

Building brighter futures together...

Annual Review 2015 - 2016



MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 1897

Enhancing the school experience inside and outside the classroom

The academic year 2015-16 has seen a number of significant developments designed to ensure that the academic, pastoral and extra-curricular life of the school flourishes. We have continued to invest in the school's fabric with the refurbishment of our Nursery and school kitchen as well as starting work on the development of an exciting new senior building on the site of the old Cottage.

This summer our pupils enjoyed another excellent set of examination results with 93% of all pupils achieving 5 A* - C grades and 80% gaining 5 A* - C grades including Mathematics and English. Underpinning this success is an outstanding pastoral system supporting every pupil and helping each one to feel a vital part of the 'Mayville family'. We nurture the individual potential of each of our pupils and above all we believe that learning is as fun as it is fulfilling.

Mayville is a school whose high academic standards sit easily beside great endeavour and success in a wide range of other activities. Our extra-curricular programme offers a counterpoint to the academic curriculum and this year's review is great testament to this. School life is purposeful and exciting whilst remaining focused on the individual.

We are very proud to be a highly successful school offering our pupils a wide range of visits, sporting and cultural opportunities so that they emerge at the end of their time at Mayville with enviable teamwork and leadership skills together with a strong social conscience and commitment to the community at large.

We have wonderful pupils and first-rate staff and I hope that something of their amazing spirit is tangible in this review.



Rebecca Parkyn,
Headteacher.

Autumn Term 2015

Back to school and welcoming new classmates and teachers, we quickly learned names and timetables; the rich routine of school life soon filling with trips, fixtures, performances and events.

Opportunities for pupils to extend learning beyond the classroom are a key part of the Mayville experience. Whether using our big red buggies or our fleet of minibuses, all children from Nursery to Seniors benefit from venturing out into our local community and beyond.

LIII visited the Great Hall in Winchester, where they learned the story of King Arthur and were inspired to write and perform their own legends, in costume, to the public. Senior pupils were introduced to classical music whilst watching the BBC's 'Ten Pieces' at the cinema. LV spent an evening at the Mayflower Theatre, topping up their GCSE studies with a performance of Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers.' Closer to home, MIII led the Harvest Festival at St Simon's Church. Church leaders were amazed by the Mayville family's generosity, with a very large donation going to support their 'Sunday Suppers' for the homeless.

We encourage responsible citizenship through volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities throughout the year. Juniors attended a movie night in aid of Children in Need whilst a team of 27 Senior girls, supported by female staff members, braved the muddy 5K Race for Life, raising money for Cancer Research. UIII performed Christmas songs at the Cascades Shopping Centre, raising money to support the Rotary Club's 'Shoe Box Appeal.'

Elsewhere on the calendar, there were opportunities for pupils to take to the stage and perform. We launched 'Upbeat Tots' for Nursery children, the Pre-Prep choir sang at the switching on of the Southsea Christmas lights and the Junior School put on an 'Out of this World' Christmas performance. Having creative arts so firmly embedded in school life helps Mayville pupils to go on and perform at the highest level. Two Senior pupils, Lewis and Sophia, auditioned at English National Ballet School and earned places on London Children's Ballet's West End production of 'Little Lord Fauntleroy.'

We offer over 30 clubs and societies to support our curriculum and enthuse pupils across a wide range of activities. Pupils are never short of opportunities to challenge themselves and broaden their horizons. Life is certainly never dull at Mayville!

September



Lower III visit to Winchester Great Hall



Macmillan Big Coffee Morning & Author Day



Modern Foreign Languages Day



Nursery School Launch of 'Upbeat Tots'



Cancer Research 5k Race for Life



Harvest Festival



BBC 'Ten Pieces' Cinema Trip.



