy Edwards MBE, who inspired students and staff alike with her incredible story. As the leader of the first all-female crew in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, Tracy broke records and barriers in the world of sailing. She spoke passionately about her journey, the power of resilience, and the impact of educating girls, saying, "If you educate a girl, she educates her family, her village, her community and her country."





Super League Stars Inspire Mayfield Netballers

In March, students enjoyed two dynamic training sessions with Super League netball players Tyler Orr and Nichole Breedt. The professional athletes led inspiring workshops, helping students sharpen their netball skills, improve tactical play, and gain insight into life at the elite level. Their energy and expertise left a lasting impression, motivating our girls to push their limits and aim high on and off the court.

Visit to National Archives

In March, Year 10 historians visited the National Archives for an interactive workshop exploring original Tudor documents from Elizabeth I's reign. They examined authentic handwriting and even handled a letter written by the Queen herself—no gloves needed! A highlight was seeing the famous 'Tide Letter,' valued at over £30 million. In the afternoon, they toured Westminster Abbey, discovering more about Elizabeth's coronation, religious reforms, and visited the tombs of both Elizabeth I and her rival, Mary Queen of Scots.





"Seeing the original copies of so many Elizabethan documents was really amazing. It was especially interesting to see the Tide Letter that Elizabeth wrote to her sister Queen Mary in an attempt to delay her arrest."

Olivia (Year 10)



Year 8 Poems inspired by readings from 'Tomorrow is Beautiful'

These I have not loved

By Karina – inspired by
'These I have loved' by Sarah Crossan

Soggy Socks, soaked from the rain
Knowing that a loved one will be gone someday
The smell and dust on a book's first page
The anger and rage on a good friend's face

But these I have loved:
The salty air on a sunny beach day
The smell of new fresh sheets
And a fun school day
The view of warm sunsets
And the colours of vibrant fruits that stain

These I have not loved
These I have loved.

These I have loved

By Kristy – Inspired by
'These I have Loved' by Sarah Crossan

Home, things that he fixed.
Winning a claw machine that was rigged.
Swimming by the sea,
Getting chased by a bee,
Eating out. Flowers that bloom.
My mom's cooking, perfume;
Hot showers; clean surfaces;
Writing in my diary; tea with lemons;
Chinese food; vegetables;
My grandpa's hard work and care.



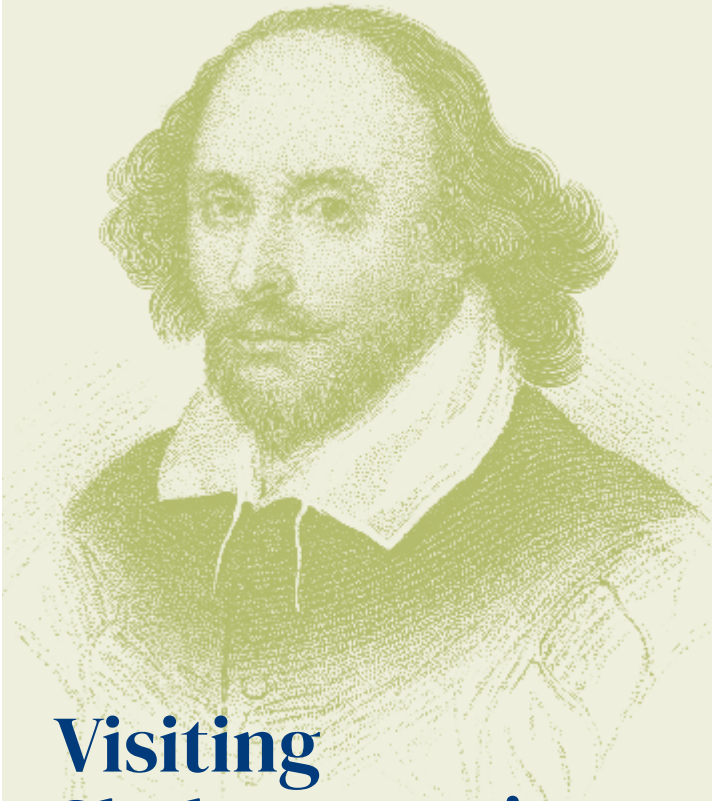
Karl Nova visits Mayfield!

