

Stepping into the spotlight...

Annual Review 2017 - 2018



MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 1897

Mayville spirit

The academic year 2017-18 saw a number of substantial 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 completion of Charlotte West House comprising new Music and Art facilities, as well as undertaking a range of new refurbishment projects within existing buildings. The completion of the Livesey campus represents a huge asset for senior pupils for many years to come.

This summer our pupils enjoyed another excellent set of examination results. Whilst I'm not a believer in league tables, largely because the context within which a pupil achieves is the most important aspect of success rather than the dry statistics served up by such tables, we do try to move mountains every year to make sure that every pupil achieves the requisite success in public examinations so they can move on to their chosen field in higher education. I find the individual success stories each year inspiring as pupils overcome their difficulties to achieve in spite of the odds. Underpinning this success is an outstanding pastoral system supporting every pupil and their family helping them to feel a valued 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. Whether it's taking part in High School Musical, going on a month long expedition to Ecuador, taking a silver Duke of Edinburgh award or being an eco- or anti-bullying ambassador, life is purposeful and exciting. 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 and environmental conscience and commitment to the community.

How do you recognise a Mayville pupil? Our pupils leave us having experienced school life within a wide ability band and broad social mix which is unusual within private education but it does mean they are at ease communicating with a variety of people from many walks of life and have a good idea about what inclusion looks like. They've experienced a broad curriculum and challenging extra-curricular activities in which we hope they have found their confidence and personal interest. They are taught to be humble and to think of how to support the vulnerabilities in others; it's a very solid platform on which to build their adult lives.

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 2017

Life at Mayville is characterised by a broad range of experiences – we believe that education doesn't just happen in the classroom. Exploring local landmarks, being an integral part of the Southsea community and taking our talents to the stage... we started a new academic year in true Mayville fashion.

We take full advantage of both our location and our fleet of minibuses, to ensure that pupils have every opportunity to explore Southsea and the surrounding area. Stonehenge, Durleighmarsh Farm, Old Sarum Iron Age Hill Fort, Fort Purbrook and the Landrover BAR Headquarters were just some of the day trips enjoyed by pupils of all ages; along with a residential stay in Dorset for our senior geographers.

Closer to home, we continue to play an active role in the local community. Mayville is a well-established part of Southsea life. Following the sad news that the Model Village had been vandalised, some of our Junior School pupils spent the day painting and restoring pride to this Southsea landmark. Our annual Harvest Festival once again supported the work that St Simon's undertake in the community with local homeless people and our Macmillan Coffee Morning was especially poignant this year, in dedication to long-serving member of staff Bill White, who lost his battle with cancer.

As we entered into the festive season, there was no shortage of opportunity for our pupils to showcase their exceptional creative talents. Through poetry, dance, music and theatre, we staged performances, recitals and concerts at Mayville and further afield; whilst a high number of children successfully passed Lamda and Music Board examinations.

From the youngest age, Mayville children learn to broaden their horizons, explore their interests and use their individual talents and passions to enrich their own young lives and those of others in our local community.

September



U11 visit
Stonehenge



U111 Girls visit
Landrover BAR HQ



U9 Netball
success



Macmillan
Coffee Morning



U111 visit
Old Sarum



Safe cycling
with Bikeability



Annual Harvest
Festival



LI pick
pumpkins

October



Geography field trip – Dorset



Annual Prizegiving Concert



'Twelfth Night' at the Shakespeare Schools Festival



Mayville Christmas performance

November



Remembrance poetry reading



Eco Committee cinema trip



Teambuilding at Fort Purbrook



Character Week community kindness

December



Christmas Fair



Magical mini concert



Remove Boys visit Portchester Castle



Mayville Christmas performance

Spring Term 2018

Update: Duke of Edinburgh Awards

"The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme helps our pupils mature and develop, improving team-working skills, children's attitudes and commitment."

Mrs Rickards, Mayville's Duke of Edinburgh Manager



Not even the snow and freezing temperatures could stop Mayville's hardy Duke of Edinburgh team from taking part in their training walk around Stansted Country Park. Taking part in the DoE Award in conditions such as these helps young people learn qualities such as resilience and helping them to face adversity with a sense of humour.