Annual Prizegiving Concert

October

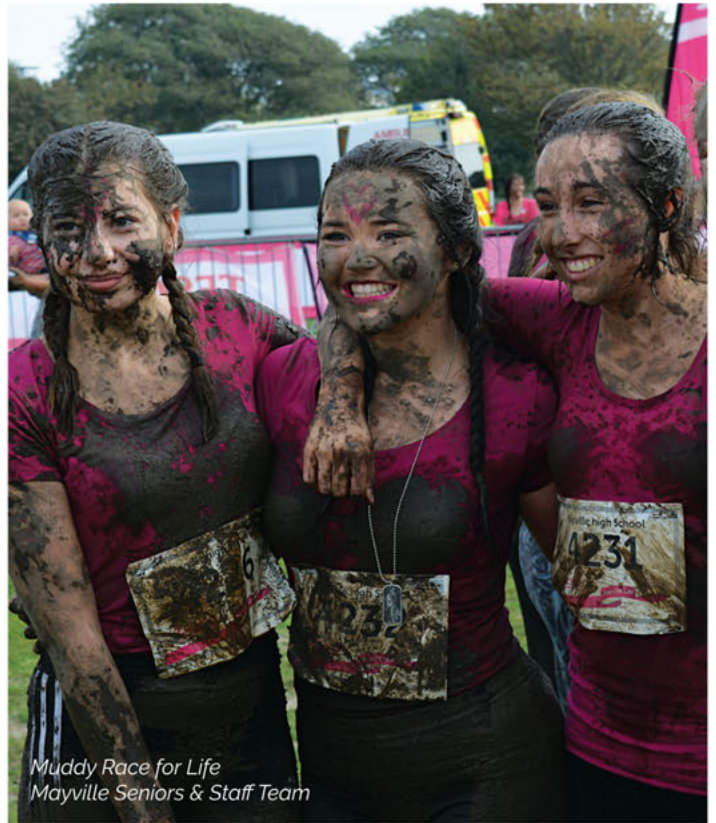
Junior Football
at Cockleshell Gardens



An 'Out of this World' Christmas
Junior School Performance



Lewis & Sophia,
London Children's Ballet stars



Muddy Race for Life
Mayville Seniors & Staff Team

November



First Annual
MHS Fireworks



LV trip to
'Blood Brothers'
at Mayflower



Children in
Need Junior
Movie Night



Pre-Prep perform
at Christmas
Switch-on

December



'Out of this World'
Junior Christmas
Performance



Ullll Sing at The
Cascades in aid
of The Rotary Club



National Science
Quiz at Sherbourne
House School



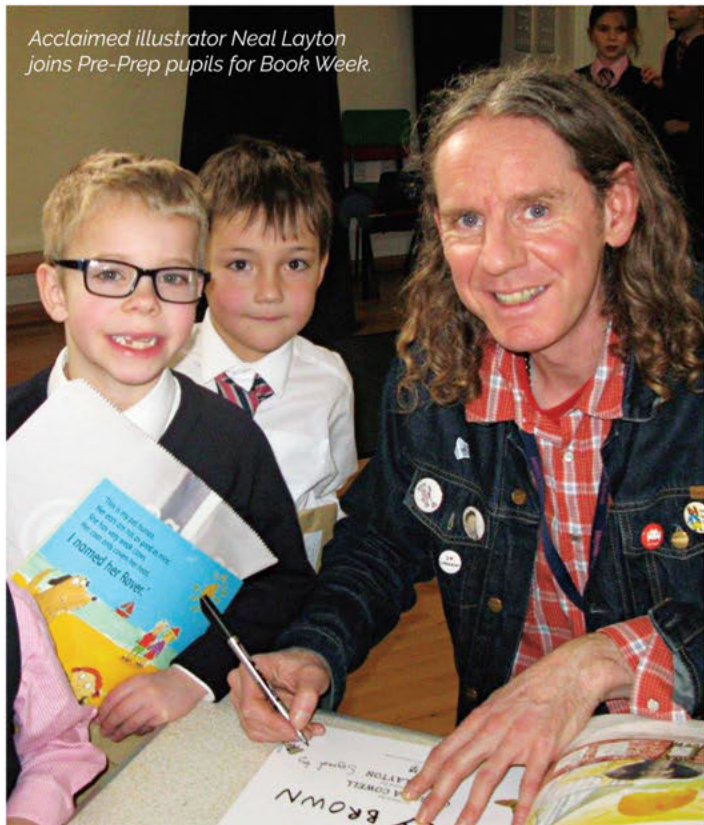
Christmas
Fair



All school ski trip
Hochkar, Austria



Costa Book Award Winner Frances Hardinge
running a writing workshop with pupils.



Acclaimed illustrator Neal Layton
joins Pre-Prep pupils for Book Week.



Pre-Prep visit Stonehenge

January



Junior & Senior
Ski Trip to
Hochkar, Austria



UV pupils
meet National
Citizen Service



LI visit local
restaurant
'The Kitchen'



Pasta machines
arrive in our
Food Tech Dept

February



Practical maths
is sweet for
LIV pupils



UI & LI join in
Guildhall performance
of 'Sir Scallywag'



Book week:
full calendar
of activities



Greenpower eco
kit car arrives
at Mayville

Spring Term 2016

Plummeting temperatures did nothing to curb our spirits as we ventured far and wide on day trips and residentials.

Junior and Senior pupils headed to Hochkar in Austria for the annual Mayville ski trip. They enjoyed good snow, making great progress with their lessons on the slopes, whilst enjoying a wide range of après-ski activities. Seniors spent two days in France, practising their vocabulary in a local market and sweet-making factory, or was just an excuse to sample the bonbons?

L1 visited local restaurant 'The Kitchen', where they learned to take orders and bake cupcakes. L111 pupils spent the day at Loch Fyne restaurant at Gunwharf Quays, where they had a lesson on sustainable fishing, before making and sampling their own fishcakes. Back in the classroom, new pasta machines arrived in our Food Technology Dept, whilst LIV girls mastered practical sequences in maths using sweets and cocktail sticks and LV recreated the 7 circle theorems via the medium of biscuits.

