

# Mayfield Sixth Form



*“Being the best that we can be”*

# Quotes

*“The gap between Year 11 and Sixth Form is huge – but with the support from staff and other Sixth Formers, it’s been almost unnoticeable.”*

Elizabeth Milne

*“Mayfield’s friendly atmosphere makes me part of a positive and brilliant community.”*

Maisie Golding

*“Mayfield is the key to unlocking the door to your future success.”*

Jacob Ansong

*“I have been supported all the way in everything I have done.”*

Joe Peckham

*“The transition from Key Stage 4 to Sixth Form was made easy with the kindness and regard of the teachers at this successful Sixth Form.”*

Yash Pal

*“Mayfield is a stepping stone on the road to success.”*  
Jack Webb

*“Mayfield’s uniqueness means you gain something new everyday.”*

Kulshan Bhakar

*“Mayfield gives everyone the opportunity to succeed.”*

Afolabi Sunmonu

*“Mayfield is a community in which you will discover your potential.”*

Jatinder Samra

*“Mayfield Sixth Form is more than a school, it’s like a family.”*

Sonia Thandi

*“Mayfield helps build a great foundation for the rest of your future – no matter what you decide to do.”*

Jemma Ashwell

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## Introduction

Mayfield Sixth Form is a challenging, supportive and friendly environment in which individuals feel valued. It has taken great strides towards excellence and we are justifiably proud of it and proud of the students who have made it so successful.

Our most recent OFSTED report (September 2010) says:

*“Practically all students make good progress.”*

*“Teaching is good with independent study being encouraged by most teachers.”*

Students have *“excellent advice, guidance and pastoral care, practically all proceed to universities, further education or training.”*

We want our students to develop all aspects of their character and, as a result, we have introduced a wide

range of stimulating extended curriculum activities such as enrichment activities, community service and a year council which our students have all appreciated.

We have improved the facilities on offer making studying and success more attainable and we are always on hand to give careers advice and to help with applying for work or university. In addition, students are given the opportunity to go on work experience and this has been a valuable part of their development.

If you come to Mayfield Sixth Form, we can guarantee that you will be challenged and stimulated both in and outside the classroom. We really will do our best to support you on your path to success.

**Andy Rehling, Headteacher**

## Why come to Mayfield?

Mayfield offers all students an exciting progression into the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form is housed in a modern building which boasts a common room and garden for social recreation. This, combined with a fantastically equipped study room including internet access, and the Learning Resource Centre, creates a lively and stimulating comprehensive Sixth Form where students can flourish and succeed. Not surprisingly the majority of students choose to stay on at Mayfield and are rewarded with offers of places at university. Students who embark on courses at Mayfield are supported in their choices and, as a result, few students drop out. It is exciting and a measure of our success that the overwhelming majority of our students choose to go to university at the end of their A Level or BTEC course.

The Sixth Form offers a range of options, providing effective learning opportunities, so that all students can choose a course which they can both enjoy and achieve success in. A Level courses are offered in all of the traditional subjects as well as subjects like Accounts, Philosophy, Government & Politics and Ancient History. We also offer vocational qualifications, which enable students to gain entry into university in Drama, Business, Media and Sports.

We pride ourselves in our flexibility and will work with students to create individual learning plans to suit them wherever possible.

Mayfield's students are successful: we are proud to be ranked amongst the top 40% of Sixth Forms in the country based on pupils' prior attainment at A2 and BTEC, and the top 10% of Sixth Forms in the country for AS (ALPS Sept. 2010). As a result, we are confident that we give our students the best chance possible for success.

Mayfield Sixth Form is renowned for being supportive, friendly and caring. We want all students to 'be the best that they can be'. We work alongside individuals, enabling them to achieve their full potential by fostering a culture of learning, personal development and high aspirations. Students will find support in their tutor who will meet with them every day for registration and once a week for a tutorial as well as making time to have individual one-to-one learning conversations



to monitor progress. Students are helped with their university or career applications and are given support in developing their study skills, time management and organisational ability, especially when they first arrive in the Sixth Form. This is essential in helping students to settle into life in the Sixth Form and in making a quick and effective transition.

At Mayfield, we want all our students to develop into well-rounded and mature individuals. As a result, we organise an exciting programme of enrichment activities that are guaranteed to enhance any application form! Students can work their way through a range of choices such as Music Technology, Dance, Football, Spanish and Debating to name a few. Voluntary activities encourage students to work with younger pupils in the school and also in the community. In addition, Sixth Form students get the opportunity to attend field trips, theatre trips and outings organised within subject areas. There is an active year council developing student voice, who put together a range of social events including fundraising activities and the Prom.

## The Extended Curriculum

Our extended curriculum is central to the Sixth Form and is compulsory for all students. Year 12 students attend two periods a week, which are aimed to support them in their studies and in making choices about their future. In addition, the extended curriculum gives them the opportunity to diversify and add a range of activities to their academic study. This has helped our students to have the edge on their university applications.

All students have a weekly tutorial with their tutor and tutor group. At the beginning of the term, students will work through a number of team building activities to help them feel part of a team and to give them a real sense of identity. They will progress through a number of activities early on to support them in making the transition to the Sixth Form. They will learn how to study, to research, make notes and write an essay. Before their exams they will be given help in how to revise. Tutors will play an important part in monitoring achievement, setting targets for improvement and in advising students on future pathways. Tutors play an essential role in helping students to write their UCAS applications and in supporting them in researching their best options. A number of visiting speakers advise students on how to apply to university and how to apply for any financial help available. The Sixth Form further supports students by organising trips to university open days as well as higher education fairs. In addition, topics such as healthy eating, safe driving and relationships will be explored. A number of trained experts are invited into tutorials to talk about the dangers of alcohol and drugs, and charity organisations visit to talk about their work. Regular assemblies also support the work done in tutorials.



