



MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 1897



From first steps... to the finish line

Annual Review 2018 - 2019

Head's introduction

The academic year 2018/9 saw much success for our pupils, as well as progress with a number of developments to enhance the educational experience for all. As summer turned to autumn we commemorated the vision of the School's founder, Charlotte West, with the opening of the new Music and Art block in her honour. There has also been a significant amount of work behind the scenes with enhanced classroom accommodation and refurbishment of common facilities.

Our pupils have celebrated another well-deserved set of excellent academic results. At GCSE 93% of our pupils achieved 5 or more grades between 9 and 4. 68% of all examinations taken achieved a grade higher than expected, that's on average 6 higher grades per pupil. We were justly very proud indeed of our pupils with dyslexia, 88% of whom achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above.

Once more Mayville pupils have excelled themselves on the sports field as well as in the performing arts and the following pages bear testimony to some of the highlights. Our trips and visits programme remains an integral part of what we provide beyond the classroom. 2018/9 has been as busy as ever, with Mayville pupils enjoying visits across the globe. Close to home they visited, among countless others, Land Rover BAR Headquarters, Portchester Castle, Cass Sculpture Foundation and Fort Nelson. Our regular residentials at Kingswood, Calshot and Bushcraft remained very popular. Travelling further afield, pupils took part in trips to Google's London HQ, Munich, Berlin, Barcelona, Kenya as well as our annual ski trip to Austria.

Charitable and community work remain at the heart of the School. We try to instil into our pupils that our care for others is, to a certain extent, the measure of our own greatness. Excellent outcomes have been achieved with the Diana Award as well as partnership work with the homeless outreach centre in St Simon's Church.

The end of the academic year saw the retirement of Mr Babcock, as Chair of Trustees, a position he has held for 40 years. It is no exaggeration to say that nurturing Mayville into the School it is today has been his life's work. His devotion to the School represents a record of unparalleled service and without doubt will remain so until the last page of Mayville history is turned. We owe him the most enormous debt of gratitude, a debt far greater than we could ever repay.

Although it is tempting to focus on the more tangible achievements such as GCSE results, the real mark of the School's success continues to be the development of the characters of our pupils as compassionate, thoughtful, energetic and committed young people with a strong awareness of the needs of the less fortunate. Writing this against a backdrop of unprecedented political hostility in some circles with regard to the independent school sector, it is important to recognise that our schools carry on providing the best education possible, revered on a global scale. Thousands of children get the best possible start in life in ISA schools, whilst thousands more receive examination results beyond their dreams, with the social skills and experiences needed for an uncertain world. There's a growing obligation on all independent schools to sing louder and empower the parents who trust us with their children to rally to our defence. Such a groundswell of support is needed now more than ever before.



Rebecca Parkyn,
Headteacher.



Mayville – a happy place to learn



Mayville is painted into local history at Southsea's landmark Strand Map Mural

Always at the heart of Southsea life

Based in the heart of Southsea, Mayville has always forged strong links with the local community. Throughout their school life, our pupils have a wealth of opportunities to explore the surrounding area and benefit from a wide range of experiences outside of the classroom. At the heart of community spirit is the idea of exchange and all Mayville children are encouraged to give something back – to be ambassadors for the school, positive role models to their peers and ultimately, to become socially aware, responsible young adults.



Environmental action

Portsmouth South M.P. Stephen Morgan visited in Spring as part of PHSE Day, to field questions from pupils on politics and life in the House of Commons. He praised Mayville for being an Eco-School and taking part in the Eco-Brick initiative.

In other green activities, pupils once again took part in the Great Big School Clean, standing with other schools around the country in waging war on litter. Rubbish was analysed and data sent to a national survey, for the purpose of reducing plastic waste. Pupils also organised a sponsored walk and beach clean, raising money for charities nominated by their respective houses.

In solidarity with children around the world and led by Eco Council members, over 200 Mayville pupils launched their own climate change protest. They also made personal pledges, in the knowledge that even small changes at school and home can make a big difference as part of the global environmental picture.



Military heritage

As home to the Royal Navy, Portsmouth's military history is woven into the fabric of the city. 2018 and 2019 provided some momentous events for pupils to engage with this important heritage and pay their respects to those whose lives were lost in battle or changed by war.

In November, the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day was marked with a whole-school assembly, where pupils performed tributes in song, dance and poetry. A group of Junior pupils also shared their war poetry at the Naval War Memorial.

We were extremely proud to display a body of children's work, called 'Reflections on the Holocaust', at an exhibition at the D-Day Museum to mark Holocaust Memorial Day In January.