With absolutely no sweet enticement, our UIV Able, Gifted & Talented pupils attended a 'murder mystery' evening at St Vincent's College, experiencing a programme of Criminology, Psychology, Forensic Science, Sociology and Performing Arts. Two of our pupils finished on the winning team. UIV & LV A,G&T pupils attended a series of workshops at Havant College and had the opportunity to listen to inspirational talks from high-tech innovators such as Google & GTECH.

Book Week always provides a full calendar of events for the whole school, but this year we were honoured to welcome two very special guests to Mayville. Acclaimed local illustrator Neal Layton and Costa Book Award Winner Frances Hardinge gave talks and ran workshops with pupils to conjure the theme of magic.

We once again took our magic to the Guildhall for the annual Rock Challenge and J-Rock competitions. The Upbeat Club gave a poignant performance of Bowie's 'Starman.' Our Pre-Prep & U11 choir won the St Paul's Trophy and our Senior musicians were awarded Best Ensemble Work in the Rock and Pop section at the Portsmouth Music Festival.

Our specialist provision ensures that Able, Gifted & Talented pupils are acknowledged, supported and challenged throughout their school life. Academic, sporting and creative activities provide opportunities for children to extend their interest and curiosity.

Spotlight on success



LIV pupil Tara Holland enjoyed an incredible year, winning nine medals and three cups at the Gosport Dance Festival. She was awarded 'Best All Rounder' at the Portsmouth Festival, placed in the top ten of the ISTD Star Tap Awards and earned a place with the National Youth Ballet for 2016.



LV pupil Charlotte Webb was selected to represent the England Women's South West Rugby Squad and hopes her next step is to play for the national team. Twin brother Ryan plays rugby for Portsmouth United Services and is currently working towards earning his refereeing qualifications.

March



Regional finalists at The UKMT Maths Challenge



Best Ensemble at Portsmouth Music Festival



UIV A,G&T pupils murder mystery trip winners



Senior Rock Challenge and Junior J-Rock



Upbeat Club perform Bowie's 'Starman'



Pre-Prep visit Stonehenge



L111 learn about sustainable food at Loch Fyne

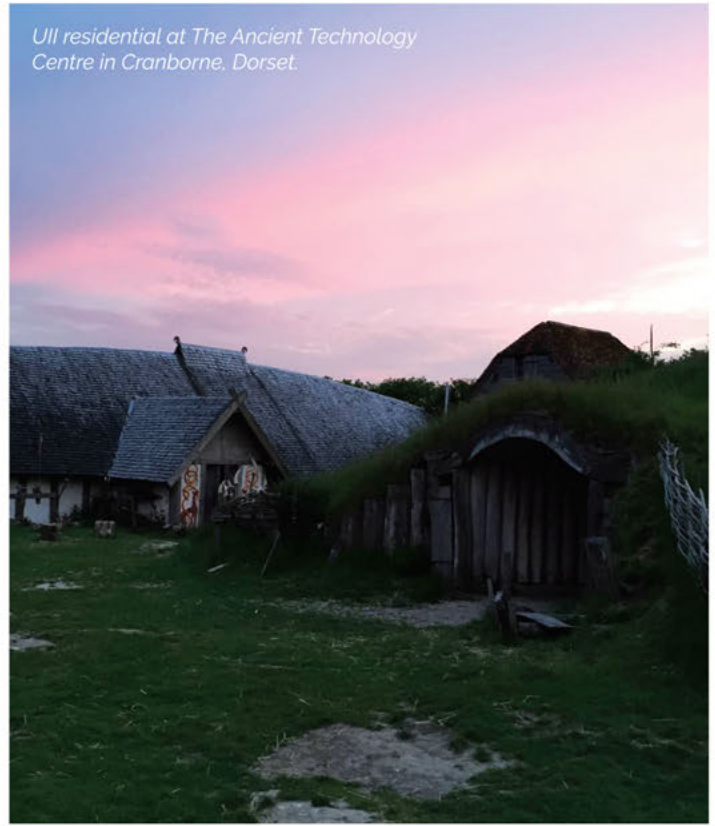


Senior School French Trip

U111 residential at Calshot Activity Centre



U11 residential at The Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne, Dorset.



Senior School trip to Barcelona



Junior Sports Day



April



Earth Week - full calendar of events

May



Eco Ambassadors sign Green Charter



Assembly with astronaut Tim Peake's father



Former pupils return to inspire St John's cadets

June



L111 science field trip to River Meon



U11 Residential at The Ancient Technology Centre



A.G&T Cold War Spy Day



LIV Geography Field Trip, Dorset

Summer Term 2016

With longer warmer days, we take every opportunity to head out of the classroom for new learning experiences. We're so lucky to have Southsea Beach, The Common and Canoe Cake on our doorstep.