Since starting the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Mayville High School three years ago, 30 pupils have successfully completed their Bronze Award and 3 have completed their Silver. 25 pupils have signed up for Bronze this year with 11 opting to do Silver.

The summer proved to be one of extremes and saw pupils taking part in Bronze and Silver expeditions in the Purbecks which involved camping out, trekking, map reading and cooking food on Trangia stoves. The Bronze students walked for 2 days and camped out for 1 night and the Silver participants trekked for 3 days camping for 2 nights.

One of the highlights of the year for the D of E participants was meeting The Earl of Wessex on his visit to Portsmouth to meet schools involved in the Scheme. Mayville students proudly showed Prince Edward how despite cooking outside on small cookers, they were still able to produce healthy wholesome food.

Mayville's D of E expeditions and training exercises could not however be achieved without the help of a dedicated team of staff and also parents, who tirelessly give of themselves. If you feel you would like to come along and offer your support, Mrs Rickards would be very happy to hear from you.

Whatever the weather, our year-round programme of trips and extra-curricular activities is designed to enhance school life. The 'Beast from the East' brought its own challenges but in true Mayville spirit, we ploughed on, making the most of our extended learning opportunities.

It was a term very much bookended by snow! The annual ski trip set off for Mayrhofen in Austria just after the Christmas holidays. A new destination for us, our pupils enjoyed two sessions on the slopes each day, along with the best of après-ski entertainment in the evenings. The Duke of Edinburgh orienteering expedition to Stansted House found its way through incredibly challenging conditions, whilst the school itself succumbed to the worst of the weather, with pupils enjoying rare 'snow days' on the South Coast.

Elsewhere, in warmer and drier conditions, our pupils took part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and workshops. Book Week saw no less than three separate author visits this year. Junior pupils were wowed by Jeff Norton, Guy Bass and writer/illustrator team Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet. Our Senior children cast an eye to the future with Enterprise Week, Entrepreneur Speed-Networking, Tenner Tycoon and Mayville Dragon's Den – a series of events devised to give them valuable insight into business, marketing and a wealth of potential career opportunities.

Rock Challenge at the Guildhall was, as ever, a highly enjoyable event. Over a hundred of our pupils took part, both on stage and behind the scenes. The performance, called 'Behind Closed Doors', tackled controversial issues such as human trafficking and radicalisation. It was an amazing effort by everyone involved, with Mayville winning a total of eight awards.

Whether indoors or outdoors, taking centre stage or working tirelessly behind the scenes, Mayville children enjoy a wealth of opportunities to develop a balanced 'whole child' approach to learning.

January



Mayrhofen ski trip



ISA Swimming success



Enterprise Week – speed networking



Enterprise Week – parliament



Remove & LIV Boys win literature quiz



Book Week – visiting authors



Mayville launches Performing Arts Academy



Kestrels – Jack & the Beanstalk

February



Ski Trip - Mayrhofen, Austria



Rock Challenge 2018



Duke of Edinburgh orienteering expedition



Easter bonnet competition

March



New Nursery minibus



'Typewriter Tales' - Portsmouth Bookfest



Mayville snow days



Senior 'Dragons Den' event



Junior swimming success



International Women's Day



LV business building workshop



Junior music mini concert

Camps International Ecuador Expedition



In Summer 2018, eighteen students and two staff travelled the length and breadth of Ecuador, experiencing the depths of the Amazonian Rainforest to the East, the wild Pacific Coast to the West and the clarity and beauty of the Andes to the North.

Kate Jones, Head of Science and trip co-ordinator writes: *"During our time in the jungle we started a garden for the local community to grow traditional herbs used in medicine and we laid foundations for a new community centre. We were also involved in building water containers to provide individual houses with a supply of fresh water. These are life changing to the families who can now wash, cook and bathe without multiple daily trips to the river.*

Our next stop was the Pacific Coast for the PADI Open Water scuba diving course. Project work here included working in a tree nursery and helping to roof a local school. We also carried out a beach clean-up and saw first-hand the massive problem of plastic in the ocean. Our stay on the coast ended with an incredible whale watching trip.