In June, as part of the international D-Day 75 commemorations, Junior pupils took to the stage to sing '6 June 1944', in remembrance of the sacrifices made by so many in World War II.

A whole world of opportunities...

Mayville pupils enjoy a vast array of trips, residentials and extra-curricular activities throughout the year, to broaden the scope of their learning, whilst giving them valuable experience of the wider world outside of school. Trips this year have included: Land Rover BAR Headquarters, Portchester Castle, Cass Sculpture Foundation and Fort Nelson, all within a short travelling distance of Southsea; in addition to our regular residentials at Kingswood, Calshot and Bushcraft. Travelling further afield, pupils took trips to Google's London HQ, Munich, Berlin, Barcelona and not forgetting our annual ski trip to Austria.



Duke of Edinburgh

Since its foundation in 2015, Mayville's Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme continues to go from strength to strength with 56 pupils successfully completing their Bronze Award and eight gaining their Silver to date.

This year's expedition set off in June, with ten Silver candidates and 25 Bronze candidates, heading to Dorset for a challenging weekend of camping, orienteering, outdoor cooking and teamwork. The weekend proved to be an enormous success, with a 100% pass rate for both groups.

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

Our expeditions and training exercises are supported by a dedicated team of staff and parents. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kenya 2019

A group of pupils embarked on a month-long Camps International trip to Kenya this summer. Work began in Nairobi National Park, with the planting of trees, clearing plastic and setting up wildlife cameras – one of which was the first ever to capture images of a Hippopotamus at this site.

After a 14 hour coach trip, the group arrived at Diani Beach on the East Coast, where their efforts in relocating nests will help to boost the number of turtles in the wild. Pupils also took their PADI Open Water diving qualification and helped with a conservation project to reseed coral reefs.

Emily Bottomley, one of the Mayville students on the trip said, *"It was an amazing experience, and taught me how much in the past I took for granted. It has also shown me how many new opportunities are possible."*

In the last week of their month long adventure they helped to rebuild a school at Camp Tsavo.



PADI Open Water diving qualification, Kenya.



Mrs Dorey working with a pupil in the Dyslexia & Learning Support Unit

Nurturing success for all

Excellent pastoral care is at the heart of Mayville's unique offering and we pride ourselves on being a completely inclusive school. Our aim is to help each and every one of our pupils realise their full potential. Mayville is a happy school, where all of our pupils are known and supported, throughout their school life. Specialist provision enables pupils to fully integrate into Mayville and whole-school activities throughout the year, such as celebrating Dyslexia Awareness Week and attending the 'Seeing Dyslexia Differently' seminar, promote a positive and supportive environment for all children.



Practising kindness

Acts of kindness, big and small, were carried out by staff and pupils throughout Kindness Week. Students gave a talk about the importance of being kind, following a Junior assembly on Wellbeing and Mental Health. Seniors delivered coffee and hot sausage rolls to the homeless in Southsea Town Centre.

Mayville hosted a day-long anti-bullying event with five schools from Hampshire & West Sussex. The day was led by the Diana Award, the aim of which is to train young people to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in schools, creating a positive culture, and empowering them to create peer-led campaigns in order to stop bullying.

Following the event, Mayville's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors enlisted the help of pupils to come up with original slogans, which were captured in our very own photo booth.

Learning support

Mayville's renowned dyslexia and learning support unit is proud of its many success stories. Our team of experts assess each pupil, teaching them strategies to achieve, where without this support they might have struggled. We build self-esteem and help your child to fly.

We provide support to pupils with a wide range of educational needs, including: ASD, dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia. In addition to this, we also provide an in-school counselling service to offer emotional support to pupils of all ages.

Former Mayville pupil Tom Farres graduated this summer, gaining a 2:1 in his degree in Sports Rehabilitation from St Mary's University, London. Tom, who has dyslexia, joined Mayville in Year 5. His parents Paul and Margaret say, *"From the day Tom started at Mayville he was a different person. He was taught coping methods to overcome his dyslexia. We would like to thank Mayville for allowing Tom become the adult he is now."*



Nursery & Pre-Prep Sports Day / Teddy Bears' Picnic, Cockleshell Gardens

Achieving excellence in sport

With our excellent facilities at Cockleshell just a short minibus ride away, and specialist teaching staff, sport is well-catered for at Mayville. Even our very youngest children are timetabled dedicated PE lessons, and all age groups are encouraged to participate in a range of team and individual sports. We are incredibly proud to support our young sports stars in their pursuits, both within and outside of school.