The Summer Term is a busy time for trips, residentials and adventures. LIII took a science field trip to Wickham Water Meadows and River Meon, to study the natural habitat and search for mini beasts. In true cross-curricular fashion they recorded their findings by utilising their art skills. UII spent two days at The Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne, cooking and farming in traditional Viking ways and sleeping overnight on sheepskins in a longhouse. UII brushed up on their archaeology with a visit to the Iron Age village at Butser. Our Senior Geographers took field trips to Lyndhurst and Old Harry Rock, to support their studies with practical experience.

Our Juniors headed off for activity-packed residential weekends. LIII slept under the stars for two nights of bushcraft in the Cotswolds where they built dens and cooked on open fires. MIII ventured to Kingswood on the IOW, where they tried archery and abseiling, tackled the assault course and braved the infamous zip line. UIII stayed at Calshot where they had a chance to try track cycling in the velodrome, build crate towers and rafts, and summit the indoor climbing wall. Seniors headed to sunny Barcelona, taking in the delights of the Gaudi architecture and sampling the local cuisine.

Our sporting year drew to a successful conclusion with good weather making for a wonderful sports day. We took advantage of the specialist facilities at HMS Temeraire to stage a range of track and field events. Some of our young athletes competed in the ISA National Finals in Birmingham with a number earning podium places.

Between exams, trips and sporting events, we managed to find the time to put on a Senior School production of Bugsy Malone. With two casts performing over two days it was an enormous undertaking for pupils and staff alike. Months of hard work and dedication culminated in brilliant performances.

Sports and Creative Arts are an essential part of life at Mayville and are firmly embedded in both our timetable and extra-curricular activities. This reflects our 'whole child' approach to education, providing all children opportunities to work together as part of a team and to develop confidence and self-determination.

Visual Art showcase



July



MIII residential at Kingswood Activity Centre



Pre-Prep & Junior Choir at Portsmouth Music Festival



ISA National Finals - Mayville podium finishes



Mayville Summer Fair



School production of Bugsy



UIII residential at Calshot Activity Centre



Senior School trip to Barcelona



Junior & Senior Sports Days



Going green at Goodwood

Mayville Senior team claim prestigious 'Best New Team Award' at the Green Power F24 Competition 2016.

The Greenpower Kit Car has been designed to give children the opportunity to design, build and race an electric single seater car. With a team of 4 girls and 6 boys, science teacher Steve Devoy put the green car together in less than two months in an after-school club held on Mondays.

The project was able to go ahead after the PTA pledged £2000 towards the venture and pupils raised extra money from other fundraising activities at the school.

"We've never had an after school club like this before. I had an amazing time at the race and my whole family came along."

(Rosie Palmer, 13, pupil)

Science teacher Steve Devoy who led the project, says, *"We managed to build it in two months which has been a real achievement. It is all about maths and engineering but it is a practical exercise that we could do out of the classroom."*

Following the team's success this year he says, *"Mayville is going to compete again next year. Before that however we are going to improve the Eco Car, rebuild it, and give it new wheels. We also want to make the body more aerodynamic, and modify the gears."*





The Trip of a Lifetime

A group of 14 Seniors have just returned from a month-long trip to Borneo, where they lived in rainforests, helped to clear sea pollution and learned to scuba dive, snorkel and kayak.

Staying at five different camps over four weeks, the travellers learned about environmental issues and took part in a research project, where they collected and recorded the rubbish that washed up on the beach.

Travelling onwards by river, the group visited animal sanctuaries and conservation projects. Replanting tropical rainforest was rewarding but backbreaking and the workers' well-earned sleep was soundtracked by the wild noises of the jungle at night.

Pupils worked with local communities; pouring concrete for a new volleyball court, cementing steps to the church, hand-painting murals on kindergarten walls and teaching English to local junior schools. Experiencing such

diversity, students learned the value of gratitude, but above all, they learned that laughter is the one language that connects us all, especially in the face of adversity!

We are celebrating ten years of trips with Camps International, having previously taken two trips to Kenya and two trips to Cambodia. Our next adventure will be to Ecuador in 2018 and is open to all current LV & UV pupils.

"It is an incredible opportunity for young people, it pushes them beyond the limits of anywhere they have been before."

(Kate Jones, Head of Science, Trip Co-ordinator)



Performing Arts

Music and singing, dance, speech and drama are part of the very fabric of life at Mayville. Our calendar is full of creative opportunities for every pupil, from the very youngest all the way through to Seniors.

This year we launched two new clubs for budding young musicians: Upbeat Tots introduces Nursery School toddlers to music through dance and activities. Pre-prep pupils have the chance to learn instruments and sing together in a pop band at Upbeat Club. They have already performed a concert for their peers and recorded an especially poignant version of Bowie's 'Starman.'