In March, we were thrilled to welcome poet and rap artist Karl Nova to Mayfield. With honesty and energy, he shared his journey into rap and how poetry became a powerful outlet for self-expression. His performances captivated the audience and earned enthusiastic applause. During A1, selected Year 9 students joined a workshop exploring the connection between songs and poetry. In just eight minutes they crafted personal quatrains - guided by Karl's tips and encouragement. A truly inspiring session for all involved!

Super League Netball Trip

In March, 38 girls travelled to the Copper Box Arena to watch London Pulse take on Nottingham Forest in an exciting Super League Netball match. With courtside seats, snacks, and drinks, they were right in the heart of the action as London Pulse secured a 73–51 win. After the match, students met the players—including England Roses stars Funmi Fadoju and Alicia Scholes–for selfies and questions. Having hosted Tyler Orr and Nichole Breedt for workshops at Mayfield, it was a thrill to watch them in action.





Visiting Shakespeare's birthplace

Over a weekend in March, the Year 13 A Level English students enjoyed a memorable weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon, where they watched a gripping new production of Hamlet. They also visited Shakespeare's birthplace, gaining insight into his life and the world that shaped his work. A highlight was trying on gloves like those made by Shakespeare's father, a fashionable trade at the time. The trip brought Shakespeare's world to life and deepened the students' appreciation of his extraordinary creative legacy.



BAFTA Winning Scholars' Dinner

At the end of March, Year 13 scholars led a joyful celebration of achievement at the annual Scholars' Dinner. Special guest Hannah Richards, BAFTA-winning screenwriter, delivered an inspiring keynote on the power of storytelling and how our inner narratives shape our success. Highlights included performances by Tabatha and Cordie, and Katie's fascinating EPQ talk on Marxist Literary Theory. The evening reflected on a year of rich discussion, workshops, and leadership, with heartfelt advice from our Year 13s as they passed the torch to the next generation of scholars.







30th Anniversary Haileybury MUN

In March, Mayfield students took part in Haileybury's 30th Model United Nations, representing Barbados and Lebanon among 920 global delegates. Debates ranged from cyberterrorism and AI ethics to forced marriage and UN reform, with over 600 resolutions submitted across the weekend. Our girls engaged brilliantly in complex discussions on global issues, with Annette in Year 10 receiving a Highly Commended award for her role on the Middle East and North Africa Committee. A fantastic experience that showcased diplomacy, critical thinking, and global awareness.

I thoroughly enjoyed Haileybury MUN, particularly the engaging debates about a range of topics in my committee of over 100 people. We passed resolutions on equal economic opportunities for women, over reliance on fossil fuels and other extremely relevant topics. Overall, it was a great opportunity to learn lots and make lots of new friends!

Skye, Year 12

Muck-up Day!

Our Year 13 leavers celebrated Muck-up Day 2025 with a 'Back to School' theme! It proved to be a fun-filled day, with much laughter and celebration, especially their Leavers' video, shown to the school at Assembly and a surprise flash-mob in a planned fire alarm!



Short Story

The Year 10 flash fiction challenge was to write a short story in just one lesson!
Here's the winning entry:

The Last Rescue

They had been traveling for miles, the mountains seemed like they were everlasting. He had to keep going, if this baby was going to survive.

The strong winds were howling like ghosts. Everything was pushing against him, whispers in his ear telling him to stop and just give up. Each step was its own battle fighting against the deep never-ending sea of snow. The screams of the storm almost drowning out the cries of the baby.

No one asked him to do this, but he knew he had to, it was his job. There were people waiting for him at home, waiting for the child. He was old and getting weaker, he knew this was going to be his last rescue.