Swimming

Once again, Mayville's swimmers scooped medals at the ISA National Finals. Naomi Robinson won gold in the Freestyle Relay. Matthew Wicks came away with silver in the 200 Individual Medley, gold in the Freestyle Relay and gold in the Individual Medley Relay. Both swimmers were part of the London West team who were overall champions of the event.

Football

The boys teams performed well across all age groups, chalking up a number of wins in their fixtures. Our U13 side came 3rd in two tournaments and the U14/15 boys came 4th at Ditcham Park tournament. Congratulations to Merson and Henry for being invited to join Portsmouth FC Academy squads. A number of our girls have started playing with local grassroots teams, including University of Portsmouth Girls and Meon Milton FC.

Rugby

Mayville's Sam, George and Ollie were part of the Havant U14 rugby team that won the Hampshire Cup, a fantastic achievement. Henry was awarded player of the year for his rugby club and was invited to trials at London Irish RFC.

Cricket

Havant Cricket Club awarded Louie DeBohan U9 Bowler of the Year. He was also selected for the Hampshire U9 winter squad. Henry O'Hara has been accepted into the U10 Hampshire County Cricket Academy for the second year in a row.

Equestrian

Evie Morgan in UIV placed 4th out of 43 in the NSEA Eventer's Challenge in the 70-75cm class, representing Mayville.



Athletics

Amy McLeod achieved bronze at the ISA National Athletics Final, with a distance of 4.79 metres – a new personal best! Matthew Wicks took bronze in the 1500 metres at the ISA London SW Regional Heats. Matthew also finished 10th nationally in his age group for cross-country. We were blessed with great weather for the Mayville Sports Days, which were held at Cockleshell and HMS Temeraire.

Badminton

Mayville's Badminton teams achieved great results in the Hampshire Finals: KS3 boys (Harrison, Zac, James and Daniel) finished runners-up; our KS4 boys (Max, Jack, Osama, Joseph and Tim) came 3rd; the KS3 girls' team (Amy, Ella, Rebecca and Lily) finished 4th.

Biathlon

Matthew and Rebecca Wicks both recorded personal bests at the British Biathlon National Finals. Matthew finished 8th in Britain and Rebecca 44th, in their respective age groups. Matthew is going on to represent GB at the World Championships in Florida in 2019.

Achieving creative excellence

Mayville has always invested heavily in the creative arts as part of our 'whole child' approach to education and this is reflected within both our scheduled timetable and extra-curricular activities throughout the year. With the opening of our new arts building and the launch of our Vocational Performing Arts qualifications (see rear cover for more details), we continue to put the arts firmly at the heart of school life. Although it is difficult to feature our entire creative calendar, or celebrate each of our artists' individual achievements outside of school, here is a small selection of the year's highlights...

Charlotte West House

Named after our founder, the new purpose-built arts building was officially opened in the Autumn. Paying tribute to our ongoing commitment to her 'whole child' philosophy, it offers music rooms and rehearsal spaces on the ground floor, with a light and airy art studio housed above.

Community performances

Pupils have a wealth of opportunities throughout the year to perform for their peers, parents and the local community. Our annual carol service, local performances and Christmas play never fail to spread festive cheer. The Christmas talent show and summer concert offered pupils an opportunity to showcase their diverse talents.

ISA success

In our first ever ISA Dance Competition, KS2 & 3 dancers won their respective categories. KS4 came second in the lyrical piece and received a Highly Commended Award for tap. In our first entry into the ISA Drama Competition, Lois Poole won the prize for Best Junior Girl for her role as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

A few mentions...

We congratulate Harrison Etherington on signing to Charthouse Music's artist development programme. Zara Hayward featured in a number of TV shows, including *Call the Midwife* and *Black Mirror*. In just one of her countless individual achievements this year, Tara Holland performed in *Cinderella* at the Kings Theatre. On completing her GCSEs, she was offered a place at Laine Theatre Arts. Congratulations Tara and we thank you for your outstanding service to the school.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

LIV – UV pupils took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the New Theatre Royal, performing an abridged version of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Mr Smith, who guided the pupils to the final performance said, *"They did brilliantly, working really hard. It was a great performance."*

Rock Challenge

A firm favourite on the Mayville creative calendar. This year's performance 'Trading to Extinction' was praised by judges for its, *"West End Standard Scenery and Elephant."* We won nine awards for Video, Stage Crew, Spirit of Rock Challenge, Concept, Stage Use, Performance Skills, Choreography, Entertainment, and Soundtrack.

