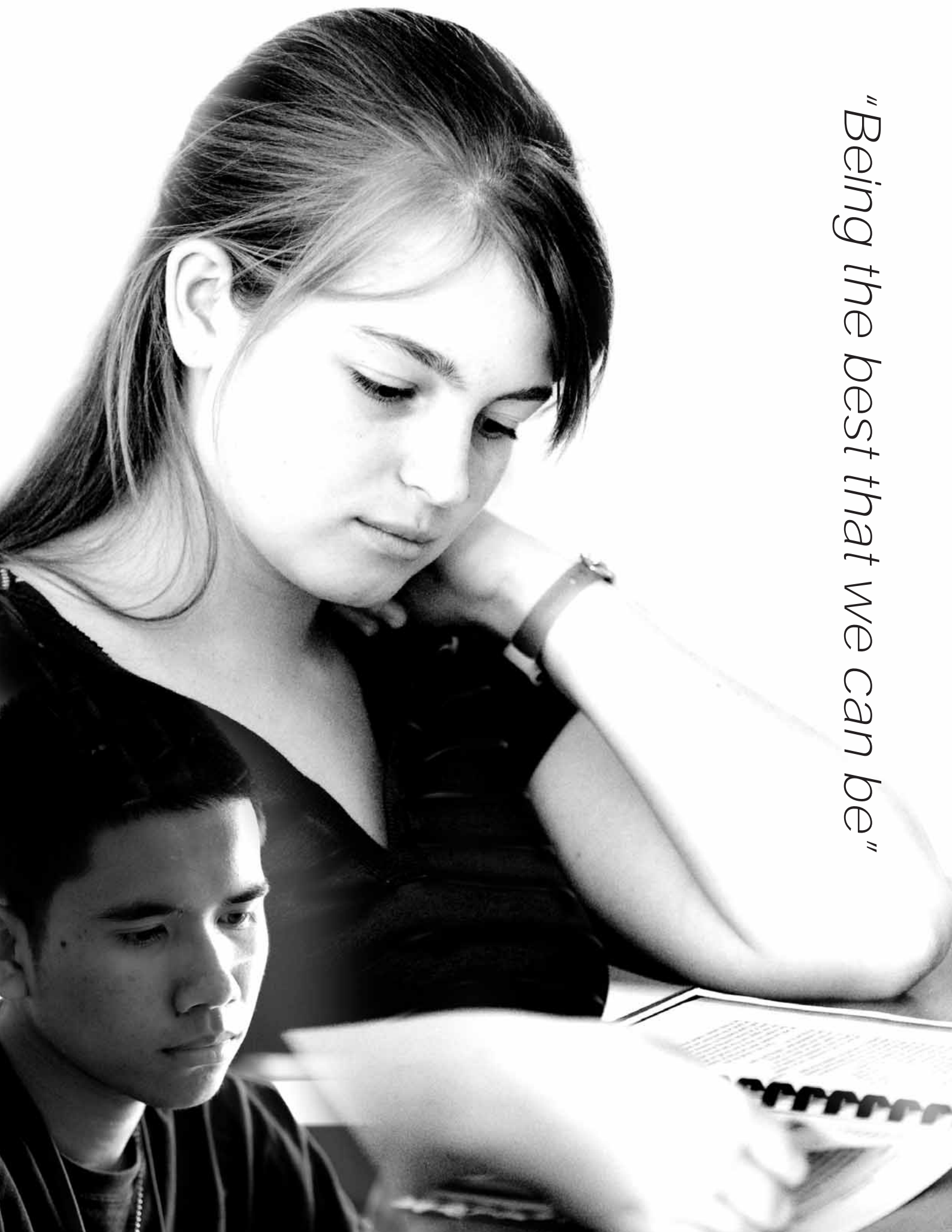


# Mayfield Sixth Form

*"Being the best that we can be"*



## Quotes

*"Discover your talent, unleash your potential."*

Ali Uppal

*"This school is an open field; let your flare bloom freely."*

Yen Chih Ku

*"There is no point in having potential that you're never going to use. The relaxing working atmosphere at Mayfield allows your ideas to flow freely and helps you achieve your potential."*

Amina Begum

*"Opportunity is around every corner at Mayfield."*

Ergys Peka

*"Something new every day."*

Alice Young

*"Mayfield's uniqueness equals success."*

Erman Naim

*"At Mayfield you can choose the pathway which suits your capabilities."*

Farzana Yasmin

*"Mayfield is about expressing your inner self."*

Yudhistra Bhardwaj

*"It's where you experience the unexpected and are able to enjoy it as it comes."*

Yasmina Chowdhury

*"Mayfield allows you to fulfil your full potential within a friendly and tranquil environment."*

Rochelle Wilson

*"Mayfield injects within you inspiration to surpass even yourself."*

Arjun Kharpal

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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 (October 2007) says, 'Levels of attainment are above average, and achievement outstanding.... Students have excellent support and guidance for the transition from Year 11 to Year 12 and recruitment into the sixth form is strong. Retention is good and the majority of recent leavers went on to university.'

We want our students to develop all aspects of their character and, as a result, we have introduced a wide range of stimulating extra activities such as enrichment activities, community service, a student council and student union 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 and Media.