They were nearly there, so close. It felt like he had been gone for weeks but it had only been about a day. It was getting darker, and he knew he had to get back soon. He broke out into a run using the last of his strength to make it to the town. He could see the calming lights of the village, the smell of the freshly baked bread, he was so close.

The people of the village were waiting for him, scared and eager to know what had happened. As he came into the village, he started to feel weaker, with his last push he got the child to the people, then he collapsed.

He was always remembered in the village, his sledge and harness hang below his favourite tree and are visited frequently, especially by the child who he saved, on his last rescue.



Fashion Show!



World Group Leaders



Snow, glorious snow!



JUMP!



Year 13 Ball



Year 13 Ball



Dissection Club



Easter Egg Hunt



Generosity in action



Physics Fun!



Mayfield v Tonbridge Netball



World Book Day



Year 11 Ball



Dress up as a teacher day!



April Showers



Year 8 Poems inspired by readings from 'Tomorrow is Beautiful'

My mother replies

By Janie – inspired by
'Why bother, Mother?' by Sarah Crossan

And don't forget the good things in life,
Getting hired,
Getting cured,
Getting married,
Ordering a birthday present,
Laughing at a party,
Laughing with your friends,
Laughing during school,
Giving new life,
Giving new hope,
Having some children,
Having some fun,
Eating what you want,
Donating your food,
Taking a rest,
Taking a breath,
Filled with life,
Filled with love,
Loved.....

We're here to love and to be loved.

Open the door: there could be....

By Georgia – inspired by
'Moonrise in Arlington' by Sarah Crossan.

A plant
An ant
A church
A birch.

Open the door: there could be
A letter
A sweater
To fit sally
Or a beggar

Go and open the door: there could be...
A storm
A hailstorm
A rainstorm
But it will clear; don't worry.

Go....And....Open....the....door. There could be...
Nothing good
Nothing bad
But go and open the door
Opening the door will never be bad.

Easter Trips





Girls Shine on the Slopes of Val di Fiemme

Twenty-four Mayfield Girls from Years 7–11 enjoyed an unforgettable ski trip to Val di Fiemme, Italy. With expert instructors, stunning alpine scenery, and a warm, family-run hotel, the girls quickly improved their skiing and formed lasting friendships. Evening activities and dedicated staff made the week both enriching and full of fun.





Trip to Vienna

Our action-packed trip to Vienna was a rich blend of music and culture. Schola sang in three stunning churches, including concerts at the Stephansdom and Peterskirche, and Mass at the magnificent Votivkirche. Highlights included the European premiere of Sir James MacMillan's Let us Love One Another.

We explored five museums, including Beethoven's and Mozart's apartments, the Belvedere with Klimt's The Kiss, and the interactive Haus der Musik. The girls also enjoyed Schönbrunn Palace and a fun evening at the Prater amusement park. It was a memorable and inspiring trip for all, filled with music, art, and discovery.













Sports Tour to Dubai

Mayfield girls embarked on an unforgettable Netball and Cricket Tour to Dubai during the Easter holidays, showcasing outstanding skill and teamwork. They secured six wins from eight cricket matches, two netball victories from four fixtures, and remained unbeaten in softball. A highlight was the A team's impressive win at the Abu Dhabi Netball Tournament.

Beyond the sporting successes, the group explored Dubai's top attractions, including Atlantis Waterpark, Dubai Mall, a thrilling Desert Safari, and the iconic Burj Khalifa. With time to relax at the beach and hotel, the trip was a perfect blend of sport and adventure, and a brilliant way to end the season.