Our Junior and Pre-Prep Choir took part in the Schools Music Festival at Portsmouth Guildhall, an event that also saw Alex Higgins and Harrison Etherington perform solos. The Senior band were awarded Best Ensemble Work in Rock & Pop and went on to perform in the final at The King's Theatre.

We once again took Junior and Senior teams to the annual J-Rock and Rock Challenge competitions at Portsmouth Guildhall. Our Juniors were placed fourth overall with their thought provoking performance 'Migrants' Mission.' The senior team's 'Swipe, Dial, Text, Repeat', exploring the evolution of the telephone, culminated in a thrilling finale with a distracted driver's car exploding on stage. Mayville received awards for: Set Design and Concept, Video Performance, Character and Costume, Stage Crew, Visual Enhancement, Soundtrack and Entertainment, along with a special award for Leadership.

The summer term saw two Senior casts perform Bugsy Malone over two days. Never a school to shy away from a challenge, it was an enormously ambitious production, featuring a high number of set changes and lighting cues. Months of commitment from performers and backstage crew paid off and the show was a resounding success with some wonderful performances from both casts.

A number of our dancers' talents were rewarded throughout the year. Daisy-May Hanvey, Alex Evans and Tara Holland all gained places in The King's Theatre pantomime Cinderella. Tara also earned a place with the National Youth Ballet for the 2016 season. Sophia Ellis-Shipp and Lewis Heath performed in the West End with London Children's Ballet and Emily Devonshire earned a place with a prestigious dance company Tap Attack.

We are obviously very proud of our pupils achievements in the arts. However, the true success story is one of participation, with all children benefiting from the opportunity to develop their creative imagination and contribute to the cultural life of the school.



School performance of 'Bugsy'



*Best Ensemble Work in Rock & Pop,
Portsmouth Music Festival*



*Best Ensemble Work in Rock & Pop,
Portsmouth Music Festival*



Portsmouth Schools Netball Competition Winners Year 6/7

Our year in sport

Supported by dedicated, highly-qualified staff and taking advantage of our own first-rate facilities at Cockleshell, our pupils enjoy the opportunity to participate and compete in a vast range of sporting activities.

NETBALL

Our Remove and U11 girls stormed to victory in the Portsmouth Schools Netball Competition after winning every single match! What a stunning victory.

FOOTBALL

U11 got the season underway with a number of matches, they were strong in defence and proved hard to beat, but took a while to find their shooting boots: W1 D5 L1.

Our U9 football team took part in the Alton Convent Tournament. Mayville finished 4th out of 7 schools, winning 2, drawing 3 and losing 1.

We took second place in The Dunhurst U13 football tournament. Mayville faced a strong Ditcham team in the final, but unfortunately lost 7-8 on sudden death penalties after an extra-time stalemate.

RUGBY

We competed in the U14 Hampshire Rugby Tournament. Playing 6 matches, we lost 3 and drew 3, scoring 12 tries in the process. We came 3rd in both our pool rounds. We were up against the largest schools in Hampshire but our boys showed excellent character and pride representing Mayville. Their efforts earned a number of individual awards: man of the tournament was Spencer Mitchell for scoring a succession of tries, try of the tournament was Santiago for running a great switch with Spencer, and Elliott was awarded tackle of the tournament.

LV pupil Charlotte Webb has been selected for the England Women's South West rugby squad. She was one of 30 girls selected from 60 hopefuls. Her twin brother Ryan plays for Portsmouth US and is also gaining qualifications for refereeing. Next stop the national team for Charlotte who says, "I would encourage other girls to take up rugby, it's a great team sport and a good way to keep fit."



Freddie Firth
ISA National Year 4 Long Jump Champion

CRICKET

The Etherington brothers continue to demonstrate their cricketing prowess. Elliott has been selected to be part of the Hampshire Regional Performance Squad for U9 this year. A year younger than most of the other boys in this squad, it will be a learning experience for him.

Harrison has also been selected for the Hampshire Regional Performance Squad for U10. He took part in a 3 hour trial at the Ageas Bowl a month ago.