In addition, Year 12 students choose an enrichment activity for one hour in the week to help them to diversify. Year 13 students are welcome to attend these sessions. They can choose from the following options:

- Dance
- Spanish
- Football
- DJ Workshops, Song Writing Workshops
- Drama
- Community Sports Leader Award
- Debating
- Book Club
- Volunteering

All students are given the opportunity to do some voluntary work in their free time. This may involve supporting younger students at Mayfield in their learning. Voluntary work in the community is also encouraged.

The school careers adviser is available regularly to meet with students individually to discuss their future plans and to look at other options open to them.

BTEC students are given the opportunity to do two weeks work experience. The work experience programme offers a unique opportunity to experience a genuine working environment tailored to the course requirements.



## Student Success

The students who come to Mayfield do well in their exams and go on to be successful. Last year, the majority of A level and BTEC students did extremely well in their final examinations and are now continuing their education at various universities studying their chosen courses.

In the most recent ALPs report (A level performance system), on the basis of pupils' prior attainment, Mayfield is in the top 40% of Sixth Forms nationally at A2 and BTEC and the top 10% of Sixth Forms at AS, a result of which we are very proud and is evidence of the teaching and learning focus of the staff and students alike.



## What's on Offer?

We offer a range of courses to suit everyone regardless of ability.

If you do not achieve five A\*- C grades in your GCSEs, then you can take a one year Vocational Course. This course is the equivalent to four GCSEs at A\*- C. You will also have the opportunity to study numeracy and literacy at GCSE level.

Students who gain five Cs and above at GCSE can do the Level 3 BTEC Diploma. These two year courses provide a specialist work related programme of study that covers the key knowledge and skills required in the Business, Media, Sport and Drama sectors and allows specialisation through the choice of optional units. It is equivalent to two GCE A levels and is given two grades. You could study the following subjects at this level:

- Drama
- Business
- Media
- Sports

For students who gain a minimum of three Bs and two Cs in their GCSEs we can offer a wide range of A levels in the following subject areas:

- Accounts
- Ancient History
- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Film Studies
- Government and Politics
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Information Technology
- Law
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- RE
- Sociology
- Urdu

N.B. Most of these subjects require a grade B at GCSE in English Language.

Other subjects on offer

- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English

## How can you get a place at Mayfield?

- You need to fulfil all our enrolment conditions:
  - an excellent attendance and punctuality record
  - a willingness to lead by example
  - a willingness to learn
  - a desire to contribute to the life of the whole school
- You need to submit an application Form.
- You should receive a letter by May letting you know whether your application has been successful.
- You will attend the Sixth Form Induction Day at the beginning of September.

At your enrolment conversation in late August

- You will be asked for a £40 deposit, £30 of this will be refunded when all books have been returned, the leaving form signed and there are no monies outstanding. £10 of this is a contribution towards the Sixth Form fund. This is used to subsidise equipment and events for the Sixth Form
- You will be placed on a six week probationary period where your choice of subject/pathway and your ability to cope are closely monitored. You will be supported in making changes if you feel you have made the wrong choices

### **Questions you might ask**

#### ***Am I too late to apply?***

If you don't try you won't know! So have a go! However, please bear in mind that there are limits to the numbers that we can accept on each course and that your first choice of subject may be full.

#### ***How shall I choose what subjects to study?***

Three A levels or a Level 3 BTEC Diploma are normally required for a university degree course.

Firstly, choose subjects that you are good at and that you enjoy as you will spend a considerable time in the Sixth Form studying them. However, you must also bear in mind your future career. Look at university prospectuses and careers leaflets to ensure that you have the correct choice of subjects.

You can have a mixture of full A levels, AS and BTEC courses.

#### ***Can I change my Sixth Form course?***

You can change your course in the first two weeks, subject to availability, after a discussion with the Head of Year and Deputy Headteacher, KS5. After the probationary period, however, you will be committed to keep with the course that you have chosen.

#### ***How much Home Learning will there be?***

A lot! Expect to do a minimum of five hours per subject per week or, if you are doing a BTEC, ten hours a week. You will get independent study time during the week to work in the LRC or the study room but you will still need to build in at least a couple of hours at home every day of the week.

#### ***Should I get a part time job?***

Part time jobs give money, independence and interpersonal skills which are to be encouraged. However, research shows that if students take on more than ten hours a week they underachieve significantly. It is not possible to do the amount of work expected in the Sixth Form if commitments at work are too onerous. What else might you need to know?

### **Dress Code**

- Students must come dressed smart for work: jeans of any colour, trainers, sports clothes, hooded tops and hats are unacceptable;
- Shoes should be sensible. Black plimsolls with no colour are acceptable.
- All students are expected to wear appropriate clothing for enrichment activities.
- Students should wear their I.D. badges at all times.

### **School Day**

- School starts at 8.30 a.m. and ends at 2.50 p.m.
- There are 5 periods in the normal school day and all periods last for 60 minutes. Due to the number of courses we offer, some students will have lessons during period 6 (3.00 - 4.00 p.m.)
- We place a high value on attendance and punctuality to school and lessons.
- Sixth Formers are allowed off site for break (10.45 - 11.05 a.m.) and lunch (1.05 - 1.50 p.m.).
- At times, students may be allowed off site for home study. This will be clearly marked on their timetable.





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