A Level Ceramics


Zoe


Edith


Edith


Edith


Emma


Freya

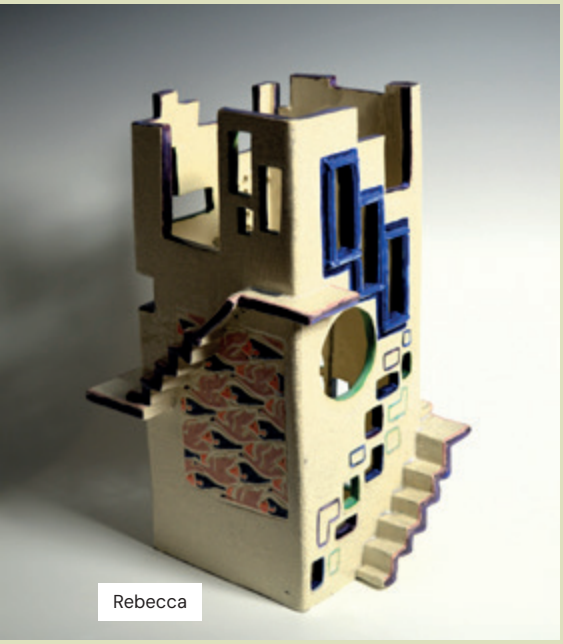

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Rebecca

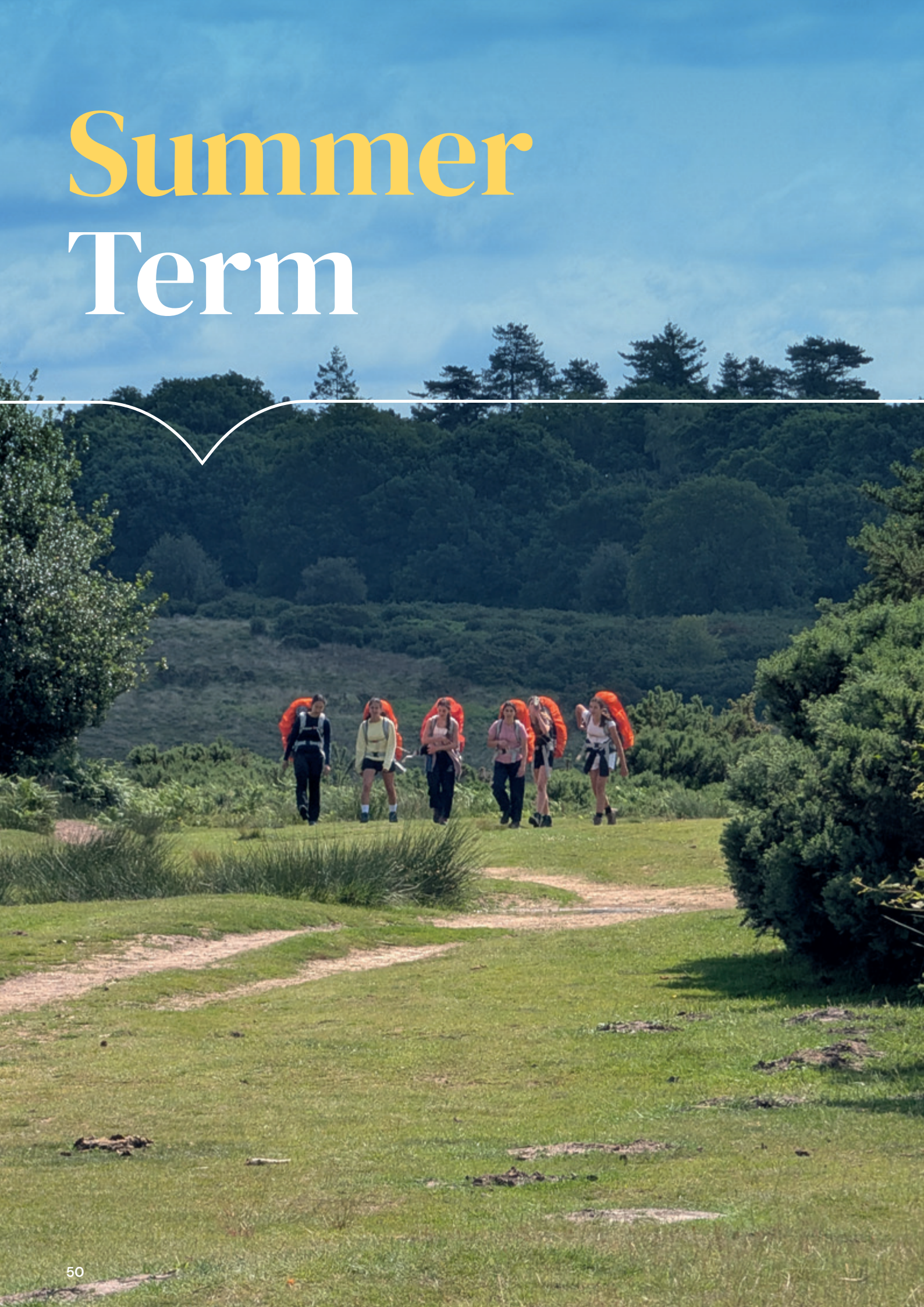

Emma


Rebecca


Rikki


Rikki

Summer Term



Mayfield Marks the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Mayfield marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a moving assembly commemorating the end of World War Two in Europe. Schola performed a wonderfully poignant rendition of We'll Meet Again and the girls learnt about the war's final years and how the day was celebrated in 1945 with street parties, bonfires, and even homemade parsnip wine!

An extract from the 1945 Mayfield Review revealed the School's own VE Day celebrations, including a fair in the School Hall, a ping-pong tournament and singing around a bonfire in the evening.

Later in the day–following a period of reflection, silence and a prayer for peace in the world–the whole school gathered to relive the jubilant feelings of May 1945 with a fantastic 1940s inspired dance performance by our talented Year 10 dancers.









Inspirational Talk by Hari Budha Magar

Thanks to the generosity of Mr and Mrs Hakes, seven girls attended an inspiring talk by Hari Budha Magar, the first double amputee to summit Everest. His powerful message of resilience and self-belief left a lasting impact, motivating students to face challenges and pursue their dreams with courage and determination.

Bronze D of E challenge

In May, 25 Year 9 girls took to the countryside around Mayfield for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition — a key milestone in earning one of the UK's most respected youth awards.

Over two days, the four teams successfully navigated challenging routes, carrying full rucksacks and honing vital skills in map reading, teamwork, and resilience. Highlights included cooking on trangia stoves and setting up tents—many for the first time!





Sixth Formers Celebrate Gold DofE Award

