

Sixth Form



Mayfield Grammar School
Gravesend



Leadership | Integrity | Confidence | Respect | Empathy | Resilience



“The school provides students with a varied and responsive curriculum. This includes a rich diet of extra-curricular activities.”

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Welcome to our Sixth Form

I am delighted that you are considering Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend for your education.

Our Sixth Form is a growing community where courtesy and co-operation create a stable atmosphere in which all students thrive. Individuals are able to achieve the highest academic standards, and to develop individual talents and leadership qualities which prepare them fully for adult life.

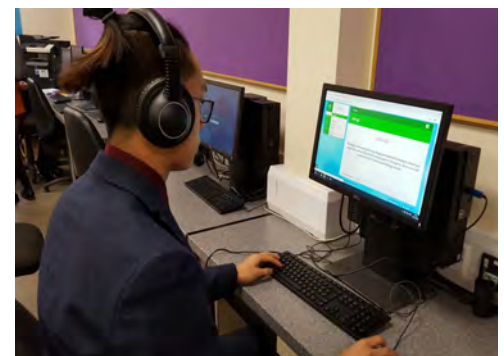
We are proud to offer an extensive range of A Level courses within the Sixth Form. Our curriculum has been developed to maximise choice and to equip students with the qualifications and skills they need to access the next stage of their learning, training or employment. We have expanded our curriculum and now offer some new and exciting courses for students, these include Criminology, Law, Health and Social Care and Photography.

Students are encouraged to take greater responsibility for their studies, as well as play a full role in the life of the school. There are many opportunities for students to become Senior Officials, School Council, and Digital Citizenship Officials, Subject and/or House Prefects, as well as taking charge of Charities, Cultural Issues, and Green Issues. Our Sixth Form students regularly run clubs and help to coach and mentor younger students; they also play a lead role, as House Captains, within our House system.

To become a member of the Sixth Form is to make a commitment to academic study and to the values of our school. We welcome students, from other schools and offer an induction programme to ensure that those joining us feel secure and confident about Sixth Form life here. The teaching staff at Mayfield Grammar School are highly qualified and dedicated; they are able to use their expertise to swiftly engage and motivate students in their chosen courses of study.

We hope that you will want to become part of our school community and look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form in September.

Elaine Wilson
Headteacher



Aims

Our Sixth Form is an integral part of the school and within it we actively promote the values of the whole school by ensuring that all students are able to:

- study a broad and balanced curriculum in which all subjects are valued equally;
- realise their potential by pursuing appropriate programmes of study;
- develop their independence, confidence and intellectual curiosity;
- develop their awareness of spiritual, cultural and moral values, as well as knowledge of global affairs and Fundamental British Values;
- live and work in a harmonious multi-cultural and multi-ethnic community;
- make a positive contribution the life of the school and the wider community;
- take responsibility for each other, themselves and the environment.



Academic Information

We are proud to offer over twenty different subjects at A Level in the Sixth Form, as well as Level 3 Applied Diplomas and a Cambridge Technical level 3 Extended Certificate. This wide range of courses is taught by specialist teachers who demonstrate a real enthusiasm for their subject.

Alongside the traditional A Level courses, we recognise and develop employability skills through our PSHE, Citizenship and Careers programmes.

Each student is able to complete an Extended Project in an area of their choice. The project develops independent learning and research skills, which are vital to success in further / higher education; it also enables each student to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world. Many universities and employers value this additional qualification as evidence of excellent study habits.



Facilities

Year 12 and Year 13 have their own Study Spaces. Both have kitchens, IT facilities and silent working areas. We also provide a 'bring your own device' Wi-Fi service for Sixth Form students for use across the school. This allows the students mobile internet access on a par with the service provided in the many ICT rooms.

In addition there are specialist facilities for the sciences and in MFL all students have access to the Language Lab on a regular basis. There are Food Technology facilities and an additional ICT facility at the Bainbridge Building to ensure that those studying at our second site have equal access to technology. Students can also access up-to-date news examples to support their studies through various subject specific Twitter feeds. We also have a Careers Twitter feed to help students make decisions about their future.

Sixth Form students may choose to relax and study in the central quadrangle at the main site. Alternatively there is Common Room and silent study provisions for both year groups.