In the Andes, life at altitude was challenging physically, as was the project work. Building a road by hand was tough, but the beautiful surroundings and the warmth and gratitude of the local people buoyed us up.

During our trip, we were blessed by a Shaman, trekked through jungle, learnt Kichwa, roasted coffee, plastered walls, slept in hammocks, dived with turtles while listening to whale song and stargazed... and what did we learn? That our world is fabulous and diverse and deserves the utmost respect. That however far you travel, people are more similar than they are different. That we are all more capable and stronger than we think and finally, that kindness, tolerance and laughter can get you through pretty much anything.

What a privilege it was to share this adventure with such amazing, super-talented, wonderful young people."

Next trip... Kenya Scuba - Summer 2019
And soon launching... Cambodia Scuba - Summer 2020

Summer Term 2018

In complete contrast to the Spring term, Summer brought glorious weather and record sunshine. Our pupils took full advantage of the Great British Summer to venture out of the classroom and broaden their horizons.

Being central to Southsea, we are well placed to enjoy local facilities, whether taking art club for a drawing class on the beach or a class of Pre-Prep pupils to watch a visiting international tennis tournament. A short ride in one of the school minibuses sees children participating in local sports festivals. Slightly further afield, some of our younger children enjoyed day trips to Marwell and Fishbourne.

Residential provide a unique opportunity for children to spend a few days out of the classroom, explore new environments, make new friendships and work as a team. Junior pupils took the now customary trips to Calshot, Kingswood as well as the Bushcraft weekend in Oxfordshire. Senior pupils enjoyed trips to France and the Hay Festival.

The fine weather allowed for a competitive end to the school's sporting calendar. Our 23 acre site at Eastney hosted the annual Pre-Prep sports day. The Junior swimming gala was hosted at Eastney pool, whilst the Junior and Senior sports day was held at the purpose-built track and field facilities at HMS Temeraire.

In July, we returned again to the Kings Theatre in Southsea with four performances of Disney's 'High School Musical' over two days. Two casts, with a combined crew of over 200 students, showcased the very best of Mayville – not just incredible creative talent, but children of all ages, working together as part of an inclusive team.

Our pupils have the benefit of first-class facilities and are supported by outstanding pastoral care, enabling them to explore a broad range of opportunities and discover their own unique interests and talents.

April



Eco-car at Top Gear test track



Record Mensa numbers



GCSE Drama 'An Inspector Calls'