Three Year 13 students - Charlotte, Ellie, and Katie - were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards. The celebration took place in beautiful surroundings, with inspiring speeches from Prince Edward and former footballer Alex Scott, who spoke about resilience and overcoming challenges. The event was filled with pride and a shared sense of achievement, as participants reflected on their remarkable journeys. It was a memorable and motivating occasion, marking a significant milestone in the students' Duke of Edinburgh experience.

Martyna Wins Photography Prize

Martyna, a Year 12 student, earned third place in a renowned Polish photography competition, impressively competing against professional photographers. Her captivating photos, regularly featured in Mayfield's e-weekly, beautifully showcase the natural beauty of the school grounds and the joy of our welly walkers.

The competition celebrates artistic expressions that promote love and respect for humanity, attracting photographers of all levels from across Poland. We are incredibly proud of Martyna's achievement and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.



Year 11 Celebration Liturgy

Year 11 students gathered in the school chapel for a heartfelt final liturgy, marking the end of their middle school journey and the start of their GCSE study leave. Led by Chaplain Ronan, the service reflected on the theme of light, inspiring the girls to embrace future challenges with hope.

Afterwards, tutors hosted a celebratory tea, presenting "Little Miss" certificates amid laughter and warm memories. As the girls prepare to join Sixth Form, the event celebrated their achievements and growth, leaving everyone filled with pride and optimism for the exciting road ahead.



Exploring the Surrey Hills

Year 10 students embraced the challenge of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in the Surrey Hills, returning sunburnt but smiling after tackling Leith Hill, Box Hill, and Denbies' steep slopes. The weekend tested their skills in pitching tents, cooking outdoors, and navigating – with plenty of laughs along the way.