Support and Guidance



All students have a tutor who is there to guide and support them, both academically and personally, through their time in the Sixth Form. As well as group meetings, all students will have one-to-one sessions with their tutors in which each student's progress and well-being are discussed. This close monitoring and the regular contact between home and school ensure that students are kept on track and parents are well-informed.

Many students join the school in the Sixth Form and the induction programme is designed not only to help new students settle quickly, but to ensure that the transition from Upper School to Sixth Form is as smooth as possible for all.

Extensive support is provided when students begin to apply to Higher Education or begin to seek apprenticeships or employment. The school prides itself on the level of careers advice and guidance that is offered.

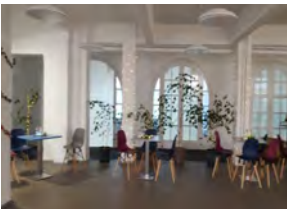
Enrichment

All Sixth Form students have a timetabled period of Enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon with a wide programme of activities on offer to all students. These enrichment activities are designed to broaden students' awareness of the wider world; they also help to develop the skills and talents needed for future leadership, team work and independent learning. Opportunities exist for students to take responsibility for mentoring younger students through their subjects in school, or for working with primary schools through the Community Sports Leaders programme. Many students involve themselves in community work through personal contacts or by volunteering locally.

All Sixth Form students follow a General Lecture programme designed to broaden their awareness of local, national and global issues. Speakers are invited to address the students on a range of topics. Most recently, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from Dr. Catherine Green who spoke about her work in developing the AstraZeneca Vaccine for Covid-19.

Many students are involved in sport. Students represent the school in football, basketball, athletics and many other sports, whilst also coaching the younger students. Music, Drama, Art and Technology flourish within the school. There is annual Art Exhibition and many visits to galleries, both in England and abroad. Major drama and music productions allow the students to showcase their talents and to develop new friendships across the school, while foreign trips help to develop cultural and linguistic awareness.

Leadership opportunities are many and varied. Elections are held annually for Head Prefect, Deputies, Heads of House and other senior official roles. All take a full role in the running of the school, working closely with staff and younger students.



"Students agree that they are fully involved in their learning and that they are supported and encouraged to become highly effective independent learners."

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Student Success

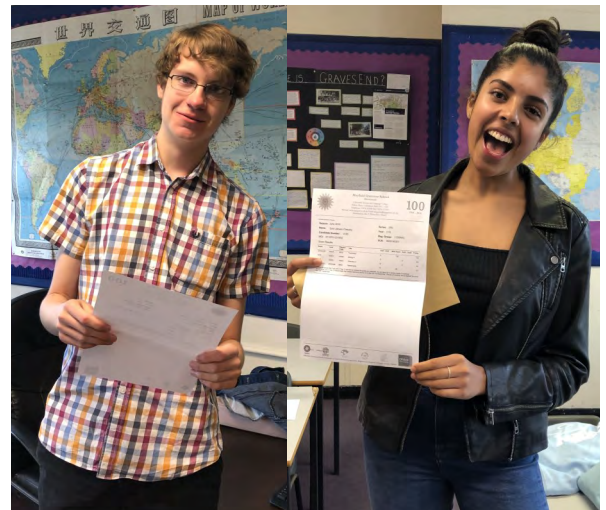
In 2023, 92% of students went on to university and took on a wide variety of different courses, ranging from Mechanical Engineering to International Relations. The remaining students embarked on high-level apprenticeships or gap years.

The specialist advice given by experienced staff is designed to assist students in making the right career choice. Those who go directly into apprenticeships or employment also receive expert guidance from our Careers Leader.

Our aim is that students leave Mayfield Grammar School fully equipped for the next phase of their lives as confident and independent young adults, ready to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Reasons to join Mayfield Grammar School:

- Academic success
- An extensive range of courses
- Outstanding specialist teaching
- Excellent staff – student relationships
- A positive learning environment
- Outstanding support and guidance for all students
- A wide range of enrichment opportunities, trips and community involvement
- An environment where students are treated as young adults.



"The relationship between staff and students is excellent. I am very grateful for the support I have had to help me succeed"

Year 12 student

"I have been taught the value of hard work, have learnt to take initiative and am thoroughly prepared for higher education."

Year 13 student





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