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 25% of Sixth Forms in the country based on pupils' prior attainment. 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 Media Technology, Dance, Football, DJ Workshops and Debating to name a few. Community Service 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 student council and student union developing student voice, who put together a range of social events including fundraising activities, the Prom and variety shows.



## *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 progress 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 counsellors 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
- Basic DIY knowledge and skills
- Football
- DJ Workshops, Song Writing Workshops
- The European Computer Driving Licence
- Media Technology
- Critical Thinking
- Debating
- Book Club

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.

Our most recent OFSTED report says 'The broad curriculum and wide variety of courses on offer, both academic and vocational, cater very successfully for all abilities and aspirations. Everyone is given the opportunity to excel.'

### *Work Experience*

An additional part of our extended curriculum is work experience. The school careers advisor is available regularly to meet with students individually to discuss their future plans and to look at other options open to them.

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 course requirements.

### *Extra-Curricular Activities*

Mayfield Sixth Form prides itself in the wide range of extra-curricular activities it has on offer. Students are spoilt for choice. Not only are there a number of timetabled enrichment activities but individual departments offer a range of exciting trips. Field trips, theatre visits, trips to museums and art galleries are scattered through the curriculum. In addition, the Drama, Ancient History and Art Departments organise residential trips abroad. Students frequently visit London for A Level revision conferences to mix with students from all over the country and to listen to top speakers in their field and each year Sixth Formers take part in school drama productions.

Students take an active part in the running of the school through the school council. Along with making decisions they play an important part in organising a wealth of social activities: the Leavers' Prom, theatre trips and outings through their student union.



## 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 25% of Sixth Forms nationally, 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 did not achieve **five A\*- C grades in your GCSEs**, then you could 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 adult numeracy and literacy.

Students who gained **five Cs at GCSE** could do the **BTEC National Certificate**. This **two year course** provides a specialist work related programme of study that covers the key knowledge and skills required in the business sector 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



For students who gained 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
- Art
- Business Studies
- Computing
- Drama
- English Language
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Health & Social Care
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Panjabi
- Physics
- RE
- Sports Studies
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Design and Technology
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Government and Politics
- History
- Law
- Music
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Urdu

## 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 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 interview

- You will be asked to sign a Sixth Form agreement
- You will be asked for a £40 deposit. This will be refunded when all books have been returned and the leaving form signed
- You will be asked for a £10 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 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?

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.

Three A levels or a BTEC National Certificate are normally required for a university degree course.

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

## 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 Leader of Learning 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 National Certificate, ten hours a week. You will get independent study time during the week to work in the library 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?*

#### **EMA**

This is short for Educational Maintenance Award. This is a weekly amount which is paid to students whose parents' joint income is up to £30,810 per year. The amount you are eligible for will depend on your household income.

#### **Travel**

London Transport offers free travel for 16-18 year olds on buses with a Zip Oyster Card.

#### **Dress Code**

- Students must come dressed for work: jeans, trainers, sports clothes and hats are **unacceptable**; however smart black jeans and plain black trainers are permissible.
- 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 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.

Every Sixth Form student will be expected to sign the Mayfield Sixth Form Agreement, an example of which is shown opposite:



## MAYFIELD SIXTH FORM AGREEMENT

#### **The school will provide for you:**

- Initial and continuing guidance about courses to meet your needs.
- A six week probationary period where your choice of subject and your ability to cope are closely monitored. You will be supported in making changes if you feel you have made the wrong choices.
- Appropriate teaching, setting and marking of Home Learning.
- Regular reports and assessments of progress which will take account of your abilities and your objectives for the future.
- Further review of progress whenever necessary.
- Facilities and resources for study and the encouragement to acquire sound learning skills and habits.
- Careful and comprehensive advice and support about careers, both in education and in employment.
- A willingness to talk with yourself and your parent(s), both at regular published meetings and whenever you request an appointment.
- A genuine concern for your welfare and development. Staff are available for consultation and the help of outside agencies can be sought when needed. No student should ever feel that there is no-one to turn to.

#### **What we ask of you in order to ensure your own development and success:**

- Respect for others and their property at all times.
- You treat the common room area with due care.
- You behave in an appropriate way at all times and act as a role model to younger students.
- A high rate of attendance with an absolute minimum of absences. Holidays should not be taken during term time! All absence should be covered with a note from your parent/carer which should be handed to your tutor upon your return.
- You do not leave the school premises for any reason except at lunch time unless there is a prior arrangement made with a member of staff.
- Attendance at **all** timetabled classes, tutorials, independent study periods and assemblies including the fulfilment of all additional commitments undertaken.
- A real effort to maintain good standards of work and meet course requirements.
- The completion of all Home Learning and assignments to set deadlines.
- The systematic use of study time to follow up and consolidate work covered in class.
- Respect for the working environment.
- You dress in a manner which is suitable for work. Jeans, sports clothes, hats and trainers are not acceptable. However smart black jeans and plain black trainers may be worn.
- Your availability to staff who need to see you at times when you have no lessons timetabled.

#### **Students in receipt of EMA:**

This document forms part of your contract. You must satisfactorily meet the conditions of the student agreement to qualify for the payment.





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