Despite blisters and heavy rucksacks, the girls showed resilience, teamwork, and great spirit. Their determination and support for one another made the expedition a huge success. Thanks to Mr Glazebrook, Mr Marshall, and Mr Doy for leading the group and inspiring them throughout the weekend.













Girls Support Village Mayfair

Mayfield boarders brought energy to the annual Mayfair event, with Leeds' girls performing Maypole dances and students from St Michael's and St Dunstan's selling their home-made baked treats. Meanwhile, girls from Gabs ran popular games to raise funds for the village. Thanks to Sixth Former Martyna for capturing the day in photos.



Trekking Through the Peak District

Ten Year 12 girls completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in the wild weather of the Dark Peak. Over three tough days, they navigated challenging routes, braved wind and rain, and showed impressive teamwork.







St Michael's Marian Procession

On a beautiful Sunday, boarders, staff, and parishioners gathered for Mayfield's annual Marian Procession. Starting by the Gatehouse, the crowd grew as boarding houses joined, singing hymns led by the choir and parishioners. Flowers were laid at Mary's feet before a crowning ceremony and Mass in the Chapel. This tradition honours Mary's role in our faith, reminding us that following her leads us closer to Christ—"Ad Jesum per Mariam."



Linguists' Trip to Oxford

Year 10 linguists Annette and Sienna visited Oxford for the Modern Languages Faculty Open Day, exploring course options, teaching methods, and the year abroad. They engaged with academics and students, gaining valuable insights into language degrees. Inspired by student ambassadors, the girls found the experience motivating and enlightening, sparking excitement about future university studies.



Inter-House Cooking Competition

May saw our inter-house cooking contest take place, involving mixed groups from across Years 7-10. The challenge was to make six savoury pastries and six sweet pastries. What a great job they did!

RESULTS:

Joint 3rd	Assisi and Stein
2nd	Bakhita - the judges loved the creative palmier shaping
1st	Avila - the judges loved the tart flavour, complemented by the Chantilly cream











Mayfield hosts MCC

After a two-year break, we proudly hosted the prestigious MCC Cricket fixture. Twenty-three girls played two matches, learning valuable lessons and receiving praise from the MCC women for their skill and spirit. Thanks to staff, parents, and catering for making the day memorable with great support and food.





Celebrating Culture at Mayfield

Mayfield's annual Cultural Day was a vibrant celebration of diversity, beginning with a parade of nations in assembly. Students then enjoyed global food, music, and dancing on the Chapel Lawn. Special thanks to the Year 12 Diversity Forum for leading the event with passion and creativity.











Chemists Triumph in Olympiad

Congratulations to Year 12 students Nicole, Anna, Charmeine, Iris, and Trinity on their outstanding performance in the national Chemistry Olympiad. Competing a year early, they earned one Gold, three Silvers, and a Bronze - well above the national average. Special mention to Iris, whose Gold placed her in the top 8% nationwide.

Media Day

Year 7 students embraced creativity during Media Cross-Curricular Day, crafting two-minute films on Mayfield's spirit of adventure. Sixth Formers led workshops on filmmaking skills before students filmed and edited their projects. The day concluded with a special screening, showcasing imagination, teamwork, and storytelling across the year group.





Age Is Revolting

Students from Years 7–10 impressed audiences with their dynamic performance of *Age Is Revolting* by Abi Zakarian. Staged in-the-round in our newly renovated concert hall, the production highlighted the exceptional talent of our cast.

A Joyful Day of Confirmation

In June, thirteen students celebrated their Confirmation after ten months of preparation, joined by family, sponsors, and friends in the school chapel. Bishop Richard led a moving Mass that included baptisms, receptions, and First Holy Communions. The day ended with sunshine, photos, and celebration on Chapel Lawn – a truly blessed occasion.