LII at Tag Rugby Festival

May



U111 Calshot residential



Remove & LIV Hay Festival trip



Mayville launches Sports Academy



Art Club on Southsea Beach



Junior Bushcraft residential



Pupils representing Team England Dance



Mill Kingswood residential



Mayville High School - High School Musical

June



Kestrels visit Marwell



Schools Music Evening



D of E Summer expedition



National Money Week Enterprise Fair



LIII Boys win Portsmouth Maths contest



Senior French trip



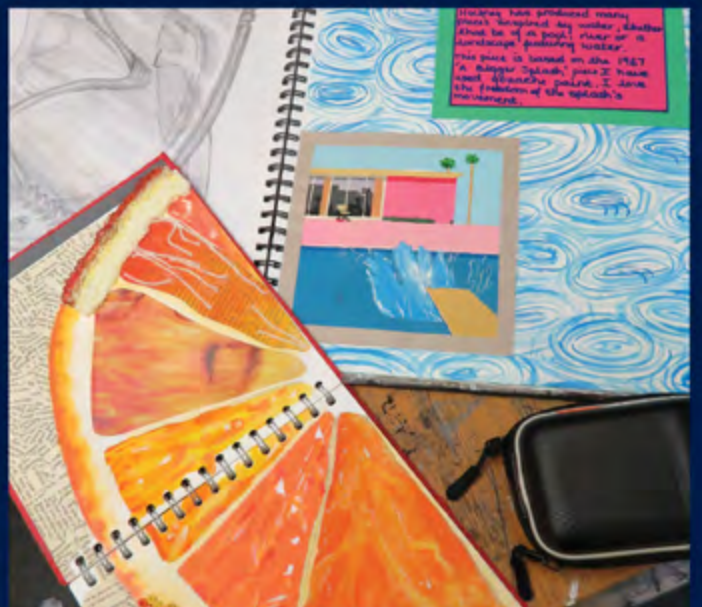
Sports day at HMS Temeraire



LII Tennis trip

July

GCSE Art Showcase



Charlotte West House

Nestled behind the New Senior Department is the very aptly named Charlotte West House – Mayville's new creative arts building, which houses a brand new art studio and music rooms.

The building, which was remodelled last term, is now a two storey structure with music rooms on the ground floor and a purpose built art studio above. Light airy spaces give students the opportunity to follow their artistic talents in a modern environment conducive to expression.

This new building has been part of a programme of change for Mayville which has seen the construction of our New Senior Department, Michael Babcock House, with its new hall, classrooms, a DT workshop, a student common room and an IT suite.

Charlotte West House completes this programme and is a fitting tribute to Mayville's founder whose visionary approach that the 'whole child' is at the heart of education resulted in the inception of our very unique school.





Performing Arts

Creativity is at the heart of Mayville life... dance, drama and music form an integral part of our curriculum and all pupils have a wide range of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

In addition to our yearly calendar of events, staging a major production at the Kings Theatre brings the whole school together, on stage and behind the scenes. Performing in front of family, friends and the public provides invaluable experience to our pupils, working as part of a team and building individual confidence.

High School Musical

In July, 200 Mayville children took to the stage at the Kings Theatre in Southsea to put on their very own performance of Disney's 'High School Musical'.

The story line is that basketball captain Troy and gifted scientist Gabriella try to break out of their cliques, by auditioning for the lead roles in their High School production. Worlds collide, as the teens struggle to balance their school commitments with the expectations of friends.

Mayville's Head of Creative Arts, Candice Doughty wrote:

This production was a very apt choice for our pupils as we are a very inclusive school with many of our children involved in lots of activities. In High School Musical Troy and Gabriella have to decide whether they go to the basketball game and the science decathlon rather than their auditions. This production had a certain relevance to the lives of our children and they were very excited about it.

Some of our cast members have performed professionally, in West End performances, in the English Youth Ballet and taken part in competitions and festivals achieving exceptional results. However for others in the lead parts, it was their first major opportunity and their first experience of performing in a professional theatre.

A large-scale production such as this is the perfect opportunity for Mayville to showcase its incredible talents, highly-professional production standards and, above all, unwavering teamwork.





Our year in sport

Supported by dedicated, highly-qualified staff and enjoying first-rate playing fields at nearby Cockleshell, our pupils enjoy the opportunity to participate and compete in a broad range of sporting activities.

NETBALL

LIV finished 4th in the ISA Under 13 netball tournament at Sherfield School.

Our U9 girls represented the school at their very first competitive netball competition at St John's College.

FOOTBALL

Our U15 football team won the Ditcham Park 6-a-side tournament, playing 7 games in all: they won 6 and drew 1, scoring 11 goals whilst not conceding a single one.

U14 A and B teams both beat Miltoncross 9-0.

Harrison Etherington was selected to represent an England U12 side at the world's largest international youth tournament in Gothia, Sweden. Merson Vine has been scouted by Brighton & Hove Albion FC.

RUGBY

Harry Jones was selected to play for London Irish in 2017. Henry O'Hara achieved the 'Most Improved Player' award for Portsmouth United Services Rugby Club.

CRICKET

Henry was also selected for the Hampshire County Cricket U9 squad, he also represents Portsmouth at U11! Brothers Harrison & Elliot Etherington and James Boorah were all successful in their South East Hampshire cricket trials.

ROUNDERS

In a tense competition at Ditcham Park the U13 team lost the chance to play in the final by one point after coming second in their group. Points had to be counted back after an initial draw. They placed 4th out of 8.