Dance World Cup

Six pupils from Mayville attended the Dance World Cup in Portugal with their dance schools. Daisy-May and Bryony won gold and silver, Havannah won two silvers, Leia won bronze, Eden won two bronzes, Max won two bronzes and a gold, and was awarded 'Most Outstanding Boy' in his category. Well done everyone.



Rock Challenge 2019

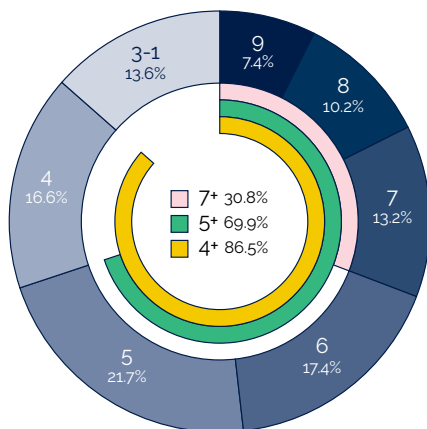


Senior School science lesson

Achieving academic excellence

Our small classes, broad-based curriculum and dedicated teaching staff mean we see excellent academic results throughout the whole school. This year's GCSE results were testament to that: 93% of Mayville pupils achieved five or more grades between 9-4. A third of all Mayville pupils' grades were 9-7, with 7% at grade 9. Science grades were excellent, with many students receiving the highest grade possible and most exceeding their expectations.

Overall GCSE grades 2019



93% of pupils achieved five or more grades between 9-4

Value-added grades

68%

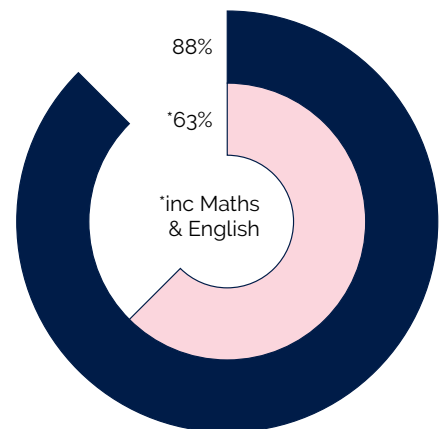
of all exams sat achieved a grade that was higher than expected

On average, that's

6

higher grades per pupil

Pupils with dyslexia



Pupils with dyslexia achieving five or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above

Rising to the challenge

Throughout the year, pupils benefit from taking part in events and competitions that are designed to broaden their learning experience and put their skills to the test against their peers.

A team of Mayville pupils from Remove & LIV won third place at the Portsmouth Literature Quiz, organised by Portsmouth Library Service.

Our debaters won the Intermediate category of The Rotary Club's 'Youth Speaks' Competition.

Isaac and Zayid came 2nd place in the Y5 AG&T Maths Challenge at Portsmouth Grammar School, whilst our LIII Mathematicians came 7th and 8th at the Y4 Maths Challenge at West Hill Park.

A group of pupils from our lunchtime STEM club put their heads together in response to the QinetiQ Maritime Schools' Powerboat Challenge. Their designs were put to the test in Gosport, in one of the largest testing tanks in the world.

Academic enrichment

The school calendar is filled with activities, both within school and out-and-about, to promote a lifelong love of learning.

Book Week is an annual fixture on the school calendar and this year's event gave pupils the opportunity to meet visiting authors Gareth P Jones and Ali Sparkes. Portsmouth-based illustrator Gianne Amparo also dropped in to host a calligraphy masterclass.

Following their 'Enterprise Market' project, U11 spent a week working towards a charity sale event for the whole school. In groups they created a business plan, budget, logo, advertising and set up their stalls. The event a total of £263.23 to be divided between their chosen charities.

A group of Senior pupils won 'Best Pitch' at the local TeenTech® event, for their idea to recycle energy from gym equipment.



Mayville Academy of Performing Arts now offers vocational qualifications to all KS4 pupils.

Mayville High School has long been ahead of its time in recognising the intrinsic value of performing arts and has a proven track record in creative excellence. In a bid to build bridges between the arts, our Academy of Performing Arts aims to offer pupils a more rounded education, and the opportunity to build and develop their skills in each performance area by offering the following courses, both internally and for external (non-Mayville) pupils:

- RSL Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts (Dance & Acting pathways)
- RSL Level 2 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners

These qualifications are designed to supplement GCSEs and are scheduled outside of the regular school day, to offer practical, structured learning with the flexibility to specialise in dance and/or acting and related performing arts industries. Mayville is the only local school in both the private and state sector to offer the Performing Arts courses certificated by RSL (Rockschool Ltd).

For further information, on applying for our Vocational Performing Arts Courses, please contact: performingarts@mayvillehighschool.net



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