Mayfield Day 2025



We were delighted to welcome over 1,000 members of the Mayfield community for a joyful and memorable Mayfield Day. The celebrations began with our Prizegiving ceremony, where we honoured the achievements of our students across the year. This was followed by a vibrant festival-style lunch and lively inter-house athletics - both enjoyed in the spirit of fun and friendly competition.

A particularly special moment was the opportunity to celebrate and bid farewell to our exceptional Year 13 leavers, as they prepared to embark on their next adventures. It was a truly uplifting day, filled with warmth, pride and community spirit.













Activities Week



Year 10 Enjoy Action-Packed Cultural Day



Year 8 Psychology Cross-Curricular Day



Year 12 Relax with Pottery and Fishing



Year 7 Hidden Leaders Day



Year 10 Offer Community Service in 'Actions Not Words' Day









WW1 Battlefields Trip

In record-breaking heat, Year 9 explored WWI sites in France and Belgium, from the tunnels of Vimy Ridge to the trenches of Passchendaele. Memorable moments included the Menin Gate ceremony, Somme memorials, and team building at the chateau. A moving, meaningful journey!







Short Story

Wings

By Alice in Year 8

The warm, soft touch of the early summer strokes my face, thick, hearty vines crawling up the damp, humid bark. Through the trees' feathered branches, I feel the fiery presence of the dappled sunlight on my body. My mother is above me, positioned on a larger branch. She is singing a sweet melody.

"Ma" I ask, "What are you singing?"

I don't think she heard me, as I get no reaction. She stops and peers down at me,

"Time for training!"

I nod. We climb down the tree and make our way to the top of the miniature cliff. Ma nudges me,

"You can do it!"

I hesitate, nervous, and wobble my way to the edge. Come on, I say to myself, the drop is not remarkably high. But my legs stop. A feeble screech I make as Ma pushes me off gently. Bullets of adrenaline course through me, the wind biting. I peel my wings out and flap them the hardest I have ever flapped before. It isn't working, I'm panting, my vision starts to blur, all I can think about is flapping. Suddenly, Ma swoops down and catches me, placing me on the top of the cliff with her talons.

"You've improved... slightly!"

I feel the cold dirt and little grass stubbles embracing my dishevelled feathers.

"Ma, you took me by surprise," I say, still out of breath. Calm. She doesn't say anything. We sit on the cliff in silence, listening to the sounds of the rainforest. The roaring of the big, metal monsters, ridden by strange creatures, crushing thousands of trees in their path. They're coming closer every day. Ma told me the creatures are called Hoo-mans. They control these noisy monsters. It's scary.

"That's enough for today, let's go back to our nest"

I follow Ma back to our nest, and I sleep. I hear muffled deep noises, my eyes flutter open. I stretch my small wings up to the night sky, it's dark, too dark. Hold on a moment... where's Ma? Hoo-mans, clutching iron bars moulded into cages, and big black crossbow stocks with metal tubes attached to them. One fires it. A piece of hot lead shoots up into the air with a bang. I hear his words,

"I can't believe we found a Spix's Macaw! This is going to be worth so much." One of them exclaimed,

"BE CAREFUL WITH IT!" Another yelled, viciousness in his gruff voice. I stare in horror, one of them is grappling Ma by the neck. Ma turns her eyes to me, distressed.

"Fly"

I feel their heavy footsteps behind me. The ground beneath my steps disappear, I stumble backwards. I'm at the cliff. They are behind me, slowly creeping towards me, demons attempting to grab me. A deep breath,

"You can do it" I hear Ma's words. Falling. I hear their muffled voices shouting. Falling. The drop feels eternal. Falling. When am I going to hit the ground? Whoosh. Hold on, am I... Flying?