ATHLETICS

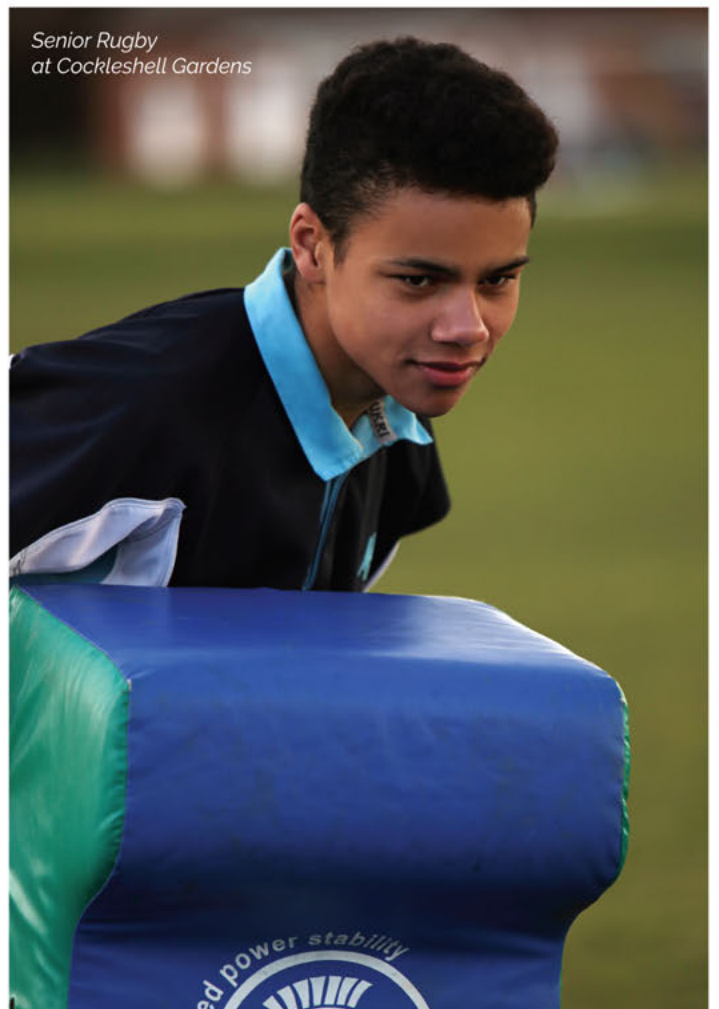
We enjoyed considerable success in the ISA National finals at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham, where our pupils competed against some of the best athletes in the country. Freddie Firth won a gold medal in the Long Jump earning him the impressive title of National Yr4 Long Jump Champion. Conor Hepburn won silver medal in the Yr7 discus competition with a throw of 21.7 metres. Cameron Walker-Powell won a silver medal in the Yr6 boys' 600 metres. Amy McLeod finished 4th in the girls' 600 metres and Joe Powles lost his shoe at the start of the Yr7 1500m race and still managed to finish an admirable 5th place.