TENNIS

National Real Tennis Championships: Max Jones won the U16 Singles and James Medlow won the U15 Doubles.

LII visited Southsea tennis courts to watch and participate in the international tennis tournament. The children saw pro Katie Boulter play in her final set and win the match!

BADMINTON

Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4 boys badminton teams both made it to the Hampshire finals.



ATHLETICS

Our annual sports day at HMS Temeraire saw Freddie Powles and Myriam Yab awarded best Junior athletes, whilst Oliver Terry and Amy McLeod won the Senior titles. House winners were Cavell.

Benjamin Wright was placed 7th overall athlete in Portsmouth Quad Kids and achieved a Silver level UKA Award.

SWIMMING

Mayville took 15 Junior pupils to the Portsmouth and Havant Schools Swimming Gala. Our Girls won the Year 5/6 competition, with Mayville finishing 6th out of 16 overall.

Lily Gidney was placed 18th in the National Synchronised Swimming Competition and has been selected for the regional Beacon Squad, having the opportunity to work with England development coaches.

TAEKWONDO

Mayville after-school self-defence club members Alan Wong and Jasmine Lennox both achieved Black Tag Belt grading. Jasmine also won Bronze in the VW WTF Taekwondo Academy Southern Championships and Silver in the Chung Do Kwan Taekwondo competition.

ISA NATIONAL FINALS

Matthew Wicks became the first boy ever to qualify for three national ISA finals – athletics, cross country and swimming. In the swimming, national final of the 200m individual medley he came in 5th and then went on to take Gold in the Freestyle relay team with London West and then Silver in the individual medley relay. In athletics after coming first in the 800m at regionals he went on to come 4th at Nationals.

Naomi Robinson qualified for the ISA swimming finals. She won Bronze in 4 x 50m freestyle relay, came 5th in 50m breaststroke and 4th in 4 x 50 individual medley relay.

SPORTS ACADEMY

The launch of our Sports Academy was an amazing success and completely sold out. In a week of sporting activities, the highlight was a trip to Twickenham where the Sports Academy was treated to a private tour of the stadium, including the 'Royal Box', the England changing room, the hospitality suite and even got to walk out through the tunnel onto pitch side.

SPORTING ALUMNI

Past pupil and sailing champion Eilidh McIntyre took the bronze medal in the World Championships in Denmark. Alongside crew mate Hannah Mills, top flight sailor Eilidh also took silver in the women's 470 dinghy in the World Cup Series in Hyeres, France and Gold from the World Cup Series in Marseille. They now have their hopes set on the next Olympics in Tokyo.







Strong GCSE results despite challenging new exams.

Our GCSE results were 17 % above the national average. Headteacher Rebecca Parkyn said, *"We are again delighted that our pupils have gained such super results, particularly given the additional challenge of the new GCSE with the changes in both content and approach."*

This year Mayville has seen many success stories with excellent results. Rosie who achieved 9s in Science and a 9 in French said, *"I'm shaking but I'm delighted."* Molly Mae who achieved 9s in Science and a 9 in Geography said, *"The GCSEs were hard, I did a lot of work and I'm really happy."*

Emma (pictured left) was part of a group that took the Maths GCSE early gaining an A* in the iGCSE with most of that group also gaining the Additional Maths Qualification at A*. Emma gained top grades in Science as well as Statistics.

"Our pupils and teachers show what persistent hard work and outstanding teaching can achieve. Congratulations go to all of those who leave Mayville for college after such well-deserved success."

(Rebecca Parkyn, Head Teacher)



Introducing Mayville Academies

Early in 2018, we launched the Mayville Academy of Performing Arts and the Mayville Sports Academy. To date, we have successfully staged an Easter Workshop and three Summer Schools. Utilising the expertise of our specialist staff, along with the wealth of resources we have to hand, children can develop confidence, skills and fitness during the school holidays.

We are running workshops during the Autumn half-term:

Performing Arts on Tuesday 23rd October & Sports on Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd November.

For more information, or to book your child's place, please contact reception.

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