Welly Walkers discover the beauty of bluebells in the woods



Year 9 & 10 Boarders Enjoy Yoga in the Sunshine



Year 7 Explore Ancient Greek Theatre



Success in the Junior Mathematical Challenge



Onnae Attends Workshop with Westminster Youth Council



Lower School girls eagerly watching the live stream from the Vatican



Welly Walkers Discover Secret Spot



Year 12 Chemists Experiment with Practicals



Year 13 Leavers' Celebration



Year 12 Chemists Experiment with Practicals



Leeds Boarders Represent Mayfield at Good Shepherd Celebration



Year 12 Biologists Tackle Heart Dissection



Year 9 & 10 Summer Ball!



Year 12s Show 'Actions Not Words' Spirit at Primary Sports Day

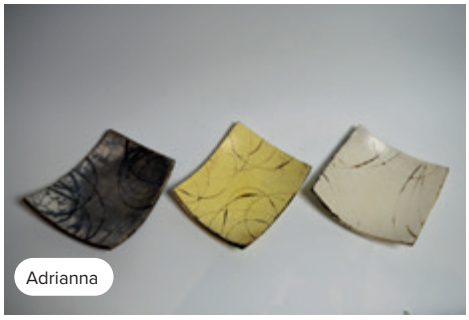


U15s Shine at Ampleforth Cricket Tournament

GCSE Ceramics


Ariel


Alice


Adrianna


Bella


Gabi


Cordelia


Fiona


Holly



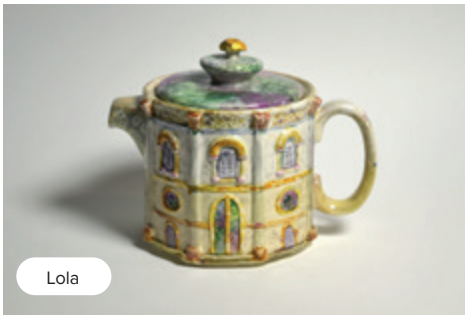
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Allegra


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Ramona


Isabella


Scarlet


Sophia


Sophie


Kamsey


Beth

Year 9 Poems written for Poetry Slam

Ode to the Stubborn Screen

By Emma

Puzzled faces staring at
the blank screen on the wall.
Frozen, insolent like a stubborn child.
In my opinion, it's hard to say
Which one acts up worse,
The one that lurks in the language department,
Or the one on the English class wall...
Perhaps when it's in a good mood,
And looks fondly on Mrs M,
It will cooperate with One Note,
And register us with peace.
Mrs M believes that hers,
Is evil in the form of a screen.
But let us just say, because we must not forget,
That hers is TIED worst.

For a moment let's travel,
To a classroom far away.
Out the door, across the floors,
And past the science block.
Not as far as chaplaincy, but somewhere in between.
Where the walls are lined with conjugations
And the mark schemes senseless are seen.
Hmm, you may ask yourself, is this the Spanish room?
Senora Criado's habitat,
The home of the dreaded screen.
The one that stands black and bulky,
Propped on spindly legs.
It whirs away in Spanish,
Then switches suddenly to French.
Starts daydreaming of better places,
And gets a vacant look on its face.
The next thing you know its frozen,
And the words stay firmly in place.
I guess we should call IT, what can they really say?!
Pedazo de basura inútil... I guess...
But instead of giving hate,
To those sporadic pieces of tech,
Or begging dear Mrs Woodfield,
For the secret of the obedient screen.
We should take a moment to acknowledge,
A second to appreciate,
Even to consider our Cornelian values,
Ultimately lacked by the screens...
Yet we let these troublesome divas continue
to feast on our lesson time.

Ode to my daydream

By Stephanie

Daydreams happen when you are bored
Your daydreams play in your minds like a chord
It happens quite often when students are in class
Daydream feels so wonderful nothing can trespass
It feels like a dream, but you are wide awake
You have a dream, but they are all fake
Everything you dream about feels so real
The feeling you get people cannot be steal
As your mind blow off into your own world
You are gone into your unique dreamworld
Daydreaming is a thing you do not want to leave
Whenever it is finished, you let out a heavy heave
Be grateful when you have a daydream
And make your face into a cheerful beam.



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