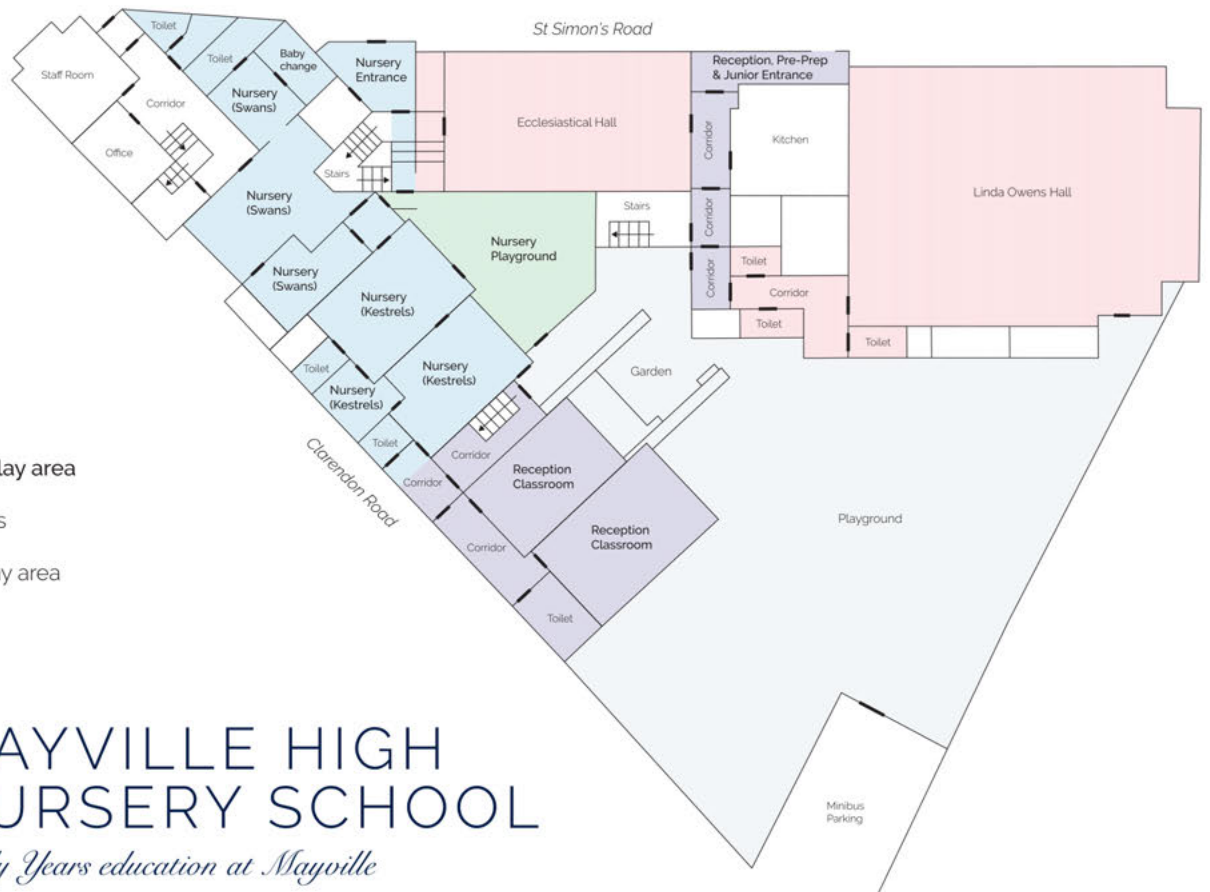
SWIMMING

Mayville had great success in the ISA Swimming Championship in Aldershot. Naomi Robinson (LIII) took first place in the 50 metres freestyle and has been selected for a selection of races in the finals at the Olympic sized pool in Stratford. Phoebe Page Webb took third place in the 50 metres backstroke. Ben Hughes came second in the 100 metres backstroke. Elise Sherwin achieved silver in 100m freestyle, despite swimming against college students and was selected for the relay squad at the Nationals.

BADMINTON

In the Hampshire round of the Centre Parcs National Competition, our KS4 girls came fifth. KS3 boys came third in their group in the competition.





MAYVILLE HIGH NURSERY SCHOOL

Early Years education at Mayville

It has been a big year of change for our very youngest pupils. All nursery age children are now together under one roof. Based within the Kenilworth site, our dedicated Early Years provision, along with the Pre-prep and Junior School, offers non-stop education from 2-11.

Over the summer, we carried out an extensive refurbishment of our facilities, offering bigger and brighter indoor spaces for children to feel safe, play, learn and grow. Nursery children have their own separate playground, with a wealth of soft play equipment and outdoor toys to stimulate their bodies and minds.

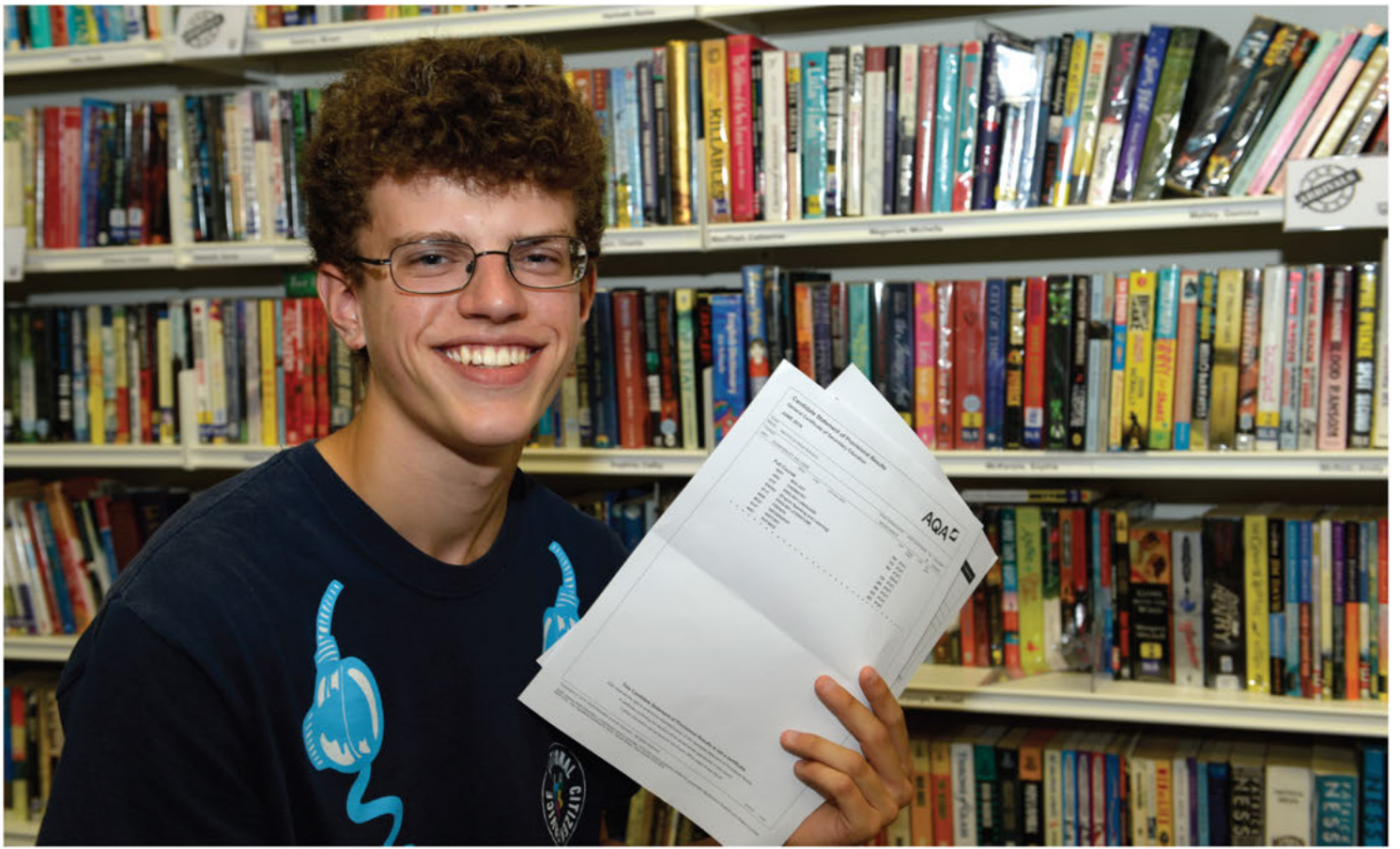
All children benefit from timetabled access to the main playground and school halls, offering improved spaces for Sport, Games, Music and Creative Arts; all under the expert supervision of specialist teachers. The new location also improves access to our school minibuses,

which means that we are within easy reach of our 20 acre playing fields at Eastney. Later this academic year, we will be adding an outdoor classroom to this site.

We also go on regular off-site excursions to Southsea and the wider community, to give children a broad variety of educational experiences.

For pupils who continue into our Reception classes, the transition from Nursery to school life at Mayville is always seamless, as children are already familiar with the learning environment and staff.





Delivering academic excellence

When 16 year old Adam Williams picked up his GCSE results this summer, gaining 11 A*s and near perfect scores in every single one of his chosen subjects, his mother Jayne credited Mayville for, *"Instilling a work ethic in my son and giving him so much attention."*

Adam's results were reflective of further improvements to our overall grades at GCSE this year:

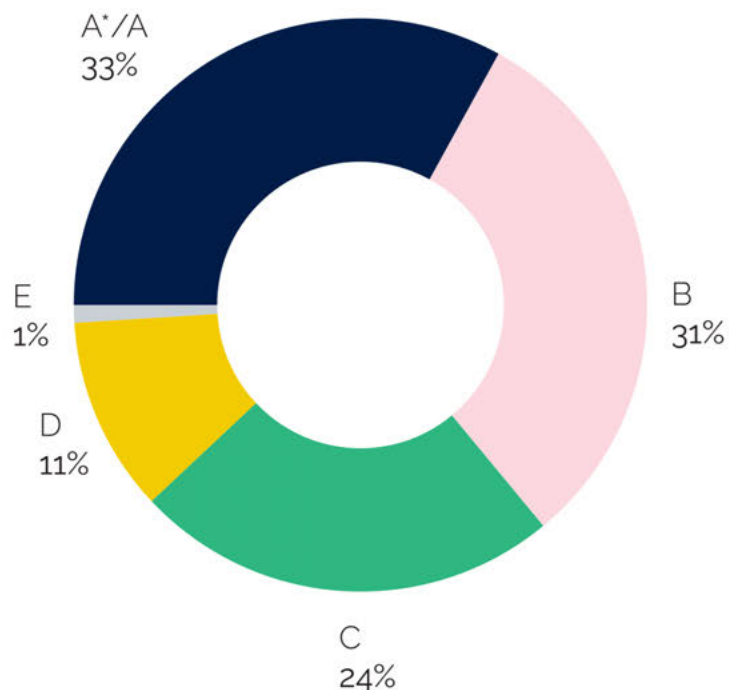
95% of pupils achieved 5 A* - C grades, with 64% of grades at A*, A or B.

80% achieved 5 A* - C grades, including Maths & English, which is up on last year.

Our 'whole child' philosophy continues to deliver academic excellence in an environment where pastoral care is second to none. Our friendly happy school instils a life-long love of learning in every child, where talented and highly qualified teaching staff are dedicated to developing each pupil's skills and confidence.

"My son was supported so well, and his ability and talents were nurtured by teachers who were prepared to go the extra mile"

(Jayne Williams, parent)





Stepping forward together...

Over the last academic year, you may have noticed a new look Mayville appearing in press adverts, on posters, or even on the back of city buses. To keep our School thriving in changing times, we have focused our message on what it is that we do best – 'Excellence through Nurture.' We are renowned for the quality of our pastoral care and friendly, family ethos. The stories we are telling through our new advertising, new website, new prospectus and in the pages of this annual review are all about celebrating our successes, both collectively and individually: it is the happy child who learns and achieves their own unique potential.

For us, word of mouth continues to be the very best form of advertising and our ongoing work to introduce Mayville to new children and their parents is best supported by the recommendation of our existing school family. So please, tell your friends, point them to our website and don't forget to like and share our social media posts.



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